

Notices and Forthcoming Events

- **Forthcoming dates for your diaries:** 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; Saturday 15th November – Allerton Safari Supper; 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 Church** are holding a special Choral Evensong on Sunday 26th October at 5pm to mark their annual dedication festival. Wells Cathedral Chamber Choir will lead the worship and wine and nibbles will served afterwards. Members of the other three churches are warmly invited to join them for this special service and there will be no other main Sunday services that day.
- There are **All Souls Services** at Allerton and St Mary's this year on 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.
- **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.
- This Sunday Christchurch is holding its annual **Pet Service**. All creatures and their owners are welcome. Animals will receive a special blessing.
- **Mary Clark** has now completed the 30 miles walking in September for dementia UK and thanks for the wonderful support from sponsors which has raised £750 which will help so many families faced with this dreaded illness.
- **Finishing Well** - Churches Together in the Cheddar Valley are holding an information and discussion morning on Saturday 25th October all about dying well and preparing for a funeral. It's at Cheddar Baptist Church, North Street from 9.45am and follows from the similar successful morning last year.

The Benefice of the Isle of Wedmore
SUNDAY 12th October 2025 Trinity 17

We thank God for the gift of music.

We pray: for church musicians and choirs;
that we may continue to discern God's will for our churches and communities;
for Bishop Sarah Mulally as she prepares to take on the role of Archbishop of Canterbury;
for those who suffer from leprosy and for the work of the Leprosy Mission;
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 12th October: Trinity 17

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

Tuesday 14th October

St Mary's	9.00am	Little Lambs Toddler Group
St Mary's Berrow	7.00pm	Deanery Synod

Wednesday 15th October

St Mary's	9.45am	Midweek Communion
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Friday 17th October

St Mary's	3.00pm	The Tea Set
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Saturday 18th October

Theale Village Hall	10.00am	Theale Community Café
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Sunday 19th October: Trinity 17

Holy Trinity	9.00am	Parish Communion	Preb Richard Neill
Allerton Church	9.00am	Morning Praise	LWA
St Mary's	10.30am	Morning Praise	Mary Clark/Claire Gelder
Christchurch	11.00am	Parish Communion	Preb Richard Neill
St Mary's	6.00pm	Start the Week	Karin Weigold

COLLECT

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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

2 KINGS 5.1 – 3,7-15c

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, 'If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.' When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, 'Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.' But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, 'Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.' So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, 'Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean.' But Naaman became angry and

went away, saying, 'I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?' He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, 'Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, "Wash, and be clean"? So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean. Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, 'Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel; please accept a present from your servant.'

PSALM 111

- 1 Alleluia. I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the faithful and in the congregation.
- 2 The works of the Lord are great,
sought out by all who delight in them.
- 3 His work is full of majesty and honour
and his righteousness endures for ever.
- 4 He appointed a memorial for his marvellous deeds;
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.
- 5 He gave food to those who feared him;

he is ever mindful of his covenant.
6 He showed his people the power of his works
in giving them the heritage of the nations.
7 The works of his hands are truth and justice;
all his commandments are sure.
8 They stand fast for ever and ever; they are done in truth and equity.
9 He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant for ever;
holy and awesome is his name.
10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
a good understanding have those who live by it;
his praise endures for ever..

EPISTLE

2 TIMOTHY 2.8-15

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself. Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by

him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

GOSPEL

LUKE 17.11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, ‘Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!’ When he saw them, he said to them, ‘Go and show yourselves to the priests.’ And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, ‘Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?’ Then he said to him, ‘Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.’

POST COMMUNION

Lord, we pray that your grace
may always precede and follow us,
and make us continually to be given to
all good works;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Next Week’s Readings:

1 Chronicles 29.6-19; Psalm 122;
Ephesians 2.19-end; John 2.13-22

Daily Readings: Mark 14.1-11; Mark
14.12-25; Mark 14.26-42; Mark 14.43-
52; Mark 14.53-65; Luke 1.1-4

Psalm 144