

Notices and Forthcoming Events

- **Warm in Wedmore** continues next Wednesday and Thursday, pop into the Masonic Hall for coffee, soup and conversation. We'll be open between 10.30 a.m. and 2.00 p.m. and a different local group will host each week. **Holy Cross coffee morning** continues every Wednesday 10.30am – 12 noon in church.
- **Sunday 8th February** sees a joint service to mark the beginning of our new benefice. There will be an evensong at St Mary's at 5.00 p.m. followed by a social gathering. A combined choir from Holy Cross and St Mary's will be singing at the service and both choirs would love to welcome new members. Holy Cross choir practice is every Wednesday evening at 7.30pm and St Mary's choir practice is every Thursday evening at 7.15pm. Speak to Nigel (Holy Cross) or Liam (St Mary's) if you want to find out more.
- **Holy Cross Congregation** – This newsletter is produced every week and is an opportunity to share news of forthcoming events etc. Please email stmarywedmore@gmail.com if you would like anything included. The newsletter is sent out via email each week, if you would like to be included on the email list please pick up and complete one of the forms in church.
- **Seville Orange Marmalade** is on sale from Suzanne Metters, please call on 01934 712515 or 07749810809 if you wish to get some. They are £3 a pot or 10 for £25. All proceeds to Cheddar Food Bank.
- Allerton church are holding a **'Thank you' evening** on Saturday 31st January, at the home of Matthew and Lindy Paul to acknowledge all those who contribute to the life of the church.
- **Anne Gell** the Archdeacon of Wells is to step down from her role in May. There is a farewell service planned on Sunday 10th May at Evensong in the Cathedral.
- **February PCC meetings:** St Mary's Tuesday 3rd 7pm; Christchurch Theale Tuesday 10th at 3pm; Allerton 10th at 7pm; Holy Cross 19th at 7pm & Holy Trinity Thursday 25th at 6pm.
- **Ash Wednesday** is 18th February this year and we will mark this Holy day with a communion for all five churches hosted by Allerton church at 11am.
- St Mary's is hosting the **Deanery Synod** on Saturday 31st January. The theme is all about prayer and the meeting is open to all, not just synod members. Bacon rolls and pastries are available from 9.30am. Please let Richard or Joy know if you want to come along.
- **Online services and contact details**

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/10871> for Updates, newsletters and more.

<https://www.facebook.com/St-Marys-Wedmore-384215139101196/> Daily Prayer at 9.00 a.m. [Click here for the order for service](#) (also available on our website)

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCocp711gYqJ2q0YJ5O2Qifg/> Our YouTube channel where you will find daily prayer and our Sunday Service videos

- You can contact us via email: stmarywedmore@gmail.com or on wedmorevic@gmail.com
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Wedmore Isle and Moors Benefice
SUNDAY 25th January 2026 Epiphany 3/Conversion of St Paul

We thank God for His call of each of us;
for those who have been instrumental in shaping our faith.

We pray that we may respond to God's call wherever that may lead us;
for the unity of the church;
for those scarred and held back by poverty;
for the lonely and isolated in our communities;
for world leaders at this time of anxiety and uncertainty that they may be
given wisdom, humility and a passion for justice.

The Sick: from our community –Michael (Red) Redman, Claire Clement, John
Horne, Jean Winter, Noreen Stott, Thomas Hole, Iris Rowlett and others
for whom we have been asked to pray - Jamie Trotham, Anne Dyer, Ruth
Dyer, and Elizabeth Nicholls.

RIP Peter Julian (Hazel Anstey's father)

What's On This Week?

Sunday 25th January: Epiphany 3

Holy Trinity	9.15am	Sunday Breakfast	Revd Eddie Wills
Holy Cross, Mark	9.15am	Parish Communion	Revd Joy Hawes
Allerton Church	9.15am	Morning Worship	Preb Richard Neill
St Mary's	10.45am	Morning Worship	Revd Joy Hawes
ChristChurch	10.45am	Parish Communion	Revd Eddie Wills

Tuesday 27th January

St Mary's	9.00am	Little Lambs Baby and Toddler Group
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Wednesday 28th January

St Mary's	9.45am	Midweek Communion
Holy Cross	10.30 am	Coffee Morning
St Mary's	10.30am	St Mary's Walking Group
	3.00pm	Home Communion for Paul and Iris Rowlett

