

Notices and Forthcoming Events

- If you have a **btinternet** email address....you have not been dropped off the mailing list for the e-newsletter. Unfortunately, it seems that BT internet doesn't like bulk emails so they keep bouncing back. Please check your setting or contact BT as some have been able to resolve it.
- **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.
- 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>
- **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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Please note that the next **8am BCP Communion** will be Sunday 27th July.
- 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. Two roses have been given to him from our churches.
- **Wedmore Opera drop in**. Wedmore Opera will be in St Mary's between 11am – 12.45pm on Saturday 26th July to tell people all about their plans for the production of La Traviata in St Mary's in October. Please drop in at anytime. They will be singing too.
- **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 20th July 2025 Mary Magdalene

We thank God for the witness of the worshipping community of St Mary's over many centuries;

We pray for those in our own communities who are lonely and isolated;
 for the many tourists who will visit our local area this summer;
 for staff and children beginning school holidays – for rest and refreshment;
 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, 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 20th July: Mary Magdalene

St Mary's	10.30am	Patronal Communion	Preb R Neill/Revd J Hawes
St Mary's	6.00pm	Start the Week	Karin Weigold

Tuesday 22nd July

Around the Benefice	10.30am	Wheel and a Prayer
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Wednesday 23rd July

St Mary's	9.45am	Midweek Communion
Sexeys Arms Pub	6.00pm	Holy Trinity PCC

Saturday 26th July

St Mary's	11.00am	Wedmore Opera Singing
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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	Morning Praise	Preb Richard Neill
Zoom Online	6.00pm	Evening Service	Preb Richard Neill

COLLECT

Almighty God,
whose Son restored Mary Magdalene
to health of mind and body
and called her to be a witness to his
resurrection:
forgive our sins and heal us by your
grace,
that we may serve you in the power of
his risen life;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

OLD TESTAMENT

SONG OF SOLOMON 3.1–4

Upon my bed at night
I sought him whom my soul loves;
I sought him, but found him not;
I called him, but he gave no answer.
I will rise now and go about the city,
in the streets and in the squares;
I will seek him whom my soul loves.’
I sought him, but found him not.
The sentinels found me,
as they went about in the city.
Have you seen him whom my soul
loves?’
Scarcely had I passed them, when I
found him whom my soul loves.
I held him, and would not let him go
until I brought him into my mother’s
house, and into the chamber of her that
conceived me.

PSALM 42.1–10

As the deer longs for the water brooks,
so longs my soul for you, O God.
My soul is athirst for God, even for the
living God;
when shall I come before the presence
of God?
My tears have been my bread day and
night, while all day long they say to
me, ‘Where is now your God?’

Now when I think on these things, I
pour out my soul:

how I went with the multitude and led
the procession to the house of God,
With the voice of praise and
thanksgiving, among those who kept
holy day.

Why are you so full of heaviness, O
my soul, and why are you so disquieted
within me?

O put your trust in God; for I will yet
give him thanks, who is the help of my
countenance, and my God.

My soul is heavy within me;
therefore I will remember you from the
land of Jordan, and from Hermon and
the hill of Mizar.

Deep calls to deep in the thunder of
your waterfalls; all your breakers and
waves have gone over me.

The Lord will grant his loving-
kindness in the daytime;
through the night his song will be with
me,

a prayer to the God of my life.

EPISTLE

2 CORINTHIANS 5.14–17

For the love of Christ urges us on,
because we are convinced that one has
died for all; therefore all have
died. And he died for all, so that those
who live might live no longer for
themselves, but for him who died and
was raised for them.

From now on, therefore, we regard no
one from a human point of view; even
though we once knew Christ from a
human point of view, we know him no
longer in that way. So if anyone is in
Christ, there is a new creation:
everything old has passed away; see,
everything has become new!

GOSPEL

JOHN 20.1–2,11–18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, ‘They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.’

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping?’ She said to them, ‘They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.’ When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?’

Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, ‘Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Mary!’ She turned and said to him in Hebrew, ‘Rabbouni!’ (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, ‘Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father.

But go to my brothers and say to them, “I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.” ’ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, ‘I have seen the Lord’; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

POST COMMUNION

God of life and love,
whose risen Son called Mary
Magdalene by name
and sent her to tell of his resurrection
to his apostles:
in your mercy, help us,
who have been united with him in this
eucharist,
to proclaim the good news
that he is alive and reigns, now and for
ever
Amen

Next Week’s Readings:
Genesis 18.20-32; Psalm 138;
Colossians 2.6-15 [16-19]; Luke 11.1-
13

Daily Readings: 2 Corinthians 1.1-14;
Luke 8.1-3; 2 Cor 2.5-end; 2 Cor 3;
Luke 9.46-56; 2 Cor 5

Psalm 101