

Notices and Forthcoming Events

- **New Bishop of Taunton** – It has been announced 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.
- 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. 12 noon and 2pm sittings.
- **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 are available now from Wedmore Village Stores and Eventbrite. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/st-marys-church-wedmore-120025430651>
- Advent and Christmas services will begin to get a mention from next week. In the meantime we are looking for hosts for the Travelling Cribs for Wedmore and Theale. Both begin their journeys on Advent Sunday morning and if you would like to host Mary, Joseph and the donkey for a night please contact Laura stmarywedmore@gmail.com for Wedmore and Yvonne yhutchison443@gmail.com for Theale.
- The St Mary’s 100 Club are very grateful for your generous support this year, and it’s almost time to renew your membership for 2026, so we will be delivering renewal forms during November. You can also catch us at the Advent Fair. We hope you will feel able to continue.

The Benefice of the Isle of Wedmore
SUNDAY 9 November 2025 Remembrance Sunday

We thank God for the peace we enjoy in this country as a result of the sacrifices made in World War I and II.

We pray for the peace of the world, especially for those parts of the world ravaged by war; Ukraine, Gaza, The Yemen and Sudan;
 for British servicemen and women serving in dangerous places;
 for the work of the Royal British Legion and other organizations caring for ex service men and women;
 for the uniformed organizations in our neighbourhood and for their leaders;
 for the grace to love our neighbours as ourselves; especially those with whom we disagree.
 for the work of local social services supporting the vulnerable and needy.

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 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

Tuesday 11th November

St Mary's	9.00am	Little Lambs Toddler Group
St Mary's & Allerton	10.55am	Acts of Remembrance
	3.00pm	Theale PCC

Wednesday 12th November

St Mary's	9.45am	Midweek Communion
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Friday 14th November

St Mary's	12.30pm	The Tea Set Lunch
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Saturday 15th November

Theale V.Hall	10.00am	Theale Community Café
The Vicarage	12 noon	Embrace Lunch
Allerton	7.00pm	Allerton Safari Supper

Sunday 16th November: 2 Before Advent

St Mary's	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Preb Richard Neill
Holy Trinity	9.00am	Sunday Breakfast	Preb Richard Neill
Allerton Church	9.00am	Parish Communion	Revd Eddie Wills
St Mary's	10.30am	Parish Communion	Revd Eddie Wills
Christchurch	11.00am	Parish Communion	Preb Richard Neill
St Mary's	6.00pm	Start The Week	Karin Weigold

COLLECT

Almighty Father,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of all:
govern the hearts and minds of those
in authority, and bring the families of
the nations, divided and torn apart by
the ravages of sin, to be subject to his
just and gentle rule;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

OLD TESTAMENT

JOB 19.23-27a

O that my words were written down!

O that they were inscribed in a book!

²⁴ O that with an iron pen and with lead
they were engraved on a rock for
ever!

²⁵ For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and that at the last he will stand upon
the earth;

²⁶ and after my skin has been thus
destroyed,

then in my flesh I shall see God,

²⁷ whom I shall see on my side,
and my eyes shall behold, and not
another.

PSALM 17.1-9

1 Hear my just cause, O Lord;
consider my complaint; ♦

listen to my prayer, which comes not
from lying lips.

2 Let my vindication come forth from
your presence; ♦

let your eyes behold what is right.

3 Weigh my heart, examine me by
night, ♦

refine me, and you will find no
impurity in me.

4 My mouth does not trespass for
earthly rewards; ♦

I have heeded the words of your lips.

5 My footsteps hold fast in the ways of
your commandments; ♦

my feet have not stumbled in your
paths.

6 I call upon you, O God, for you will
answer me; ♦

incline your ear to me, and listen to
my words.

7 Show me your marvellous loving-
kindness, ♦

O Saviour of those who take refuge
at your right hand

from those who rise up against
them.

8 Keep me as the apple of your eye; ♦
hide me under the shadow of your
wings,

9 From the wicked who assault me, ♦
from my enemies who surround me
to take away my life.

EPISTLE

2 THESSALONIANS 2.1-5,13-END

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus
Christ and our being gathered together
to him, we beg you, brothers and
sisters, not to be quickly shaken in
mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by
word or by letter, as though from us, to
the effect that the day of the Lord is
already here. Let no one deceive you in
any way; for that day will not come
unless the rebellion comes first and the
lawless one is revealed, the one
destined for destruction. He opposes
and exalts himself above every so-
called god or object of worship, so that
he takes his seat in the temple of God,
declaring himself to be God. Do you
not remember that I told you these
things when I was still with you?
But we must always give thanks to
God for you, brothers and sisters
beloved by the Lord, because God
chose you as the first fruits for

salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

GOSPEL

LUKE 20.27-38

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him and asked him a question, ‘Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.’

Jesus said to them, ‘Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die any

more, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.’

POST COMMUNION

God of peace,
whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom
and restored the broken to wholeness of life:
look with compassion on the anguish of the world,
and by your healing power
make whole both people and nations;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

N.B – These are the lectionary readings for third Sunday before Advent. There will be different readings for the Remembrance Services.

Next Week’s Readings:
Malachi 4.1-2a; Psalm 98; 2
Thessalonians 3.6-13; Luke 21.5-19

Daily Readings: Matthew 4.23-5.12;
Matthew 5.13-20; Matthew 5.21-37;
Matthew 5.38-end; Matthew 6.1-18;
Matthew 6.19-end

Psalm 3