

Notices and Forthcoming Events

- **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.
- **The Wedmore 40 30** was the biggest yet with a record number of riders. Thank you to all the many volunteers who helped make for the best and biggest Wedmore 40 30 yet. Thanks to the riders aged from 6 to 86 for persevering and returning with smiles on their faces despite the hail and who helped raise over **£7000** for Weston Hospicecare and Friends of St Mary's Wedmore
- **Harvest Festivals – Christ Church** Sunday 14 September 11am with lunch to follow (contact Mary Hatch 712842 for lunch tickets); **St Mary's** 10.30am followed by lunch in church (please contact Heather Hector 712478 or Heather Banwell 712216 for lunch tickets) **Holy Trinity** 5pm followed by ploughmans supper at The Village Hall (contact Sue Painter 712528 for tickets) Both on Sunday **28th September**
Allerton Sunday 5 October 10.30 a.m. at Ad Astra Cider Barn followed by refreshments.
- **St Mary's Seekers (Sunday School) and creche** begin on Sunday 28th September and will continue monthly usually during Café Church. Anyone who is interested in coming along please speak to Richard or Heather Hector. **Messy Church** is on Saturday 27th September.
- **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.
- The **Wednesday Home Group** begins again on Wednesday 10th September at Auster House, St Medard Road 7.30pm. Speak to Richard if you would like to join this supportive study group.
- **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.
- **Holy Trinity Congregation** is invited to a bring and share lunch on Sunday 14th September from 1pm. Venue Providence House, Blackford Road (Bun and David's home). Guy and Jackie will be joining us.
- This Sunday Allerton Church is holding its annual **Pet Service**. All creatures and their owners are welcome. Animals will receive a special blessing. Christchurch Theale is holding its own Pet Service on Sunday 14th October.
- **Wedmore Pop up Proms** 20th September 7 pm. St Mary's Church. Come and enjoy Wedmore's very own 'Last Night at the Proms'. Including individual and massed choirs, instrumental pieces, audience participation, bar and raffle. Bring flags, dress up in your finest and enjoy an evening to remember. Tickets are at the village shop £10 adults, Under 16 FOC. Raffle prizes would be greatly received. There is a plastic box with a black lid in the vestry for any items. It's in aid of St Mary's Solar Panel Project.

The Benefice of the Isle of Wedmore
SUNDAY 7th September 2025 Trinity 12

We thank God the beauty of our local environment.
 We pray that we may continue to discern God's will for our churches and communities;
 for those who are victims of human trafficking and modern slavery;
 for staff and pupils of our local schools at the beginning of a new school year.
 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 Arthur (Jimmy) Pippett (Heath House)

What's On This Week?

Sunday 7th September: Trinity 12

Allerton Church	9.00am	Pet Service	Preb Richard Neill
Holy Trinity	9.00am	Parish Communion	Revd Joy Hawes
St Mary's	10.30am	Café Church	Preb Richard Neill/Claire Gelder
Christchurch	11.00am	Parish Communion	Preb Richard Neill
St Mary's	6.00pm	Start the Week	Venetia Hopkins

Monday 8th September

Allerton Church	12 Noon	Thanksgiving Service for Alan Williams
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Tuesday 9th September

St Mary's	9.00am	Little Lambs Toddler Group
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Wednesday 10th September

St Mary's	9.45am	Midweek Communion
St Mary's	2.00pm	Burial of Ashes of Eileen Blythe
Auster House	7.30pm	Home Group

Friday 12th September

St Mary's	3.00pm	The Tea Set
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Saturday 13th September

Holy Trinity	10.00am	Blackford Churchyard Working Group
Allerton Cricket Club	12.45pm	Allerton Harvest Home Service

Sunday 14th September: Holy Cross Day

Allerton Church	9.00am	Parish Communion	Revd Tony Connell
Holy Trinity	9.00am	Sunday Breakfast	Preb Richard Neill
St Mary's	10.30am	Parish Communion	Revd Joy Hawes
Christchurch	11.00am	Harvest Festival Service	Preb Richard Neill
St Mary's	6.00pm	Start the Week	Claire Gelder

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear
than we to pray
and to give more than either we desire
or deserve:

pour down upon us the abundance of
your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our
conscience is afraid
and giving us those good things
which we are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and mediation
of 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

DEUTERONOMY 30.15-20

See, I have set before you today life
and prosperity, death and adversity. If
you obey the commandments of the
Lord your God that I am commanding
you today, by loving the Lord your
God, walking in his ways, and
observing his commandments,
decrees, and ordinances, then you
shall live and become numerous, and
the Lord your God will bless you in
the land that you are entering to
possess. But if your heart turns away
and you do not hear, but are led astray
to bow down to other gods and serve
them, I declare to you today that you
shall perish; you shall not live long in
the land that you are crossing the
Jordan to enter and possess. I call
heaven and earth to witness against
you today that I have set before you
life and death, blessings and curses.
Choose life so that you and your
descendants may live, loving the Lord

your God, obeying him, and holding
fast to him; for that means life to you
and length of days, so that you may
live in the land that the Lord swore to
give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to
Isaac, and to Jacob.

EPISTLE

PHILEMON 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and
Timothy our brother,
To Philemon our dear friend and co-
worker, to Apphia our sister, to
Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to
the church in your house:
Grace to you and peace from God our
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
When I remember you in my prayers,
I always thank my God because I hear
of your love for all the saints and your
faith towards the Lord Jesus. I pray
that the sharing of your faith may
become effective when you perceive
all the good that we may do for
Christ. I have indeed received much
joy and encouragement from your
love, because the hearts of the saints
have been refreshed through you, my
brother.
For this reason, though I am bold
enough in Christ to command you to
do your duty, yet I would rather
appeal to you on the basis of love—
and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and
now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus.
I am appealing to you for my child,
Onesimus, whose father I have
become during my imprisonment.
Formerly he was useless to you, but
now he is indeed useful both to you
and to me. I am sending him, that is,
my own heart, back to you. I wanted
to keep him with me, so that he might

be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, no longer as a slave but as more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

GOSPEL

LUKE 14.25-33

Now large crowds were travelling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, ‘Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see

whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, “This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.” Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

POST COMMUNION

God of all mercy,
in this eucharist you have set aside
our sins
and given us your healing:
grant that we who are made whole in
Christ
may bring that healing to this broken
world,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Next Week’s Readings:
Numbers 21.4-9; Psalm 22.23-28;
Philippians 2.6-11; John 3.13-17

Daily Readings: Mark 6.45-end; Mark
7.1-13; Mark 7.14-23; Mark 7.24-30;
Mark 7.31-end; Mark 8.1-10

Psalm 122