

Notices and Forthcoming Events

- Hopefully all has been resolved with the btinternet. I had no returned emails back to me last week! Please check your spam to see if it has gone there if you did not receive it last week.
- **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.
- **Wedmore Twinning** is holding an old fashioned fete in and around St Mary's on Saturday 2nd August. All welcome. This year sees the 50th anniversary of the twinning link with St Medard de Guizieres near Bordeaux and our French friends will be visiting that weekend. The afternoon begins with a short service in St Mary's at 12 noon. St Mary's coffee shop will be open as usual in the morning.
- We are planning a service to mark the 80th anniversary of the end of World War two on **VJ day 15th August**. At 10am in St Mary's.
- Saturday 16th August is **Wedmore Harvest Home**, we will be serving coffee and cakes from St Mary's as the procession gathers. If you can help please speak to Heather Hector.
- St Mary's pews will begin to be taken out this month and things in the church will be somewhat 'work in progress' for a little while.
- The next fifth Sunday is 31st August when we will join together at **Holy Cross Mark** to celebrate alongside members of that church as we prepare to become a new benefice.
- For those who missed the **safeguarding training**, there is another session being held in Shipham Church on Tuesday 5th August at 2pm. Coffee and cake will be provided! Please let Sue Hoskins know on 07771579543.
- The Headteacher of Hugh Sexeys school **Paul Tatterton** has retired after 10 years in the role. A rose bush has been given to him from our churches.
- Congratulations to **Paul and Iris Rowlett** of St Mary's congregation who celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on Wednesday 23rd July.
- **A big thank you from Richard** to all who contributed towards the surprise gift last Sunday to mark the 31st Anniversary of his priesting. There are pictures of the lovely communion set in each church.
- **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/UCocp711gYgJ2q0YJ5O2Qifg/> 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 27th July 2025 Trinity 6

We thank God for our membership of the body of Christ.
for everyone who works in the NHS.

We pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ from Zambia;
for children who are in care and who are looking for foster or adoptive
parents;
that our hearts and senses may be attuned to recognize the presence of
Christ in unlikely situations and people;
for the lonely, the bereaved, and the neglected;
for the children and staff of the Lighthouse School Gaza and all facing
disaster in that territory;
for swift international action to bring aid and peace to Gaza.

The Sick: from our community –Michael (Red) Redman, Claire Clement, John
Horne, Jean Winter, Don Scott, Philip Stott, William Agnew 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, Dean Toby Wright and Elizabeth Nicholls.

What's On This Week?

Sunday 27th July: Trinity 6

St Mary's	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Preb Richard Neill
Allerton Church	9.00am	Parish Communion	Revd Tony Connell
St Mary's	10.30am	Morning Praise	Mary Clark/Claire Gelder
Christchurch	11.00am	Parish Communion	Preb Richard Neill
Zoom Online	6.00pm	Evening Service	Preb Richard Neill

Wednesday 30th July

St Mary's	9.45am	Midweek Communion
St Mary's	10.30am	St Mary's Walking Group

Saturday 2nd August

St Mary's	9.30am	Fairtrade Café
St Mary's	12 noon	Twinning Anniversary Fayre

Sunday 3rd August: Trinity 7

Holy Trinity	9.00am	Parish Communion	Preb Richard Neill
Allerton Church	9.00am	Morning Praise	LWA
St Mary's	10.30am	Café Church	Revd Joy Hawes
Christchurch	11.00am	Parish Communion	Preb Richard Neill
St Mary's	6.00pm	Start the Week	Karin Weigold

COLLECT

Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love you
such good things as pass our understanding:
pour into our hearts such love toward you
that we, loving you in all things and above all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
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

GENESIS 18.20-32

Then the Lord said, 'How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know.'

So the men turned from there, and went towards Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Then Abraham came near and said, 'Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?' And the Lord said, 'If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake.' Abraham answered, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the

Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?' And he said, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.' Again he spoke to him, 'Suppose forty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of forty I will not do it.' Then he said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.' He answered, 'I will not do it, if I find thirty there.' He said, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.' Then he said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.'

EPISTLE

COLOSSIANS 2.6-19

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from

the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

GOSPEL

LUKE 11.1-13

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive everyone
indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.'

And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend

of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

'So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

POST COMMUNION

God of our pilgrimage,
you have led us to the living water:
refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Next Week's Readings:
Ecclesiastes 1.2,12-14; 2.18-23; Psalm
49.1-12; Colossians 3.1-11; Luke
12.13-21

Daily Readings: 2 Corinthians 6.1-7.1;
2 Cor 7.2-end; 2 Cor 8.1-15; 2 Cor
8.16-9.5; 2 Cor 9.6-end; 2 Cor 10

Psalm 103