

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.
- Work has begun to restore and clean the Nave floor in St Mary's; 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.
- Repair work is ongoing to **St Mary's clock**. It looks like 15th September is when the repairs will be completed.
- **Forthcoming dates for your diaries:** Sunday 7th September – Allerton Pet Service; Saturday 13th September – Allerton Harvest Home; Sunday 14th September – Christchurch Harvest Festival and Lunch; Saturday 20th September – Wedmore Pop Up Proms; Sunday 28th September – St Mary's Harvest Festival and Lunch, Holy Trinity Harvest Festival and Supper; Thursday 2nd October – Wells Cathedral School Concert in St Mary's; Sunday 5th October – Allerton Harvest Festival at Ad Astra Cider Farm; Wednesday 8th, Friday 10th and Saturday 11th October – Wedmore Opera performances in St Mary's.
- **St Mary's folk** will be sad to hear that William Agnew sadly passed away on Saturday 2nd August. His funeral will be on Thursday 21st August at 11.30am in St Mary's.
- **Mary Clark** is walking 30 miles in September to raise money for Dementia UK, a cause close to her heart as she often ministers to folk on the dementia ward in Weston General. She would be very grateful for any support and sponsorship. Go to <https://fundraise.dementiauk.org/fundraisers/maryclark> for further information.
- **Thank you** to all who helped mow, strim and clear in Christchurch Churchyard on Monday.
- Richard has a funeral to attend on Tuesday 19th August so no Wheel and a Prayer as scheduled, it will be on 26th August instead.
- **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 17th August 2025 Trinity 9

We thank God that he is faithful to us;
 We pray that our own faith may be sufficient;
 for those who have encouraged us in our faith journey;
 for the lonely and house bound in our villages;
 for those planning their future following exam results;
 for our local farmers and all those who work the land at this time of
 drought and climate pressure
 that we may not be held captive by a love of money and possessions.
 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, Alan Williams, Philip Stott and others for whom we
 have been asked to pray - Jamie Trotham, Anne Dyer, Ruth Dyer, Alistair
 Cree, Austin Ludlow, Sue Darley, Alistair Forster, Dean Toby Wright and
 Elizabeth Nicholls.

RIP William Agnew (Grants Lane) ; John Buttler (Latcham); Jackie Anstey
 (Ian's mother)

What's On This Week?

Sunday 17th August: Trinity 9

St Mary's	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Preb Richard Neill
Holy Trinity	9.00am	Parish Communion	Preb Richard Neill
Allerton Church	9.00am	Morning Praise	LWA/Revd Joy Hawes
St Mary's	10.30am	Morning Praise	Claire Gelder/Mary Clark
Christchurch	11.00am	Parish Communion	Preb Richard Neill

Wednesday 20th August

St Mary's	9.45am	Midweek Communion
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Thursday 21st August

St Mary's	11.30am	Funeral of William Agnew
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Sunday 24th August: Bartholomew the Apostle

Allerton Church	9.00am	Parish Communion	Revd Tony Connell
St Mary's	10.30am	Parish Communion	Preb Richard Neill
Christchurch	11.00am	Morning Praise	LWA
Zoom Online	6.00pm	Evening Service	Preb Richard Neill

COLLECT

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your
grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the
Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
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 **JEREMIAH 23.23-29**

Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and
not a God far off? Who can hide in
secret places so that I cannot see them?
says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and
earth? says the Lord. I have heard what
the prophets have said who prophesy lies
in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I
have dreamed!' How long? Will the
hearts of the prophets ever turn back—
those who prophesy lies, and who
prophesy the deceit of their own heart?
They plan to make my people forget my
name by their dreams that they tell one
another, just as their ancestors forgot my
name for Baal. Let the prophet who has
a dream tell the dream, but let the one
who has my word speak my word
faithfully. What has straw in common
with wheat? says the Lord. Is not my
word like fire, says the Lord, and like a
hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

PSALM 82

God has taken his stand in the council of
heaven;

in the midst of the gods he gives
judgement:

'How long will you judge unjustly
and show such favour to the wicked?

'You were to judge the weak and the
orphan; defend the right of the humble
and needy;

'Rescue the weak and the poor;
deliver them from the hand of the
wicked.

'They have no knowledge or wisdom;
they walk on still in darkness:

all the foundations of the earth are
shaken.

'Therefore I say that though you are
gods

and all of you children of the Most
High,

'Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals
and fall like one of their princes.'

Arise, O God and judge the earth,
for it is you that shall take all nations
for your possession.

EPISTLE

HEBREWS 11.29-12.2

By faith the people passed through the
Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when
the Egyptians attempted to do so they
were drowned. By faith the walls of
Jericho fell after they had been encircled
for seven days. By faith Rahab the
prostitute did not perish with those who
were disobedient, because she had
received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time
would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak,
Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel
and the prophets— who through faith
conquered kingdoms, administered
justice, obtained promises, shut the
mouths of lions, quenched raging fire,
escaped the edge of the sword, won
strength out of weakness, became
mighty in war, put foreign armies to
flight. Women received their dead by
resurrection. Others were tortured,
refusing to accept release, in order to
obtain a better resurrection. Others
suffered mocking and flogging, and even
chains and imprisonment. They were

stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, without us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

GOSPEL

LUKE 12.49-56

‘I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father,

mother against daughter

and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law

and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.’

He also said to the crowds, ‘When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, “It is going to rain”; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, “There will be scorching heat”; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?’

POST COMMUNION

Holy Father,
who gathered us here around the table of your Son
to share this meal with the whole household of God:
in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace,
gather people of every race and language
to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Next Week’s Readings:
Isaiah 43.8-13; Psalm 145.1-7; Acts
5.12-16; Luke 22.24-30

Daily Readings: Mark 1.1-13; Mark
1.14-20; Mark 1.21-28; Mark 1.29-end;
Mark 2.1-12; Mark 2.13-22

Psalm 111