

## NOTICES

**St John's & St Katharine's Christmas Lunch** At St John's church on Wednesday 11 December 12.30pm. Tickets cost £7 and are now available from members of the Social Committee (numbers are limited).

**St John's Early Christmas Fair - Thank you** to everyone for your generous support before, during & after this event. Update coming soon!

**Preparation for Advent Course at St John's** We are running a four session course on Prayer on Mondays from 25 November, 4-5pm in church. All will be welcome, please see Janet for more details.

**Christmas Shoe Boxes - Thank you** for all your donations and help with wrapping & filling. A total of 107 Boxes and 32 Gift bags are now on their way to Bulgaria from St John's church! John & Alison Henderson

**Maurice D** Is still receiving care at Frome Community Hospital and welcomes brief visits. Thank you.

**Frome Food Bank Christmas Appeal** We will be collecting Christmas food items at St John's for distribution by Fair Frome. Please bring your donations of Festive goods (mince pies, cakes, biscuits, savoury snacks etc) to church on a Sunday or to the Parish Lunch/Christmas Lunch. Thank you! Current gaps of regular items; juice/squash, long-life milk, tea, shampoo and washing-up liquid. Many thanks for your help.

**YMCA Mendip in Frome Christmas Appeal** Request your help to ensure that each young person in their care receives gifts that will be a bit of a treat as well as useful; Christmas confectionery socks, gloves, hats, scarves, toiletries, writing pads & pens, and any other bright ideas, for young people aged 16 - 25. Presents should not be wrapped, so that the right presents can be chosen for each individual. Please drop items into the YMCA at the Frome Foyer 16 Bath Street, between 6th and 12th December. Thank you, Chris and Miriam - Mendip YMCA Chaplains

**Cards for Good Causes** Multi-Charity Christmas Card Shop in St John's Church is open 10am-4pm Mon to Sat (11am-4pm on Market Sundays).

**Frome Health Walks** Friday 29 November 10:15am for 10:30am Nunney and Ridgeway. A walk on paths and fields of around 2.5 miles, often muddy and slippery. Park at Castle Hill car park BA11 4NL

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>Tues 3 Dec</b>	2.00pm Pastoral Team Meeting Locks Hill 6.30pm Choir Practice SK
<b>Thurs 5 Dec</b>	10.30am Communion
<b>Fri 6 Dec</b>	6.30pm Choir Practice SJ 6.30pm for 7pm Christmas Bingo SK
<b>Sat 7 Dec</b>	9.00am FACT Prayers
<b>Sun 8 Dec</b>	9.30am SSS Theme; 'On their Journey'

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### SUNDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2019

#### Christ the King

#### Sunday before Advent

8.00am Holy Communion SJ

9.30am Parish Communion SJ

### Tuesday 26 November

10.00am Coffee Morning

SK

10.00am Hayesdown First School visiting St John's

SJ

11.00am Julian Meeting

SJ

6.30pm Choir Practice

SK

7.30pm PCC Meeting

SJ

### Wednesday 27 November

12.30pm Parish Lunch

SJ

### Thursday 28 November

10.30am Communion (Incl. Bible Study)

SJ

### Friday 29 November

4.00pm onwards; Frome Christmas Lights event

6.30pm Choir Practice

SJ

9.00pm FACT Coffee Van

SJ

### SUNDAY 1 DECEMBER 2019

#### Advent Sunday

#### Independent Market

8.00am Holy Communion SJ

9.30am Parish Communion SJ

11.00am Holy Communion SK

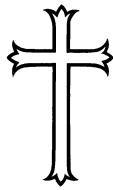
11.00am - 4.00pm Cards for Good Causes Shop Open SJ

### Welcome to St John's Church

If you are new to St John's please make yourself known and join us in refreshments after the 9:30am service.

Feel free to use the children's corner at the back of church.

## Christ the King - Sunday before Advent (Year C)



### COLLECT

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory. **Amen**

### FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23.1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

This is the word of the LORD, **Thanks be to God**

### SECOND READING: Colossians 1.11-20

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body,

the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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### GOSPEL READING: Luke 23.33-43

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord**

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [[ Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' ]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

This is the Gospel of the LORD. **Praise to you, O Christ**