

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 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**. Hopefully we can start it again in a few weeks.
- **Forthcoming dates for your diaries:** 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.
- **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 10th August 2025 Trinity 8

We thank God that He is faithful to us;
 We pray that our own faith may be sufficient;
 for those who are on the edge of faith or on the fringes of our churches;
 the lonely and house bound in our villages;
 that we may continue to listen to God as we look to His preferred and
 promised future for our churches;
 for our local farmers and all those who work the land;
 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, Don Scott, 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, Matt Hawkins, Dean Toby
 Wright and Elizabeth Nicholls.

RIP William Agnew (Grants Lane)

What's On This Week?

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

Wednesday 13th August

St Mary's	9.45am	Midweek Communion
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Friday 15th August

St Mary's	10.00am	VJ Day Commemoration Service
St Mary's	6.30pm	Bellringing to mark VJ Day

Saturday 16th August

St Mary's	From 9.30am	Harvest Home Coffee Shop, Procession and Service
Theale Village Hall	10.00am	Theale Café

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

COLLECT

Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from
despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

OLD TESTAMENT

GENESIS 15.1-6

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, ‘Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.’ But Abram said, ‘O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?’ And Abram said, ‘You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.’ But the word of the Lord came to him, ‘This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.’ He brought him outside and said, ‘Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.’ Then he said to him, ‘So shall your descendants be.’ And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness..

PSALM 33.12-22

Happy the nation whose God is the Lord
and the people he has chosen for his own.
The Lord looks down from heaven
and beholds all the children of earth.

From where he sits enthroned he turns
his gaze on all who dwell on the earth.

He fashions all the hearts of them
and understands all their works.
No king is saved by the might of his host; no warrior delivered by his great strength.

A horse is a vain hope for deliverance;

for all its strength it cannot save.

Behold, the eye of the Lord
is upon those who fear him, on those who wait in hope for his steadfast love,

To deliver their soul from death
and to feed them in time of famine.
Our soul waits longingly for the Lord;
he is our help and our shield.

Indeed, our heart rejoices in him;
in his holy name have we put our trust.

Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us, as we have set our hope on you.

EPISTLE

HEBREWS 11.1-3.8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living

in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, ‘as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.’ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

GOSPEL

LUKE 12.32-40

‘Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

‘Be dressed for action and have your

lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ‘But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.’

POST COMMUNION

Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your
word be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung
your praise be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the
tokens of your love

shine with the light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been
fed with your body

be refreshed with the fullness of
your life;
glory to you for ever.

Next Week’s Readings:
Jeremiah 23.23-29; Psalm 82; Hebrews
11.29-12.2; Luke 12.49-56

Daily Readings: James 2.1-13; James
2.14-end; James 3; James 4.1-12; Luke
11.27-28; James 5.7-end

Psalm 108