

Notices and Forthcoming Events

- **Forthcoming dates for your diaries::** 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; **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. 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 James Scott and Others who take the donations over to Cheddar each week.
- **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 next meets on 24th September at 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.
- **PCC's** from all five parishes of the new benefice are meeting together on Tuesday at Blackford Village Hall. Please hold us all in your prayers.
- **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 £12 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 14th September 2025 Holy Cross Day

We thank God for the beauty of our local environment;
for the harvest of the land and sea;
for the Cross of Jesus, the means of our salvation;

We pray for local farmers and all who work and steward the land;
that new relationships will be fostered as we create a new benefice;
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 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 Arthur (Jimmy) Pippett (Heath House); Henry Paul (Matthew Paul's father)

What's On This Week?

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

Tuesday 16th September

St Mary's	9.00am	Little Lambs Toddler Group
Around the Benefice	10.30am	Wheel and a Prayer
Blackford Village Hall	7.30pm	Joint PCC

Wednesday 17th September

St Mary's	9.45am	Midweek Communion
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Saturday 20th September

St Mary's	6.00pm	Pop Up Proms
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Sunday 21st September: Matthew the Apostle

St Mary's	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Preb Richard Neill
Allerton Church	9.00am	Morning Praise	LWA
Holy Trinity	9.00am	Parish Communion	Preb Richard Neill
St Mary's	10.30am	Morning Praise	Mary Clark
Christchurch	11.00am	Parish Communion	Revd Tony Connell
St Mary's	6.00pm	Start the Week	Karin Weigold

COLLECT

Almighty God,
who in the passion of your blessed
Son
made an instrument of painful
death
to be for us the means of life and
peace:
grant us so to glory in the cross of
Christ
that we may gladly suffer for his
sake;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

OLD TESTAMENT

NUMBERS 21.4-9

From Mount Hor, Moses and the people of Israel set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.' Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.' So Moses prayed for the people.

And the Lord said to Moses, 'Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.' So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

PSALM

PSALM 22.23-28

23 Praise the Lord, you that fear him; ♦

O seed of Jacob, glorify him;
stand in awe of him, O seed of Israel.

24 For he has not despised nor
abhorred the suffering of the poor;
neither has he hidden his face
from them; ♦

but when they cried to him he
heard them.

25 From you comes my praise in
the great congregation; ♦

I will perform my vows
in the presence of those that
fear you.

26 The poor shall eat and be
satisfied; ♦

those who seek the Lord shall
praise him;
their hearts shall live for ever.

27 All the ends of the earth
shall remember and turn to the
Lord, ♦

and all the families of the nations
shall bow before him.

28 For the kingdom is the Lord's ♦
and he rules over the nations.

EPISTLE
PHILIPPIANS 2.6-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point
of death—
even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly
exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under
the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL
JOHN 3.13-17

Jesus said to Nicodemus, ‘No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of

Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

‘For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

‘Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.’

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:
Proverbs 3.13-18; Psalm 119.65-72; 2
Corinthians 4.1-6; Matthew 9.9-13

Daily Readings: John 12.27-36a; Mark
8.22-26; Mark 8.27-9.1; Mark 9.2-13;
Mark 9.14-29; Mark 9.30-37

Psalm 130