



Benefice of Christ Church and St Mary's, Frome
Diocese of Bath and Wells

Third Sunday of Epiphany

Sunday 26th January 2025

9.00am Parish Eucharist at St Mary's

10.30am Parish Eucharist at Christ Church

Next Week: 8.00am BCP Holy Communion at Christ Church

10.30am Christingle Eucharist at St Mary's

6.00pm Choral Evensong for Candlemas

Prayers:

RIP: Alan Charlesworth

Sick: Judy Kirkham, Suzanne, Arthur, David Fielden, Koji Saki, Shirley, Jude, Yvonne Stewart

Years Mind for January:

Lillian Caley, John Eyles, Brian Hiscott, Baby Ellen Housley, Pam Kirkham, Joan Stephenson, Henry Turnball, Gladys White Roy Watts, Erica Lay

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Collect

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading: Nehemiah 8 1-3, 5-6, 8-10

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.'

Psalm 19 – St Mary's

Heaven tells the father's glory
Every passing phase;
Stars above declare the story,
All his works and ways;
Day by day creation preaches,
And its speech is full of praise.

Silently their voice is sounding
Forth, without a word,
And, in all the earth abounding,
Languages unheard,
From eternal constellations
To the nations: 'Praise the Lord!'

And the sun, among the voices,
Rising from his source,
Like a bridegroom, he rejoices
To maintain his course,
Blazing onwards in his carriage
To his marriage, vital force.

Psalm 19 – Christ Church

The heavens declare the glory of God : and the firmament
sheweth his handywork.

One day telleth another : and one night certifieth another.

There is neither speech nor language : but their voices are
heard among them.

Their sound is gone out into all lands : and their words into the
ends of the world.

In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun : which cometh
forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a
giant to run his course.

It goeth forth from the uttermost part of the heaven, and
runneth about unto the end of it again : and there is nothing hid
from the heat thereof.

The law of the Lord is an undefiled law, converting the soul : the
testimony of the Lord is sure, and giveth wisdom unto the
simple.

The statutes of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart : the commandment of the Lord is pure, and giveth light unto the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean, and endureth for ever : the judgements of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold : sweeter also than honey, and the honey-comb.

Moreover, by them is thy servant taught : and in keeping of them there is great reward.

Who can tell how oft he offendeth : O cleanse thou me from my secret faults.

Keep thy servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the dominion over me : so shall I be undefiled, and innocent from the great offence.

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart : be always acceptable in thy sight,

O Lord : my strength, and my redeemer

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12 12-31a

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the

members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

Gospel: Luke 4 14-21

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'
And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and
sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on
him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has
been fulfilled in your hearing.

Post Communion

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the
light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word
and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he
may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the
earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Diary

- Tues 28th 7.00pm Deanery Synod at St. Mary's
- Wed 29th 10.00am Holy Communion at St Mary's
2.30pm Holy Communion at Greenhill Grnage
- Fri 31st 12.30pm Bereavement Journey in St Mary's Hall
4.00pm Scallop Shells Junior Choir at Christ Church



Planned Giving Review

In both parishes we are inviting everyone who comes to our
services and those on the electoral rolls to take an interest in
the reality of our financial situation and the impact that this has
(and will have) on our church life. If you are on an electoral roll,
there should be a named envelope .. there are also lots of spare
ones. Please don't leave the service today without one and if
you are reading this online and wish to receive a leaflet, please
let admin@christchurch-stmarys-frome.co.uk know. Thank you

Lift sharing for services

Not everyone can get to every service under their own steam, so to help find people who need lifts or can offer lifts I have set up a WhatsApp community.

If you would like to offer lifts sometimes, or need lifts sometimes please add yourself to the group...

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/EpRWIHWESktAnDfpQsdQf2>

If you need help, please WhatsApp Rob Lee on 07584 439113, and he can invite you to the group (or talk to him after the service)

This will be a person-to-person initiative and not run by the churches.

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## **Deanery Synod.**

At this meeting, we are commissioning the Anna Chaplain (our very own Len Taylor) and Anna Friends. This is an open meeting so please come along and support him and them in their ministry.

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Revd Harry is taking a period of leave post Christmas. Please keep him in your prayers and resist the temptation to drop him an email/text.