



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

Sunday next before Lent

Sunday 2nd March 2025

8.00am BCP Holy Communion at Christ Church

10.30am Parish Eucharist at St Mary's

6.00pm Choral Evening at Christ Church

Next Week: 9.00am Parish Eucharist at St Mary's

10.30am Parish Eucharist at Christ Church

Prayers:

RIP: Alan Charlesworth, Graham Pearce

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

Years Mind for February:

David Plaskitt, Lily Harrill, Sheila Margaret Ball, Nora Mitchell, Garth Burrows, June Lamb, Carole Tassell, Elizabeth John, Gordon Jones-Williams, Jonathan Burgess, Julie Bunce, Noreen Spall, Marlene Veale

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## **Collect**

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## **First Reading: Exodus 34 29-35**

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

## **Psalm 99**

Our Lord is King, so may peoples with trembling implore him.  
Seated on cherubim, let earth below quake before him.  
Fearful in fame,  
Highly exalted in name,  
Holy in Zion – adore him.  
Strength of the king, who loves fairness and right for the lowly.  
Justice in Jacob is founded by you, and you only.  
Worship our God, Bow to his footstool and rod.  
*He, the Lord God, he is holy.*

Moses and Aaron, with priests of the Lord, who ordained them,  
Samuel, with those who appealed, and he quickly sustained  
them – God answered loud,  
Spoke from the pillar of cloud –  
They kept his laws and explained them.

You, Lord our God, alone, pardoned and answered them duly,  
Father of years, but with vengeance, when they were unruly,  
Worship our God,  
High on his mountain and sod.  
*He, the Lord God, he is holy.*

### **Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2**

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

## **Gospel: Luke 9 28-36 (37-43a)**

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, 'Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It throws him into convulsions until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.' Jesus answered, 'You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.' While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

## **Post Communion**

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Diary

Tues 4<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Staff Meeting at Lottes  
Wed 5<sup>th</sup> 10.00am Ash Wednesday Holy Communion at St Mary's  
2.30pm Holy Communion at Greenhill Grange  
7.30pm Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes at Christ church  
Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Green Pastures Update at Holy Trinity Frome  
Fri 7<sup>th</sup> 2.00pm United World Day of Prayer Service, at Wesley Chapel  
4.00pm Scallop Shells Junior Choir at Christ Church

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Planned Giving Review If you haven't already got one, please take a white envelope from the back of church it contains important information about your church. You need to read it! Pray about it! Respond!

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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 Rob has 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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**Electoral Roll** 2025 is the year we renew the electoral roll in each church. Everyone will need to apply to be on the new roll. This is a list of great encouragement for Revd Liz as it holds the names of all who think their church matters. Who are interested in what goes on and who want to put their hands up and be a part of it all. It also gives you a vote at the APCM and on other significant matters in the life of your church. Forms at the back of church.

## **Saturday 15 March 2pm**

Keys to Kindness Concert by Young Pianists in Christ Church

Free admission, donations for Save the Children. Drinks and Cakes.

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Ash Wednesday (5th March)

There will be a said Eucharist at 10am at St. Mary's and a Sung Eucharist at 7.30pm at Christ Church. There will be Imposition of ashes at both services. Please do come along to start this important season of Lent.

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**Lent Groups** This year we are using the Pilgrim Course to spend more time with The Beatitudes (The sermon on the Mount – Matthew 5) All are welcome to come and join in a time of Bible study, prayer and reflection.

Mondays (starting on the 10<sup>th</sup>) at 2.30pm at 28 Spring Road (Jean Gill's)

Wednesday's (starting on the 12<sup>th</sup>) at 7pm at St. Marys Church

Please let Revd Liz know if you want to come so that she can order books

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What is the Eucharist? Come and See...

Join our open Lenten series exploring what we do in every Sunday's act of worship.

1:30pm Every Wednesday 12th March-16th April

At St John's Vicarage, BA11 1QL

Evensong at St John's

Join us, for a monthly service of prayer and music, with pop-up choir,

open to all!

Every Third Sunday of the month at 5pm.

Contact: rosemarymccormick@hotmail.com for details.

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**Thank you** to everyone who generously supported the Amnesty coffee morning last weekend.

Cash raised was £417! Gift Aid will take this to just over £500.

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Green Pastures

In January there was a gathering at Holy Trinity of people who were interested in addressing the problem of homelessness in our town. We heard an inspirational talk by Pastor Pete and those there came away with a glimpse of a very different kind of future for some of our most vulnerable people.

As always, the big question is ... 'What next?' Come along to Holy Trinity (good lighting and underfloor heating) to consider the implications and possibilities for us as churches in Frome. If you missed the first lot of information, you can find out at www.greenpastures.co.uk

The Big Dream

Following on from the gathering last month, the conversation continues around resourcing, and supporting work with children and young people across the deanery. If you are interested, then come along to Holy Trinity (good lighting and underfloor heating) on Wednesday 12th March at 7.30pm

UNITED WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE

FRIDAY, 7TH MARCH 2024 AT 2 P.M, WESLEY CHAPEL

Dear friends - you are cordially invited to share in this Annual Service at Wesley which celebrates the Cook Islands. The theme being ' I made you wonderful' - 'and I think we are'!!

This is a great opportunity to worship together, which we always aim to do on this World Day of Prayer once a year, and to enjoy some refreshments afterwards.

This is a joint effort for 'Churches Together' and, as usual, friends from the various churches will be taking part. .

contact me. Thank you. Mrs Jean Fraser. 01373 473302. email as shown.