

Notices and Forthcoming Events

- **A big 'Thank You'** to everyone who supported the **Strawberry Cream Teas** last Saturday. Thank you to those people who kindly donated homemade scones, cake, sandwiches and jam; to those who helped to prepare the teas and those who delivered them. We raised £570 for St Mary's church funds.
- **It is good news that our church buildings are now open for public worship again and that church services have recommenced** For a while there will be just one service per Sunday, which will be recorded from one of our churches. This will then be uploaded to YouTube so that it can be accessed online after 11am for those who can't be in church or who are part of our wider online congregation.
- **This week's service will be a communion service at Christchurch, Theale at 9am.** There are a number of guidelines in place to ensure that communion is celebrated as safely and also as reverently as possible. Many of the points raised by Richard in the recorded video giving a little more information about this on our YouTube channel are also valid for Christchurch.
- Richard will be cycling around the benefice on **a wheel and a prayer** on Tues **28th July**. You are welcome to join him at any stops. (For timings see our website.)
- **We would like to compile a digital photograph record** of things we have all achieved/completed/repaired/done during 'Lockdown'. It might be a puzzle that you have completed, a shed that you have painted, your garden, a hanging basket, flower pot, vegetable patch or allotment. It might be something that you have knitted, sewn or made. It might have been something that you have seen on a walk or cycle ride. Anything positive from 'Lockdown' Please send your photos to heather@the-hectors.co.uk
- **Ministers, Churchwardens, Treasurers** and others continue to meet online regularly. If there is any matter you would like to bring to our attention please do let us know.
- We hope to resume **Mid week communion at St Mary's** from the middle of August. **Start the week**, our Sunday evening quiet time, will also start again soon.
- Richard will be taking two weeks holiday from Friday 31st July.

Online services and contact details



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



<https://www.facebook.com/St-Marys-Wedmore-384215139101196/> Daily Prayer at 9.00 a.m. [Click here for the order for service](#)



<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCocp711gYgJ2q0YJ5O2Qifg/> Our YouTube channel where you will find daily prayer videos after 10 a.m daily. And Sunday Services after 11.30am.



<https://twitter.com/wedmorevic> is Richard's twitter account.

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**Trust in the Lord.
Look out for your neighbours.
Take care of yourselves.**

The Benefice of the Isle of Wedmore
SUNDAY 26 JULY: TRINITY 7

Intercessions

We thank God for the gifts of the spirit enriching and sustaining us in our daily and church life

We pray that we may learn to value that which is of true worth;
that we all might be evangelists for those among whom we live;
for those who suffer domestic abuse or are in abusive relationships;
for the work of The Hope Christian Trust;
for all who benefit from the Cheddar Valley Foodbank
for those who are steering the partnership for missional church process;
for diplomats and politicians involved in the negotiations between our country and the EU;
that the racism and bigotry that has scarred the lives of many will wither and die;
for the elderly and vulnerable living in care homes and for those who care for them;
for the lonely and isolated in our communities.

The Sick: Those from our community – Marion Tincknell, Isabel Lee, Rupert Stott, Pauline Last, Michael (Red) Redman and Iris Rowlett.
Others for whom we have been asked to pray - Jamie Trotham, Millie Dyer, Anne Dyer, Ruth Dyer, Alistair Cree, Austin Ludlow, Jocelyn Colenutt, Sue Darley and Sheila Hall.

What's On This Week?

Sunday 26 July : Trinity 7

Christchurch, Theale	9.00 am	Parish Communion	<i>Revd R Neill & S Healey</i>
On line (YouTube) circa	11.15am	Recording of above service	

Monday 27th July

Live on Facebook	9.00 am	Morning prayer	<i>Revd Richard Neill</i>
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Tuesday 28 July

Live on Facebook	9.00 am	Morning prayer	<i>Revd Richard Neill</i>
Around the benefice	10.30 am	Wheel and a Prayer	

Wednesday 28th July

Live on Facebook	9.00 am	Morning prayer	<i>Revd Richard Neill</i>
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Thursday 29th July

Live on Facebook	9.00 am	Morning prayer	<i>Revd Richard Neill</i>
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Friday 30th July

Live on Facebook	9.00 am	Morning prayer	<i>Sam Healey</i>
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Saturday 1st August

Live on Facebook	9.00 am	Morning prayer	<i>Sam Healey</i>
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Sunday 2 August: Trinity 8

Allerton	9.00 am	Parish Communion	<i>Revd E Wills & M Gelder</i>
On line (YouTube) circa	11.15am	Recording of above service	

COLLECT

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the
same;
through 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. **Amen**

OLD TESTAMENT

1 KINGS 3: 5-12

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?'

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, 'Because

you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.

EPISTLE

ROMANS 8: 26-end

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will

separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

‘For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.’

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 13: 31-33;44-52

He put before them another parable:

‘The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.’ He told them another parable: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.’

‘The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

‘Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

‘Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and

caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

‘Have you understood all this?’ They answered, ‘Yes.’ And he said to them, ‘Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.’

POST COMMUNION

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life,
ever giving himself that the world may live:
may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup,
we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

Next Week’s Readings:

Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14

Psalms 97

2 Peter 1: 16-19

Luke 9: 28-36

This week’s Daily Prayer Readings:

Mon Luke 22.24-30 Tues Luke 22.31-38; Wed Luke 22.39-46; Thurs Luke 22.47-62; Fri Luke 22.63-end; Sat Luke 23.1-12. The Psalm will be 9.