

Notices and Forthcoming Events

- **New United Benefice** – A small group from all five parishes is meeting on Tuesday 24th June to think about some of the matters that need settling before we join together. Thank you for those who have given suggestions for a benefice name. Further suggestions will be most welcome. Please pray about this and speak to Richard.
- The '**Parish Walk**' will return on Sunday 13th July. This takes in all four churches, with prayers or short services at each and begins with Holy Trinity Sunday Breakfast. There is information in the churches as well as a sign down sheet. Please indicate how much of it you would like to take part in.
- **Wedmore's 40/30 cycle ride** is back this year on Sunday 31st August. Here is the link to book your place: <https://www.westonhospicecare.org.uk/event/wedmore-40-30/> There is a 40,30,70 and the 12 mile friendly route this year.
- For those of you who are not yet confirmed, have you thought about making that commitment and being confirmed in the promises made at baptism? **If you want to know more or are interested in being confirmed** come along to an initial meeting on Monday 23rd June at 7pm in The Vicarage. The confirmation service will be in Wells Cathedral in November.
- Thank you to all who came to the information evening about the project to put **solar panels** on the roof of St Mary's. For those who are interested to find out more and would like to have their say please look at <https://www.greenwedmore.co.uk/st-marys-solar>
- Next Sunday is a **5th Sunday** so we join together as a benefice to worship, this time at Christchurch Theale at 10.30am.
- **Facebook Live morning prayer** will take a break from Thursday 26th June to Thursday 10th July.

- **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](#) (also available on our website)



<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCocp711gYqJ2q0YJ5O2Qifg/> Our YouTube channel where you will find daily prayer and our Sunday Service videos

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The Benefice of the Isle of Wedmore
SUNDAY 22nd June 2025 Trinity 1

We thank God for the support and love of our own families.
 We pray for those for whom family life is difficult or dysfunctional;
 that we will be able to play our own full part in our church family;
 that we may display the unity given us in Christ in all our relationships;
 for those laid low by mental illness;
 for Millie Torrens-Spence as she is baptised in to God's family;
 for the success of Wedmore Hidden Gardens and for all who will visit this weekend;
 for the lonely, the bereaved, and the neglected.
 for the children in our churches that they may grow in faith;
 The Sick: from our community –Michael (Red) Redman, Claire Clement, John Horne, Jean Winter, Don Scott and others for whom we have been asked to pray - Jamie Trotham, Anne Dyer, Ruth Dyer, Alistair Cree, Austin Ludlow, Sue Darley, Alistair Forster, Matt Hawkins and Elizabeth Nicholls.

What's On This Week?

Sunday 22nd June: Trinity 1

St Mary's	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Preb Richard Neill
Allerton	9.00am	Parish Communion	Preb Richard Neill
St Mary's	10.30am	Parish Communion, Seekers and creche	Revd Joy Hawes
Christchurch	11.00am	Morning Praise	Preb Richard Neill
Allerton	12.45pm	Christening of Millie Torrens Spence	Preb Richard Neill
Zoom Online	6.00pm	Evening Service	Preb Richard Neil

Monday 23rd June

St Mary's	2.30pm	Funeral of Val Hardwick
The Vicarage	7.00pm	Confirmation introductory meeting

Tuesday 24th June

St Mary's	9.00am	Little Lambs Baby and Toddler Group
Wedmore Cemetery	2.30pm	Burial of Ashes of Alan Smith
St Mary's	7.00pm	New Benefice Planning Group

Wednesday 25th June

St Mary's	9.45am	Midweek Communion
St Mary's	10.30am	St Mary's Walking Group
Bagley Baptist Church	11.00am	Christchurch Fellowship Group

Sunday 29th June: St Peter and St Paul

Christchurch	10.30am	Benefice Communion	Revd's J Hawes/T Connell
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COLLECT

O God,
the strength of all those who put their trust
in you,
mercifully accept our prayers
and, because through the weakness of our
mortal nature
we can do no good thing without you,
grant us the help of your grace,
that in the keeping of your commandments
we may please you both in will and deed;
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.

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 65.1-9

I was ready to be sought out by those who
did not ask,
to be found by those who did not seek me.
I said, 'Here I am, here I am',
to a nation that did not call on my name.
I held out my hands all day long
to a rebellious people,
who walk in a way that is not good,
following their own devices;
a people who provoke me
to my face continually,
sacrificing in gardens
and offering incense on bricks;
who sit inside tombs,
and spend the night in secret places;
who eat swine's flesh,
with broth of abominable things in their
vessels;
who say, 'Keep to yourself,
do not come near me, for I am too holy
for you.'
These are a smoke in my nostrils,
a fire that burns all day long.
See, it is written before me:
I will not keep silent, but I will repay;
I will indeed repay into their laps
their iniquities and their ancestors'
iniquities together,
says the Lord;
because they offered incense on the
mountains
and reviled me on the hills,

I will measure into their laps
full payment for their actions.
Thus says the Lord:
As the wine is found in the cluster,
and they say, 'Do not destroy it,
for there is a blessing in it',
so I will do for my servants' sake,
and not destroy them all.
I will bring forth descendants from Jacob,
and from Judah inheritors of my
mountains;
my chosen shall inherit it,
and my servants shall settle there.

PSALM 22.19-28

19 Be not far from me, O Lord; ♦
you are my strength; hasten to help me.
20 Deliver my soul from the sword, ♦
my poor life from the power of the dog.
21 Save me from the lion's mouth,
from the horns of wild oxen. ♦
You have answered me!
22 I will tell of your name to my people; ♦
in the midst of the congregation will I
praise you.
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.

NEW TESTAMENT
GALATIANS 3.23-END

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

GOSPEL
LUKE 8. 26-39

Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, 'What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me'— for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, 'What is your name?' He said, 'Legion'; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came

out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, 'Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.' So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

POST COMMUNION

Eternal Father,
we thank you for nourishing us
with these heavenly gifts:
may our communion strengthen us in faith,
build us up in hope,
and make us grow in love;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Next Week's Readings:
Zechariah 4.1-6a; Psalm 125; Acts 12.1-11; Mathew 16.13-19

Daily Readings: Romans 7.1-6; Luke 3.1-17; Romans 8.1-11; Romans 8.12-17;
Romans 8.18-30; Romans 8.31-end

Psalm 91