

## Notices and Forthcoming Events

- Our next **Messy Church** in St Mary's is on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January from 3-5pm. This coincides with the RSPB big garden watch so we hope to spend some time counting birds in the churchyard.
- **Warm in Wedmore** continues next Wednesday and Thursday, pop into the Masonic Hall for coffee, soup and conversation. We'll be open between 10 a.m. and 2.00 p.m. and a different local group will host each week.
- **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.
- **Wednesday Home Group** – This begins again on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January at 7.30pm. New members welcome, please speak to Richard.
- **Christingle 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 24<sup>th</sup> January, at the home of Matthew and Lindy Paul to acknowledge all those who contribute to the life of the church.
- **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](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](mailto:stmarywedmore@gmail.com) or on [wedmorevic@gmail.com](mailto:wedmorevic@gmail.com)
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**Wedmore Isle and Moors Benefice**  
**SUNDAY 18<sup>th</sup> January 2026 Epiphany 2**

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;

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 18<sup>th</sup> January: Epiphany 2**

Holy Trinity	9.15am	Morning Worship	Preb Richard Neill
Holy Cross, Mark	9.15am	Friends and Family Service	LWA
Allerton Church	9.15am	Parish Communion	Revd Tony Connell
St Mary's	10.45am	Parish Communion	Preb Richard Neill
ChristChurch	10.45am	Morning Worship	LWA
St Mary's	6.00pm	Start the Week	Karin Weigold

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January**

The Swan	11.30am	Wardens' Meeting
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**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January**

St Mary's	9.00am	Little Lambs Baby and Toddler Group
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**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January**

St Mary's	9.45am	Midweek Communion
Holy Cross	10.30 am	Coffee Morning
	2.30pm	Home Communion for Peter Popplewell
	7.30pm	Home Group

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January**

Holy Trinity	12.00pm	Internment of ashes of Bessie Kerton
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**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January**

Wedmore Cemetery	11.30am	Internment of ashes of William Agnew
St Mary's	3.00pm	Messy Church
Moor Road Farm	6.30pm	Allerton 'Thank You' Evening

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> 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

## COLLECT

Almighty God,  
in Christ you make all things new:  
transform the poverty of our nature by the  
riches of your grace,  
and in the renewal of our lives  
make known your heavenly glory;  
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

### ISAIAH 49.1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands,  
pay attention, you peoples from far away!  
The Lord called me before I was born,  
while I was in my mother's womb he  
named me.  
He made my mouth like a sharp sword,  
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
he made me a polished arrow,  
in his quiver he hid me away.  
And he said to me, 'You are my servant,  
Israel, in whom I will be glorified.'  
But I said, 'I have laboured in vain,  
I have spent my strength for nothing and  
vanity;  
yet surely my cause is with the Lord,  
and my reward with my God.'  
And now the Lord says,  
who formed me in the womb to be his  
servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him,  
and that Israel might be gathered to him,  
for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord,  
and my God has become my strength—  
he says,  
'It is too light a thing that you should be my  
servant  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
and to restore the survivors of Israel;  
I will give you as a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end of  
the earth.'  
Thus says the Lord,  
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,  
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the  
nations,  
the slave of rulers,  
'Kings shall see and stand up,

princes, and they shall prostrate  
themselves,  
because of the Lord, who is faithful,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen  
you.'

### PSALM 40.1-12

1 I waited patiently for the Lord; ♦  
he inclined to me and heard my cry.  
2 He brought me out of the roaring pit,  
out of the mire and clay; ♦  
he set my feet upon a rock and made my  
footing sure.  
3 He has put a new song in my mouth,  
a song of praise to our God; ♦  
many shall see and fear  
and put their trust in the Lord.  
4 Blessed is the one who trusts in the  
Lord, ♦  
who does not turn to the proud that follow  
a lie.  
5 Great are the wonders you have done, O  
Lord my God.  
How great your designs for us! ♦  
There is none that can be compared with  
you.  
6 If I were to proclaim them and tell of  
them ♦  
they would be more than I am able to  
express.  
7 Sacrifice and offering you do not desire ♦  
but my ears you have opened;  
8 Burnt offering and sacrifice for sin you  
have not required; ♦  
then said I: 'Lo, I come.  
9 'In the scroll of the book it is written of  
me  
that I should do your will, O my God; ♦  
I delight to do it: your law is within my  
heart.'  
10 I have declared your righteousness in  
the great congregation; ♦  
behold, I did not restrain my lips,  
and that, O Lord, you know.  
11 Your righteousness I have not hidden in  
my heart;  
I have spoken of your faithfulness and  
your salvation; ♦  
I have not concealed your loving-kindness  
and truth  
from the great congregation.

12 Do not withhold your compassion from me, O Lord; ♦

let your love and your faithfulness always preserve me

## **EPISTLE**

### **1 CORINTHIANS 1.1-9**

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **GOSPEL**

### **JOHN 1.29-42**

The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, ‘Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, “After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.” I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.’ And John testified, ‘I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, “He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes

with the Holy Spirit.” And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.’ The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, ‘Look, here is the Lamb of God!’ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’ They said to him, ‘Rabbi’ (which translated means Teacher), ‘where are you staying?’ He said to them, ‘Come and see.’ They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, ‘We have found the Messiah’ (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, ‘You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas’ (which is translated Peter).

## **POST COMMUNION**

God of glory,  
you nourish us with your Word  
who is the bread of life:  
fill us with your Holy Spirit  
that through us the light of your glory  
may shine in all the world.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Next Week’s Readings:**

Jeremiah 1.4-10; Psalm 67; Acts 9.1-22;  
Matthew 19.27-end

### **Daily Readings:**

Matthew 24.1-14; Matthew 24.15-28;  
Matthew 24.29-end; Matthew 25.1-13;  
Matthew 25.14-30; Matthew 25.31-end

Psalm 22 vs 22-31