

Notices and Forthcoming Events

- **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.
- All are welcome to 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. We will give thanks for the end of the war, remember those who gave their lives and commit ourselves to work for peace. St Mary's bellringers will be joining with others across the country to ring out the bells at 6.30pm that evening.
- 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.
- Work begins to restore and clean the Nave floor in St Mary's from Monday 4th August; 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.
- **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.
- **Guy and Jackie Davey** have been integral to the life of Holy Trinity for many years. They will shortly be moving to Bath and this Sunday is their last Sunday with us. Thank you to all they have given to Holy Trinity and the wider Benefice.
- **Facebook morning prayer** live is taking a short break this coming week.
- Repair work is ongoing to St Mary's clock. Hopefully we can start it again in a few weeks.
- **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 3rd August 2025 Trinity 7

We thank God for the Fair Trade foundation

We pray for trade practices that enable all to flourish
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 on school holidays – for rest and refreshment;
that we may continue to listen to God as we look to His preferred and
promised future for our churches;
that our hopes and actions may be shaped by the Lord's Prayer.
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 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

Wednesday 6th August

St Mary's	9.45am	Midweek Communion
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Friday 8th August

St Mary's	3.00pm	The Tea Set
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Saturday 9th August

Holy Trinity	10.00am	Blackford Churchyard Working Group
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Sunday 10th August: Trinity 8

Holy Trinity	9.00am	Sunday Breakfast	Venetia Hopkins
Allerton Church	9.00am	Parish Communion	Preb Richard Neill
St Mary's	10.30am	Parish Communion	Preb Richard Neill
Christchurch	11.00am	Morning Praise	LWA
St Mary's	6.00pm	Start the Week	Claire Gelder

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.

OLD TESTAMENT

ECCLESIASTES 1.2, 12–14; 2.18–23

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

I, the Teacher, when king over Israel
in Jerusalem, applied my mind to
seek and to search out by wisdom all
that is done under heaven; it is an
unhappy business that God has given
to human beings to be busy with. I
saw all the deeds that are done under
the sun; and see, all is vanity and a
chasing after wind.

I hated all my toil in which I had
toiled under the sun, seeing that I
must leave it to those who come after
me—and who knows whether they
will be wise or foolish? Yet they will
be master of all for which I toiled and
used my wisdom under the sun. This
also is vanity. So I turned and gave
my heart up to despair concerning all
the toil of my labours under the
sun, because sometimes one who has
toiled with wisdom and knowledge
and skill must leave all to be enjoyed
by another who did not toil for it.
This also is vanity and a great
evil. What do mortals get from all the
toil and strain with which they toil

under the sun? For all their days are
full of pain, and their work is a
vexation; even at night their minds do
not rest. This also is vanity.

PSALM 49.1-12

- 1 Hear this, all you peoples; ♦
listen, all you that dwell in the
world,
- 2 You of low or high degree, ♦
both rich and poor together.
- 3 My mouth shall speak of wisdom ♦
and my heart shall meditate on
understanding.
- 4 I will incline my ear to a parable; ♦
I will unfold my riddle with the
lyre.
- 5 Why should I fear in evil days, ♦
when the malice of my foes
surrounds me,
- 6 Such as trust in their goods ♦
and glory in the abundance of their
riches?
- 7 For no one can indeed ransom
another ♦
or pay to God the price of
deliverance.
- 8 To ransom a soul is too costly; ♦
there is no price one could pay for
it,
- 9 So that they might live for ever, ♦
and never see the grave.
- 10 For we see that the wise die also;
with the foolish and ignorant they
perish ♦
and leave their riches to others.
- 11 Their tomb is their home for ever,
their dwelling through all
generations, ♦
though they call their lands after
their own names.
- 12 Those who have honour, but lack
understanding, ♦
are like the beasts that perish.

EPISTLE

COLOSSIANS 3.1–11

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

GOSPEL

LUKE 12.13-21

Someone in the crowd said to him, ‘Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.’ But he said to him, ‘Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?’

And he said to them, ‘Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.’ Then he told them a parable: ‘The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, “What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?” Then he said, “I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.” But God said to him, “You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?” So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.

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.

Next Week’s Readings:

Genesis 15.1-6; Psalm 33.12-end;
Hebrews 11.1-3,8-16; Luke 12.31-40

Daily Readings: 2 Corinthians 11.1-15;
2 Corinthians 11.16-end; 1 John 3.1-3;
2 Corinthians 13; James 1.1-11; James
1.12-end