

Wedmore Isle and Moors Benefice
SUNDAY 6th September 2026 Trinity 14

We thank God that He is always ready to forgive;
 For the opportunities to start again;
 We pray that we may learn to forgive and be forgiven;
 for those whom we find it difficult to forgive;
 for local surgeries and all those involved in healthcare;
 that we may learn to love our neighbours as ourselves;
 for Imogen and Evie as they are baptised into God's family;
 for Jess and George as they prepare for their wedding; and for Ritchie and
 Katie as they begin their married life together;
 for local farmers and all those involved in agriculture;
 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, and others for whom we have been asked to pray -
 Jamie Trotham, Anne Dyer and Elizabeth Nicholls.
 RIP: Peter Higman (Merryfields, Mark)

Sunday 6th September: Trinity 14

Allerton	9.15am	Pet Service	Preb Richard Neill
Holy Trinity	9.15am	Parish Communion	Revd Joy Hawes
Holy Cross	9.15am	Morning Worship	Jon Glauert/Pat Morgan
St Mary's	10.45am	Café Church, Seekers and Creche	Preb Richard Neill
Christchurch	11.00am	Parish Communion	Revd Joy Hawes
Holy Trinity	12.45pm	Baptism of Imogen and Evie Kevill	
St Mary's	6.00pm	Start the Week	Karin Weigold

Monday 7th September

St Mary's	12 noon	Funeral of Molly Stitch
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Tuesday 8th September

St Mary's	9.00am	Little Lambs Toddler and Baby Group
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Wednesday 9th September

St Mary's	9.45am	Midweek Communion
	3.00pm	Home Communion for Paul and Iris Rowlett

Thursday 10th September

Holy Cross	7.30pm	Wedding Rehearsal
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Friday 11th September

St Mary's	3.00pm	The Tea Set
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Saturday 12th September

Holy Trinity	10.00am	Blackford Churchyard Working Group
Holy Cross	12.30pm	Wedding of George Palmer and Jess Boobyer

Sunday 13th September: Trinity 15/

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

COLLECT

Holy and eternal God,
you are the Maker of heaven and
earth,
you are the Word through whom
all things were made,
and you are the Spirit, the giver of
life:
draw us into the mystery of your
love,
that with all creation we may
proclaim your praise,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

OLD TESTAMENT

EZEKIEL 33: 7-11

So you, mortal, I have made a
sentinel for the house of Israel;
whenever you hear a word from my
mouth, you shall give them
warning from me. If I say to the
wicked, 'O wicked ones, you shall
surely die', and you do not speak to
warn the wicked to turn from their
ways, the wicked shall die in their
iniquity, but their blood I will
require at your hand. But if you
warn the wicked to turn from their
ways, and they do not turn from
their ways, the wicked shall die in
their iniquity, but you will have
saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house
of Israel, Thus you have said: 'Our
transgressions and our sins weigh
upon us, and we waste away
because of them; how then can we
live?'

Say to them, As I live, says the
Lord God, I have no pleasure in the
death of the wicked, but that the
wicked turn from their ways and
live; turn back, turn back from your
evil ways; for why will you die,
O house of Israel?

PSALM 119: 33-40

³³ Teach me, O Lord, the way of
your statutes,
and I will observe it to the end.

³⁴ Give me understanding, that I
may keep your law
and observe it with my whole
heart.

³⁵ Lead me in the path of your
commandments,
for I delight in it.

³⁶ Turn my heart to your decrees,
and not to selfish gain.

³⁷ Turn my eyes from looking at
vanities;
give me life in your ways.

³⁸ Confirm to your servant your
promise,
which is for those who fear you.

³⁹ Turn away the disgrace that I
dread,
for your ordinances are good.

⁴⁰ See, I have longed for your
precepts;
in your righteousness give
me life.

EPISTLE

ROMANS 13: 8-end

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 18: 15-20

'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be

confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

POST COMMUNION

God our Creator,
by your gift the tree of life was set
at the heart of the earthly paradise,
and the bread of life at the heart of
your Church:
may we who have been nourished
at your table on earth
be transformed by the glory of the
Saviour's cross
and enjoy the delights of eternity;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Next Week's Readings:

Numbers 21.4-9; Psalm 22.23-28;
Philippians 3.4b-14; Matthew 21.33-end

Daily Readings:

Acts 13.13-43; Acts 13.44-14.7; Acts
14.8-end; Acts 15.22-35; Acts 15.36-
16.5

Psalm 122

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.
- **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.
- **Next 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 but we have no date as yet.
- **Holy Trinity** congregation have their **barbeque** this Sunday afternoon from 4.00 p.m. by kind invitation of Pat and Louise Benjamin.
- **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.

[https://www.facebook.com/St-Marys-Wedmore-384215139101196/Daily Prayer at 9.00 a.m. Click here for the order for service](https://www.facebook.com/St-Marys-Wedmore-384215139101196/Daily-Prayer-at-9.00-a.m.-Click-here-for-the-order-for-service) (also available on our website)

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