Wedmore Isle and Moors Benefice
SUNDAY 15th November 2026 Two Before Advent

We thank God for the dedication of the emergency services.	
We pray	that we may use our God given talents for God's good purposes; for the grace to love our neighbours as ourselves; especially those with whom we disagree; for those whose lives are scarred by poverty; for the lonely and isolated in our communities. for the grace to love our neighbours as ourselves; especially those with whom we disagree.
The Sick:	from our community –Michael (Red) Redman, Claire Clement, John Horne, Jean Winter, Noreen Stott, George Osborne, Jane Wright and others for whom we have been asked to pray - Jamie Trotham and Anne Dyer.
RIP:	Joan Gott (formerly of Wedmore); Chris Edwards (Grants Lane Wedmore);

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Holy Trinity	9.15am	Sunday Breakfast	Mary Clark
Allerton	9.15am	Parish Communion	Revds T Connell/J Hawes
Holy Cross	9.15am	All Age Worship	Preb R Neill/LWA
St Mary's	10.45am	Parish Communion	Preb Richard Neill
Christchurch	11.00am	Morning Worship	LWA
St Mary's	6.00pm	Start the Week	Karin Weigold

Tuesday 17th November

St Mary's	9.00am	Little Lambs Baby and Toddler Group

Wednesday 18th November

St Mary's	9.45am	Midweek Communion
St Mary's	12.30pm	Funeral of Joan Gott
	6.00pm	Holy Trinity PCC

Thursday 19th November

7.00pm	Holy Cross PCC

Saturday 21st November

Theale Village Hall	10.00am	Theale Community Café

Sunday 22nd November: Christ the King

Christchurch	11.00am	Benefice Communion	Revd Eddie Wills

COLLECT

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

OLD TESTAMENT
ZEPHANIAH 1: 7,12-18

Be silent before the Lord God!
For the day of the Lord is at hand;
the Lord has prepared a sacrifice,
he has consecrated his guests.
At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who rest complacently on their dregs,
those who say in their hearts,
'The Lord will not do good,
nor will he do harm.'
Their wealth shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.
The great day of the Lord is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter,
the warrior cries aloud there.
That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.
I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the Lord,
their blood shall be poured out like dust,
and their flesh like dung.
Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the Lord's wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed;
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

PSALM 90.1-8,12*

1 Lord, you have been our refuge ♦
from one generation to another.
2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the earth and the world were formed, ♦
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
3 You turn us back to dust and say: ♦
'Turn back, O children of earth.'
4 For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday, ♦
which passes like a watch in the night.
5 You sweep them away like a dream; ♦
they fade away suddenly like the grass.
6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; ♦
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
7 For we consume away in your displeasure; ♦
we are afraid at your wrathful indignation.
8 You have set our misdeeds before you ♦
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
12 So teach us to number our days ♦
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

EPISTLE
1 THESSALONIANS 5: 1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and

children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

GOSPEL
MATTHEW 25: 14-30

Jesus told them this parable: 'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

POST COMMUNION

Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Next Week's Readings:

Ezekiel 34.11-16,20-24; Psalm 95.1-7; Ephesians 1.15-end; Matthew 25.31-end

Daily Readings:

Revelation 10; Revelation 11.1-14; Revelation 11.15-end; Revelation 12; Revelation 13.1-10; Revelation 13.11-end

Psalm 5

Notices and Forthcoming Events

- The **Wednesday home group** meets next on Wednesday 25th November at Auster House 7.30pm. Speak to Richard if you would like to be part of this supportive home group.
- **Forthcoming PCC Meetings**: Wednesday 18th – Holy Trinity; Thursday 19th – Holy Cross.
- The funeral of Joan Gott is in St Mary's on Wednesday 18th November at 12.30pm.
- Holy Cross is holding a **Festive Concert** on Saturday 28th November at 7.30pm with Worle Wind Band. Tickets are £10 online at www.worlewindband.co.uk
- **Pop Up Wedmore** invites you to **"A Chaotic Christmas Celebration**" at St Mary's on Saturday 12 December starting at 6.45pm. Starring representatives from local community groups. A fun filled evening of song, sketch and dance. Tickets at £12.50 (under 10s free) are available from Eventbrite and Wedmore Village Stores. Bar and raffle available raising funds for St Mary's Church.
- **St Mary's Christmas Fair** is on Saturday 5th December alongside the Coffee Shop. Lisa and Jo would love offers of help before, during and after. Please contact Lisa on wedmorevicarage@gmail.com Bottles are needed for the tombola! Please drop in church vestry.
- **Travelling Cribs (Posada**). This helps us focus on hospitality in the build up to Christmas by offering Mary, Joseph and the Donkey shelter for a night on their journey. It is also a good way to connect with others from the churches as you hand over the figures. The cribs begin their journeys on Advent Sunday morning and if you would like to host them for a night, please contact stmarywedmore@gmail.com.
- **St Mary's 100 club** is very grateful for your generous support this year and its almost time to renew your membership for 2027. Delivery of renewal forms will be happening shortly and you can also catch us at the Advent Fair. New members always welcome with chance to win a cash prize each month and raise money for St Mary's.
- **Sunday 22nd November** is the feast of Christ the King and the name day of Christchurch. All are welcome to celebrate with them at 11am and this will be the only morning service that day.
- There will be a **Benefice Advent** service on Sunday 29th November at 6pm in Holy Cross with carols and readings to set the scene for our advent preparations**.** If you would like to read at the service please speak to Richard.
- Sunday 6th December sees **Gift Services** at St Mary's, Holy Trinity and Christchurch. Donations of unwrapped toys and toiletries will be given to Wade House in Highbridge.
- Sunday 6th December is also when **Allerton Church** celebrates its **Christingle** service at 4pm.
- **Online services and contact details**

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

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