

Notices and Forthcoming Events

- **Bishop Fiona** will be visiting the benefice on Sunday 27th and Monday 28th September. She will be at Theale Harvest festival and lunch and will be meeting various people from across the benefice on Monday.
- **Holy Trinity** is holding an end of summer **BBQ** for all the congregation on Sunday 6th September from 4pm by kind invitation of Pat and Louise Benjamin at their home. Email invitations have gone out and please reply to Pat.
- **Harvest Festival dates** are: - Holy Cross 20th September 9.15am with Harvest lunch at 12 noon (please contact Karen on 01278 641623 for lunch tickets); Christchurch 27th September 11.00am with lunch in the village hall afterwards (please contact Elizabeth on 07761833449 for lunch tickets) ; Holy Trinity 27th September 5pm; Allerton 4th October 9.15am; St Mary's 4th October 10.45am with lunch in church afterwards (please contact either Heather Banwell or Heather Hector for tickets)
- The **Wedmore 40/30** on Bank Holiday Sunday, 30 August is back! Supporting St Mary's and Weston Hospicecare, hoping to beat the record of 320 riders who turned out last year. The routes have been refreshed and revised this year and are set for every ability. 12/30/40/70 mile routes. Enter today at <https://westonhospicecare.org.uk/event/wedmore-40-30> If you aren't riding and can help on the day, please speak to David Hopkins.
- **Bishops Michael and Fiona** are visiting all deaneries across the autumn and for us this means a visit from Bishop Michael on Wednesday 4th November in West Huntspill church 7-9pm. It's an opportunity for him to hear about what is going on and to also share some of the tools and resources available to help us in our mission and ministry, including news of grant funding available through the diocese for different projects. The meeting is open to all and please register via <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/JUfZ3eNshM>
- Allerton Church are holding their **Pet Service** on Sunday 6th September at 9.15am. All creatures great and small and their owners are welcome and each animal will be individually prayed for.
- St Mary's is hosting part of the **Crook Peak Festival** on Tuesday 29th September, Harriet Riley a solo percussionist. Tickets on the door at £10.
- Holy Cross Mark look forward to the visit of the **The Yukele Band** on Friday 18th September at 7pm for 7.30pm. Tickets £10 from 01278 641225.
- On Sunday 20th September **St Mary's** is holding a **special service** at 10.45am to give thanks for the reordering and all have contributed to it and donated chairs.
- The photographs entered into the **IOW society competition** can all be viewed in St Mary's Guild Chapel between Friday 28th and Monday 31st August.
- Theale Show is back this year on Saturday 5th September. Doors open 2pm with official opening taking place at 2.30pm. Find out more about the show and how to enter the classes at <https://thealeshow.com/>
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<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/10871> for Updates, newsletters and more.
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 - You can contact us via email: stmarywedmore@gmail.com or on wedmorevic@gmail.com
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Wedmore Isle and Moors Benefice
SUNDAY 23rd August 2026 Trinity 12

We thank God for the cross of Jesus, the means of our salvation;
 We pray the Christians in Gaza and in particular children and staff at The Lighthouse School;
 For young people receiving exam results and planning their futures;
 for local farmers and all those involved in agriculture;
 that we will live courageous lives as we seek to follow Christ;
 for James and Harriet as they prepare for their forthcoming wedding;
 for those who suffer domestic abuse or are in abusive relationships;
 for all those affected by wild-fires in this country and Europe;
 The Sick: from our community –Michael (Red) Redman, Claire Clement, John Horne, Jean Winter, Noreen Stott, George Osborne, Kate Morgan, Revd Christine Nelmes, and others for whom we have been asked to pray - Jamie Trotham, Anne Dyer and Elizabeth Nicholls.

Sunday 23rd August: Trinity 12

Holy Trinity	9.15am	Sunday Breakfast	Revd Eddie Wills
Allerton Church	9.15am	Morning Worship	Johnny Torrens-Spence
Holy Cross	9.15am	Parish Communion	Revd Tony Connell
St Mary's	10.45am	Morning Worship	Claire Gelder/Mary Clark
Christchurch	11.00am	Parish Communion	Revd Eddie Wills

Monday 24th August

Holy Cross	12.30pm	Wedding of James Bullock and Harriet Tutt
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Wednesday 26th August

St Mary's	9.45am	Midweek Communion
St Mary's	10.30am	St Mary's Walking Group

Sunday 30th August: Trinity 13

Holy Cross	10.00am	Benefice Communion	Preb Richard Neill
Holy Trinity	12.30pm	Baptism of Bert Hole	
St Mary's	12.45pm	Baptism of Solara Ingrouille Kidd	

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than
we to pray
and to give more than either we desire
or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of
your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our
conscience is afraid
and giving us those good things
which we are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and mediation
of 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.

OLD TESTAMENT

ISAIAH 51.1–6

Listen to me, you that pursue
righteousness,
you that seek the Lord.
Look to the rock from which you were
hewn,
and to the quarry from which
you were dug.
Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.
For the Lord will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places,
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the Lord;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.
Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation;
for a teaching will go out from me,
and my justice for a light to
the peoples.
I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,
my salvation has gone out
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.

Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like
gnats;
but my salvation will be for ever,
and my deliverance will never
be ended.

PSALM 138

1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with
my whole heart; ♦
before the gods will I sing praise to
you.
2 I will bow down towards your holy
temple and praise your name,
because of your love and
faithfulness; ♦
for you have glorified your name
and your word above all things.
3 In the day that I called to you, you
answered me; ♦
you put new strength in my soul.
4 All the kings of the earth shall praise
you, O Lord, ♦
for they have heard the words of your
mouth.
5 They shall sing of the ways of the
Lord, ♦
that great is the glory of the Lord.
6 Though the Lord be high, he watches
over the lowly; ♦
as for the proud, he regards them from
afar.
7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you will preserve me; ♦
you will stretch forth your hand
against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand will save me.
8 The Lord shall make good his purpose
for me; ♦
your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures
for ever;
forsake not the work of your
hands. and all the ends of the earth
shall fear him.

EPISTLE

ROMANS 12.1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 16.13–20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that the Son of Man is?’ And they said, ‘Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Simon Peter answered, ‘You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.’ And Jesus answered him, ‘Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church,

and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.’ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

POST COMMUNION

God of all mercy,
in this eucharist you have set aside our sins
and given us your healing:
grant that we who are made whole in Christ
may bring that healing to this broken world,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Next Week's Readings:

Jeremiah 15.15-21; Psalm 26.1-8;
Romans 12.9-end; Matthew 16.21-end

Daily Readings:

John 1.43-end; Acts 9.1-19a; Acts
9.19b-31; Acts 9.32-end; Acts 10.1-16;
Acts 10.17.33

Psalm 119 vs 169 - 176