



Benefice of Christ Church and St Mary's, Frome
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Prayer for the Nation

The Archbishops invite us all to call on God in prayer each day at 6pm remembering those who are sick, those who grieve and those who are working hard to bring us out of this difficult time.

Prayers you can use

Watch, O, Lord, with those who wake,
or watch or weep tonight
and give your angels and saints charge
over those who sleep.

Tend your sick ones, O Lord Christ.

Rest your weary ones.

Bless your dying ones.

Soothe your suffering ones.

Pity your afflicted ones.

Shield your joyous ones

and all for your love's sake. Amen

(attr. St. Augustine)

Gracious God,
as we remember before you
the thousands who have died,
surround us and all who mourn
with your strong compassion.
Be gentle with us in our grief,
protect us from despair,
and give us the grace
to persevere and face the future
with hope in
Jesus Christ our risen Lord. Amen

Going the Distance

On Thursday 25 March Revd Liz is planning to walk 20 miles to raise funds for Toilettwinning.org.

You can make a donation via the benefice website or via <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/LizDudley>

Read more about it in this month's magazine and thank you in anticipation.

Good News!

Catherine Brown (Parish Administrator at St. John's Devizes) is working with us as our interim administrator while the right person emerges at this end.

She will start on Tuesday 9 March. Whilst she will be in the office at times, she will also work from home and can be contacted on admin@christchurch-stmarys-frome.co.uk
Many thanks to Jane for holding the fort over the last few months.

Really Good News!

Please pray for our schools as they reopen this week—and as the slow release from lockdown begins (praying that we will move forward slowly yet steadily) our thoughts turn to Easter.

It feels really important that we gather and worship together on Easter Day... poignantly the story of resurrection and new life begins whilst it is still dark...

Following discussions with both PCCs we have come up with a plan:

Palm Sunday there is planned a Service of Readings and Music that will take us into Holy Week

Good Friday there will be some kind of outdoor service... perhaps a walking Stations of the Cross between the two churches.

Easter Day we hope there will be a Dawn Eucharist at Christ Church—out of doors in the churchyard.

Later in the morning a Eucharist at St. Mary's and possibly also at Christ Church

In the evening there is planned a Sung Evensong at Christ Church and possibly also a Eucharist at St. Mary's.

It is still a little uncertain about what it is safe to do and we are planning for these services to be ticketed as they were at Christmas to ensure that we can accommodate people safely.

Firm details will be available in the next couple of weeks. Please keep an eye on the website for news.

Annual Meetings

The meetings will be held as follows:

Christ Church will be on **April 25** and **St. Mary's** on **2 May** after the 10am service.

Of course this is subject to Govt regulations and may need to change.

At the last Annual Meetings we agreed to allow postal voting and in view of the fact that people may well still be shielding, we are making it possible for churchwardens and PCC members to be nominated by post too. This process will all take more time than usual and so it is important to begin thinking about things now.

The electoral rolls for both churches will also be updated and new members admitted. If you would like to receive a form, please can you email admin@christchurch-stmarys-frome.co.uk or ring Jane.

St. Mary's will be needing 2 new PCC members and Christ Church will be needing 5 new members.

Please consider getting involved as we emerge from this period of lockdown into an exciting new phase for both our churches.

Very Good News!

Christ Church PCC shared the news this week that we have received a wonderful gift from the estate of Kath Elliot.

We are currently considering plans for the future and you can hear more about this at the APCM. Whatever we do, will be a fitting way to remember Kath .

Online Services

The Sunday service will be recorded and put either on a CD or DVD for those without internet.

If you would like one or know someone who would like one, please contact admin@christchurch-stmarys-frome.co.uk

Daily Services are now on Zoom. The links are on the pew sheet or email admin.

Wanted

Parish Administrator

8 Hours per week based in St. Mary's

Office. This is a paid Role

This is a key role in the Benefice and you will have great organisational and communication skills as well as being computer/social media competent. We are working on a Benefice computer system that allows for remote working! Please speak to Revd Liz for further details.

Tea @4

Put the kettle on...
and join a Zoom social time.

All are welcome
Thursdays at 4–5pm

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And let us know you're coming
Bring your own cake!