

Notices and Forthcoming Events

- **New Bishop of Taunton** – It was announced on Wednesday that the next Bishop of Taunton is to be The Venerable Fiona Gibson who is currently Archdeacon of Ludlow. Please pray for her as she prepares to join the diocese in January.
- **St Mary's annual charity Christmas card** sale takes place this Saturday in church while the monthly coffee shop is happening; various charities will have this year's Christmas cards and appreciate your support.
- There are **All Souls Services** at Allerton and St Mary's this Sunday 2nd November at 3.00 p.m. Relatives of those whose funerals we have taken during the year will be invited but the service is open to anyone. Do let the Vicar know in writing if you might wish to come or if there is anyone whose name you wish to be remembered at the service. Afternoon tea will be served afterwards so it will be good to have an idea of how many people we need to cater for.
- Lisa Hall is holding a **lunch and pop up shop** on 15th November at Wedmore Vicarage for Embrace the Middle East charity. Please email wedmorevicarage@gmail.com if you want to come along.
- **Allerton Safari Supper** is on 15th November, Tickets are selling fast and are available from siannevitt@yahoo.com
- There is a **letter from Richard** in each church setting out where we are in forming a new benefice and the changes that you will notice. Please take a copy.
- **'Churches of Somerset'** – a new book by Phil Draper and published by Amberley Publishing features St Mary's and Holy Trinity. Cost is £15.99 see <https://www.amberley-books.com/current-month.html>
- St Mary's welcomes back HMS Heron Band and Cheddar Male Choir for a wonderful **concert of Christmas Music** on Friday 5th December at 7.30 p.m. Tickets are £15 (£10 under 16s) and will be available from the beginning of November from Wedmore Village Stores and Eventbrite.
- **The Trucker and The Oboe Player** - Ken and Joan Graham of Christchurch congregation were part of the London Philharmonic Orchestra for 15 years. On Saturday evening 7th November in Theale Village Hall they will be sharing stories of that time and choosing their 'Desert Island Discs'. Tickets £5. All welcome.

The Benefice of the Isle of Wedmore
SUNDAY 2 November 2025 All Saints Sunday

We thank God for the example of the lives and deaths of the Saints and for all those who have been special in our lives.

We pray that we may be changed by our reading of scripture;
 for those who have recently moved to our neighbourhoods that they may settle and flourish here
 for Bishop Sarah Mulally as she prepares to take on the role of Archbishop of Canterbury;
 and for Fiona Gibson as she prepares to become Bishop of Taunton;
 for the confidence and grace to share our faith well with others;
 for the children and young people of our villages.
 for the people of Gaza and Israel that the cease fire holds and leads to a wider peace;

The Sick: from our community –Michael (Red) Redman, Claire Clement, John Horne, Jean Winter, 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.

What's On This Week?

Sunday 2nd November: All Saints Sunday

Holy Trinity	9.00am	Parish Communion	Preb Richard Neill
Allerton Church	9.00am	Family Service	LWA
St Mary's	10.30am	Café Church, Seekers and Creche	C Gelder/M Clark
Christchurch	11.00am	Parish Communion	Preb Richard Neill
St Mary's	3.00pm	All Souls Service	Revd Joy Hawes
Allerton Church	3.00pm	All Souls Service	Preb Richard Neill

Tuesday 4th November

St Mary's	9.00am	Little Lambs Toddler Group
Providence House	7.30pm	St Mary's PCC

Wednesday 5th November

St Mary's	9.45am	Midweek Communion
	7.30pm	Home Group

Saturday 8th November

Holy Trinity	10.00am	Blackford Churchyard Working Group
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Sunday 9th November: 3 Before Advent/Remembrance Sunday

St Mary's	10.15am	Remembrance Service	Preb Richard Neill
Christchurch	10.55am	Remembrance Service	Revd Joy Hawes
St Mary's	6.00pm	Start the Week	Claire Gelder

COLLECT

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son
Christ our Lord:
grant us grace so to follow your blessed
saints in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those
inexpressible joys that you have
prepared for those who truly love you;
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

DANIEL 7.1–3,15–18

In the first year of King Belshazzar of
Babylon, Daniel had a dream and
visions of his head as he lay in bed.
Then he wrote down the dream: I,
Daniel, saw in my vision by night the
four winds of heaven stirring up the
great sea, and four great beasts came up
out of the sea, different from one
another.

As for me, Daniel, my spirit was
troubled within me, and the visions of
my head terrified me. I approached one
of the attendants to ask him the truth
concerning all this. So he said that he
would disclose to me the interpretation
of the matter: ‘As for these four great
beasts, four kings shall arise out of the
earth. But the holy ones of the most
High shall receive the kingdom and
possess the kingdom for ever—for ever
and ever.

PSALM 149

1 Alleluia.

O sing to the Lord a new song; ♦
sing his praise in the congregation of
the faithful.

2 Let Israel rejoice in their maker; ♦
let the children of Zion be joyful in
their king.

3 Let them praise his name in the
dance; ♦

let them sing praise to him with
timbrel and lyre.

4 For the Lord has pleasure in his
people ♦

and adorns the poor with salvation.

5 Let the faithful be joyful in glory; ♦
let them rejoice in their ranks,

6 With the praises of God in their
mouths ♦

and a two-edged sword in their hands;

7 To execute vengeance on the
nations ♦

and punishment on the peoples;

8 To bind their kings in chains ♦

and their nobles with fetters of iron;

9 To execute on them the judgement
decreed: ♦

such honour have all his faithful
servants. Alleluia.

EPISTLE

EPHESIANS 1.11–23

In Christ we have also obtained an
inheritance, having been destined
according to the purpose of him who
accomplishes all things according to his
counsel and will, so that we, who were
the first to set our hope on Christ, might
live for the praise of his glory. In him
you also, when you had heard the word
of truth, the gospel of your salvation,
and had believed in him, were marked
with the seal of the promised Holy
Spirit; this is the pledge of our
inheritance towards redemption as God’s
own people, to the praise of his glory.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all

GOSPEL

LUKE 6.20-31

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

‘Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.
‘Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.
‘Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.
‘Blessed are you when people hate you,
and when they exclude you, revile you,
and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

‘But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.
‘Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.
‘Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.
‘Woe to you when all speak well of you,
for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.
‘But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you

POST COMMUNION

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things:
may we who have shared at this table
as strangers and pilgrims here on earth
be welcomed with all your saints
to the heavenly feast on the day of
your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Next Week's Readings:
Job 19.23-27a; Psalm 17.1-9; 2
Thessalonians 2.1-5,13-end; Luke
20.27-38

Daily Readings: Matthew 1.18-end;
Matthew 2.1-15; Matthew 2.16-end;
Matthew 3; Matthew 4.1-11; Matthew
4.12-22

Psalm 150