

Wedmore Isle and Moors Benefice
SUNDAY 13th September 2026 Trinity 15/Holy Cross Day

We thank God for the Cross of Jesus, the means of our redemption;
 We pray that we may learn to forgive and be forgiven;
 for the congregation of Holy Cross;
 for local surgeries and all those involved in healthcare;
 for local farmers and all those involved in agriculture;
 that we may learn to love our neighbours as ourselves;
 for George and Jess as they begin their married life;
 that we will live courageous lives as we seek to follow Christ;
 for those who suffer domestic abuse or are in abusive relationships;
 The Sick: from our community –Michael (Red) Redman, Claire Clement, John
 Horne, Jean Winter, Noreen Stott, George Osborne, Kate Morgan, Revd
 Christine Nelmes, Molly Rossiter and others for whom we have been
 asked to pray - Jamie Trotham, Anne Dyer and Elizabeth Nicholls.
 RIP: Peter Higman (Merryfields, Mark)

Sunday 13th September: Trinity 15/Holy Cross Day

St Mary's	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Preb Richard Neill
Holy Cross	9.15am	Holy Cross Patronal Festival	Revs E Wills/T Connell
St Mary's	6.00pm	Start the Week	Venetia Hopkins

Tuesday 15th September

St Mary's	9.00am	Little Lambs Toddler and Baby Group
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Wednesday 16th September

St Mary's	9.45am	Midweek Communion
	7.30pm	Home Group

Friday 18th September

Holy Cross	7.00pm	Ukulele Band Concert
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Sunday 20th September: Trinity 16

Holy Cross	9.15am	Harvest Festival	Preb Richard Neill/LWA
Holy Trinity	9.15am	Sunday Breakfast	Mary Clark
Allerton	9.15am	Parish Communion	Revd Joy Hawes
St Mary's	10.45am	Reordering Celebration Service	Revs J Hawes/R Neill
Christchurch	11.00am	Morning Worship	LWA
St Mary's	6.00pm	Start the Week	Claire Gelder

COLLECT

Almighty God,
who in the passion of your blessed
Son
made an instrument of painful
death
to be for us the means of life and
peace:
grant us so to glory in the cross of
Christ
that we may gladly suffer for his
sake;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

OLD TESTAMENT NUMBERS 21.4-9

From Mount Hor they set out by
the way to the Red Sea, to go
around the land of Edom; but the
people became impatient on the
way. The people spoke against God
and against Moses, 'Why have you
brought us up out of Egypt to die in
the wilderness? For there is no food
and no water, and we detest this
miserable food.' Then the Lord sent
poisonous^b serpents among the
people, and they bit the people, so
that many Israelites died. The
people came to Moses and said,
'We have sinned by speaking
against the Lord and against you;
pray to the Lord to take away the
serpents from us.' So Moses prayed
for the people. And the Lord said to
Moses, 'Make a poisonous serpent,
and set it on a pole; and everyone
who is bitten shall look at it and

live.' So Moses made a serpent of
bronze, and put it upon a pole; and
whenever a serpent bit someone,
that person would look at the
serpent of bronze and live.

PSALM 22.23-38

23 Praise the Lord, you that fear
him; ♦

O seed of Jacob, glorify him;
stand in awe of him, O seed of
Israel.

24 For he has not despised nor
abhorred the suffering of the poor;
neither has he hidden his face
from them; ♦

but when they cried to him he
heard them.

25 From you comes my praise in
the great congregation; ♦

I will perform my vows
in the presence of those that
fear you.

26 The poor shall eat and be
satisfied; ♦

those who seek the Lord shall
praise him;

their hearts shall live for ever.

27 All the ends of the earth
shall remember and turn to the
Lord, ♦

and all the families of the nations
shall bow before him.

28 For the kingdom is the Lord's ♦
and he rules over the nations.

EPISTLE
PHILIPPIANS 2.5-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the
form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point
of death—
even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly
exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under
the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL
JOHN 3.13-17

Jesus said to Nicodemus, ‘No one
has ascended into heaven except
the one who descended from
heaven, the Son of Man. And just
as Moses lifted up the serpent in
the wilderness, so must the Son of
Man be lifted up, that whoever
believes in him may have eternal
life.
‘For God so loved the world that he
gave his only Son, so that everyone
who believes in him may not perish
but may have eternal life.
‘Indeed, God did not send the Son
into the world to condemn the
world, but in order that the world
might be saved through him.’

POST COMMUNION

Faithful God,
whose Son bore our sins in his
body on the tree
and gave us this sacrament to show
forth his death until he comes:
give us grace to glory in the cross
of our Lord Jesus Christ,
for he is our salvation, our life and
our hope,
who reigns as Lord, now and for
ever.

Next Week's Readings:

Jonah 3.10-end of 4; Psalm 145.1-8;
Philippians 1.21-end; Matthew 20.1-16

Daily Readings:

John 12.27-36a; Acts 16.25-end; Acts
17.1-15; Acts 17. 16-end; Acts 18.1-21;
Acts 18.22-19.7

Psalm 124 & 125

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.
- **Reverend Eddie Wills** will be formerly licensed by Bishop Fiona as associate priest for our benefice at the Theale Harvest Service.
- **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)
- **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>
- 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 Ukulele 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. This will also be a communion service.
- **St Mary's congregation** – don't forget to complete the short questionnaire in the porch about the proposed sculpture to commemorate the Treaty of Wedmore between Alfred and Guthrum.
- **This Sunday** Holy Cross celebrate their name day festival (Holy Cross Day is 14th September). The main Sunday service for all churches is at Holy Cross at 9.15am.
- The **Wednesday home group** starts up again on Wednesday 16th September. Speak to Richard if you would like to be part of this supportive evening home group.
- Holy Cross congregation will be sad to hear of the death of **Peter Higman**. Peter's funeral will be in church on Wednesday 23rd September at 1pm.
- **Christchurch churchyard wall** has been hit by a tractor! We hope that repairs can be made soon.
- Please see the **note in each church** from a gentleman called **Colin** looking for a permanent place to stay around Mark and offering to work.
- • **Online services and contact details**

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/10871> for Updates, newsletters and more.

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