Saturday 31st January

St Mary's	9.30am	Deanery Synod
Moor Road Farm	6.30pm	Allerton 'Thank You' Evening

Sunday 1st February: Candlemas

Holy Trinity	9.15am	Parish Communion	Preb Richard Neill
Allerton Church	9.15am	Family Service	Revd Joy Hawes
Holy Cross	9.15am	Morning Worship	LWA
St Mary's	10.45am	Café Church, Seekers and Creche	Preb Richard Neill
Christchurch	10.45am	Parish Communion	Revd Joy Hawes
St Mary's	12.45pm	Christening of Jamie Hardwill	
St Mary's	6.00pm	Start the Week	Venetia Hopkins

COLLECT

Almighty God,
who caused the light of the gospel
to shine throughout the world
through the preaching of your servant
Saint Paul:
grant that we who celebrate his
wonderful conversion
may follow him in bearing witness to
your truth;
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

JEREMIAH 1.4-10

The word of the Lord came to me saying,
‘Before I formed you in the womb I knew
you,
and before you were born I consecrated
you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations.’
Then I said, ‘Ah, Lord God! Truly I do
not know how to speak, for I am only a
boy.’ But the Lord said to me,
‘Do not say, “I am only a boy”;
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,
and you shall speak whatever I command
you.
Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to deliver you,
says the Lord.’
Then the Lord put out his hand and
touched my mouth; and the Lord said to
me,
‘Now I have put my words in your mouth.
See, today I appoint you over nations and
over kingdoms,
to pluck up and to pull down,
to destroy and to overthrow,
to build and to plant.’

PSALM 67

1 God be gracious to us and bless us ♦
and make his face to shine upon us,
2 That your way may be known upon
earth, ♦
your saving power among all nations.

3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; ♦
let all the peoples praise you.
4 O let the nations rejoice and be glad, ♦
for you will judge the peoples
righteously
and govern the nations upon earth.
5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; ♦
let all the peoples praise you.
6 Then shall the earth bring forth her
increase, ♦
and God, our own God, will bless us.
7 God will bless us, ♦
and all the ends of the earth shall fear
him.

EPISTLE

ACTS 9.1-22

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats
and murder against the disciples of the
Lord, went to the high priest and asked
him for letters to the synagogues at
Damascus, so that if he found any who
belonged to the Way, men or women, he
might bring them bound to
Jerusalem. Now as he was going along
and approaching Damascus, suddenly a
light from heaven flashed around him. He
fell to the ground and heard a voice saying
to him, ‘Saul, Saul, why do you persecute
me?’ He asked, ‘Who are you, Lord?’ The
reply came, ‘I am Jesus, whom you are
persecuting. But get up and enter the city,
and you will be told what you are to
do.’ The men who were travelling with
him stood speechless because they heard
the voice but saw no one. Saul got up
from the ground, and though his eyes
were open, he could see nothing; so they
led him by the hand and brought him into
Damascus. For three days he was without
sight, and neither ate nor drank.
Now there was a disciple in Damascus
named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a
vision, ‘Ananias.’ He answered, ‘Here I
am, Lord.’ The Lord said to him, ‘Get up
and go to the street called Straight, and at
the house of Judas look for a man of
Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is
praying, and he has seen in a vision a man

named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.' But Ananias answered, 'Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.' But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.' So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, 'He is the Son of God.' All who heard him were amazed and said, 'Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem among those who invoked this name? And has he not come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?' Saul became increasingly more powerful and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Messiah.

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 19.27-END

Then Peter said in reply, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of his glory, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.

POST COMMUNION

Almighty God,
who on the day of Pentecost
sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles
with the wind from heaven and in tongues
of flame,
filling them with joy and boldness to
preach the gospel:
by the power of the same Spirit
strengthen us to witness to your truth
and to draw everyone to the fire of your
love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**These are the readings for the
conversion of St Paul. Readings for
Epiphany 3 are:- Isaiah 9.1-4; 1
Corinthians 1. 10-18; Matthew 4.12-23**

Next Week's Readings:

Malachi 3.1-5; Psalm 24.[1-6]7-end;
Hebrews 2.14-end; Luke 2.22-40

Daily Readings:

Matthew 26.1-16 Matthew 26.17-35;
Matthew 26.36-46; Matthew 26.47-56;
Matthew 26.57-end; Matthew 27.1-10
Psalm 26