

Notices and Forthcoming Events

- **Forthcoming dates for your diaries:** Sunday 12th October Pet Service at Christchurch; Thursday 23rd October Wedmore First School Harvest Service at St Mary's; Sunday 26th October - Allerton Dedication Festival Evensong; Saturday 1st November – Charity Christmas Card Sale in St Mary's; Sunday 2nd November – All Souls Services at St Mary's and Allerton; Sunday 23rd November Christchurch Patronal Festival; Saturday 29th November – St Mary's Advent Fayre; Sunday 30th November – Advent Carol Service in St Mary's; Friday 5th December – Christmas Concert in St Mary's with HMS Heron Band and Cheddar Male Choir.
- **Allerton Harvest Festival next** Sunday 5th October 9.00am. at Allerton Church followed by refreshments. This is a change to what has been advertised. Donations of non perishable goods will be gratefully received and will be given to the Cheddar Valley Foodbank and Wade House in Highbridge.
- **Regular food bank collections** continue to be taken through the year and food can be dropped off at the blue bin in St Mary's porch, boxes in Allerton and Christchurch, Coombes Dairy in Blackford and outside Pumpkin Delicatessen. Thank you to Jane Scott and others who take the donations over to Cheddar each week.
- **St Mary's Seekers (Sunday School) and creche** begins this Sunday 28th September and will continue monthly during Café Church. Anyone who is interested in coming along please speak to Richard or Heather Hector.
- **Wedmore Opera's** production of La Traviata is in St Mary's Wednesday 8th, Friday 10th and Saturday 11th October. Tickets on sale now from their website and Paper Shop.
- The **Annual Box Opening for the Children's Society** will take place in St Mary's Church on Saturday 4th October during St Mary's coffee shop. For those unable to attend on the 4th October, please bring your box to Sue Burton at Combe Cottage, Combe Batch, by Friday 3rd. Checked boxes will be available for collection from Church on Monday 6th.
- There is **no midweek communion** on 1st October but it will be back on the 8th. Facebook morning prayer is having a shut down week.
- The **Repair Café** is back next Saturday 4th October, 9.30am-11.30am at Wedmore Village Hall. Bring your items to fix to keep out of landfill!
- St Mary's has just been given the **Eco Church Bronze Award** which recognises the efforts taken on the journey to becoming carbon neutral. You can find out more about Eco Church at ecochurch.arochoa.org.uk Huge thanks to Liz Anderson for all her work on this.
- **Thank you to everyone involved** in Pop Up Proms which raised £2842 for the St Mary's solar panels project. Also to those involved in Wedmore 40/30 which raised £3856 for the Friends of St Mary's and £2570 for Weston Hospicecare.
- On Sunday 12th October, Christchurch is holding its annual **Pet Service**. All creatures and their owners are welcome. Animals will receive a special blessing.

The Benefice of the Isle of Wedmore
SUNDAY 28th September 2025 Trinity 15/Harvest

We thank God for those who are messengers of good news for us;
for the harvest of the land and sea.

We pray for local farmers and all who work and steward the land;
that we may continue to discern God's will for our churches and communities;
for the confidence and grace to share our faith well with others;
for the work of the Farming Community Network.
for those living in poverty and the work of our local food banks.
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, Margaret Marinkovic, Philip Stott, Thomas Hole and others for whom we have been asked to pray - Jamie Trotham, Anne Dyer, Ruth Dyer, Alistair Forster, and Elizabeth Nicholls.

RIP Reverend Marion Hance (Berrow); Anne Newman (Elmsett Hall)

What's On This Week?

Sunday 28th September: Trinity 15/Harvest

Allerton Church	9.00am	Parish Communion	Preb Richard Neill
St Mary's	10.30am	Harvest Festival, Seekers and Creche	Revd Joy Hawes
Christchurch	11.00am	Morning Praise	Preb Richard Neill
Holy Trinity	5.00pm	Harvest Festival Songs of Praise	Preb Richard Neill

Tuesday 30th September

St Mary's	9.00am	Little Lambs Toddler Group
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Thursday 2nd October

St Mary's	7.30pm	Wells Cathedral School Concert
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Saturday 4th October

St Mary's	9.30am	Fairtrade Café
Wedmore Village Hall	9.30am	Repair Café

Sunday 5th October: Trinity 16/Harvest

Holy Trinity	9.00am	Parish Communion	Preb Richard Neill
Allerton Church	9.00am	Harvest Festival Family Service	Revd Joy Hawes
St Mary's	10.30am	Café Church	Preb Richard Neill
Christchurch	11.00am	Parish Communion	Revd Eddie Wills
St Mary's	6.00pm	Start the Week	Venetia Hopkins

COLLECT

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit
upon your Church in the burning fire
of your love:
grant that your people may be fervent in
the fellowship of the gospel
that, always abiding in you,
they may be found steadfast in faith and
active in service;
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

AMOS 6.1a,4-7

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,
and for those who feel secure on
Mount Samaria, the notables of the first
of the nations, to whom the house of
Israel resorts!
Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,
and lounge on their couches,
and eat lambs from the flock,
and calves from the stall;
who sing idle songs to the sound
of the harp, and like David improvise on
instruments of music;
who drink wine from bowls,
and anoint themselves with the finest
oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of
Joseph!
Therefore they shall now be the first to
go into exile, and the revelry of the
loungers shall pass away

PSALM 146

1 Alleluia. Praise the Lord, O my
soul; while I live will I praise the
Lord; ♦
as long as I have any being, I will sing
praises to my God.
2 Put not your trust in princes,
nor in any human power, ♦
for there is no help in them.
3 When their breath goes forth, they

return to the earth; ♦
on that day all their thoughts perish.
4 Happy are those who have the God of
Jacob for their help, ♦
whose hope is in the Lord their God;
5 Who made heaven and earth,
the sea and all that is in them; ♦
who keeps his promise for ever;
6 Who gives justice to those that suffer
wrong ♦
and bread to those who hunger.
7 The Lord looses those that are
bound; ♦
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;
8 The Lord lifts up those who are
bowed down; ♦
the Lord loves the righteous;
9 The Lord watches over the stranger in
the land;
he upholds the orphan and widow; ♦
but the way of the wicked he turns
upside down.
10 The Lord shall reign for ever, ♦
your God, O Zion, throughout all
generations.
Alleluia

EPISTLE

1 TIMOTHY 6.6-19

Of course, there is great gain in
godliness combined with
contentment; for we brought nothing
into the world, so that we can take
nothing out of it; but if we have food
and clothing, we will be content with
these. But those who want to be rich fall
into temptation and are trapped by many
senseless and harmful desires that
plunge people into ruin and
destruction. For the love of money is a
root of all kinds of evil, and in their
eagerness to be rich some have
wandered away from the faith and
pierced themselves with many pains.
But as for you, man of God, shun all
this; pursue righteousness, godliness,
faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight

the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

GOSPEL

LUKE 16.19–31

‘There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, “Father Abraham,

have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.” But Abraham said, “Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.” He said, “Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.” Abraham replied, “They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.” He said, “No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.” He said to him, “If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.”

POST COMMUNION

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy;
and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall,
keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful,
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Next Week’s Readings:
Habakkuk 1.1-4, 2.1-4; Psalm 37.1-9; 2 Timothy 1.1-14; Luke 17.5-10

Daily Readings: Acts 12.1-11; Mark 11.12-26; Mark 11.27-end; Mark 12.1-12; Mark 12.13-17; Mark 12.18-27