

Notices and Forthcoming Events

- **Warm in Wedmore** continues Wednesday and Thursday until the end of February, 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.
- **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 PCC Tuesday 3rd 7.30pm at Providence House, Grants Lane; 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 sung communion for all five churches hosted by Allerton church at 11am.
- **Allerton Lent Lunch** is on Thursday 19th February at 'Moorland Farm'. Tickets are £6 on the door with a raffle. Proceeds are going to 'Help the Child'. Please contact Johnny Torrens-Spence for more info on 01934 710188
- **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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- Good Neighbours Scheme: 01934 8062

Wedmore Isle and Moors Benefice
SUNDAY 1st February 2026 Candlemas

We thank God for those who work the land and produce our food.
for the ministry of monks and nuns and all who devote their lives to prayer and service.

We pray that our hearts and senses may be attuned to recognize the presence of Christ in unlikely situations and people;
that we may discern God's promised and preferred future for our own lives, our church and our community;
that we may help captivate others with the big story of Gods love;
for the lonely and isolated in our communities.

For all involved in Girl Guiding UK, particularly the leaders and girls of our local groups
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.

What's On This Week?

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	Jon Glauert and Pat Morgan
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

Tuesday 3rd February

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

Wednesday 4th February

St Mary's	9.45am	Midweek Communion
Holy Cross	10.30 am	Coffee Morning
The Cottage, Quab Ln	7.30pm	Home Group

Saturday 7th February

St Mary's	9.30am	Fairtrade Café
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Sunday 8th February: 2 Before Lent

St Mary's	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Preb Richard Neill
St Mary's	5.00pm	Benefice Choral Evensong	All the Revs

COLLECT

God our creator,
who in the beginning
commanded the light to shine out of
darkness:
we pray that the light of the glorious
gospel of Christ
may dispel the darkness of ignorance
and unbelief,
shine into the hearts of all your people,
and reveal the knowledge of your glory
in the face of 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

MALACHI 3.1-5

See, I am sending my messenger to
prepare the way before me, and the Lord
whom you seek will suddenly come to
his temple. The messenger of the
covenant in whom you delight—indeed,
he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But
who can endure the day of his coming,
and who can stand when he appears? For
he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers'
soap; 3he will sit as a refiner and purifier
of silver, and he will purify the
descendants of Levi and refine them like
gold and silver, until they present
offerings to the Lord in righteousness.
Then the offering of Judah and
Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as
in the days of old and as in former years.
Then I will draw near to you for
judgement; I will be swift to bear
witness against the sorcerers, against the
adulterers, against those who swear
falsely, against those who oppress the
hired workers in their wages, the widow,
and the orphan, against those who thrust
aside the alien, and do not fear me, says
the Lord of hosts.

PSALM 24.[1-6]7-10

1 The earth is the Lord's and all that
fills it, ♦
the compass of the world and all who
dwell therein.
2 For he has founded it upon the seas ♦
and set it firm upon the rivers of the
deep.
3 'Who shall ascend the hill of the
Lord, ♦ or who can rise up in his holy
place?'
4 'Those who have clean hands and a
pure heart, ♦ who have not lifted up their
soul to an idol, nor sworn an oath to a
lie;
5 'They shall receive a blessing from
the Lord, ♦ a just reward from the God
of their salvation.'
6 Such is the company of those who
seek him, ♦ of those who seek your
face, O God of Jacob.
7 Lift up your heads, O gates;
be lifted up, you everlasting doors; ♦
and the King of glory shall come in.
8 'Who is the King of glory?' ♦
'The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord who is mighty in battle.'
9 Lift up your heads, O gates;
be lifted up, you everlasting doors; ♦
and the King of glory shall come in.
10 'Who is this King of glory?' ♦
'The Lord of hosts, he is the King of
glory.'

EPISTLE

HEBREWS 2.14-18

Since, therefore, the children share flesh
and blood, he himself likewise shared
the same things, so that through death he
might destroy the one who has the
power of death, that is, the devil, and
free those who all their lives were held
in slavery by the fear of death. For it is
clear that he did not come to help angels,
but the descendants of Abraham.
Therefore he had to become like his
brothers and sisters in every respect, so

that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

GOSPEL

LUKE 2.22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, ‘Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord’), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, ‘a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.’ Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, ‘Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.’ And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, ‘This child is destined for the

falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.’ There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

POST COMMUNION

Generous Lord,
in word and eucharist we have
proclaimed the mystery of your love:
help us so to live out our days
that we may be signs of your wonders in
the world;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Next Week’s Readings:

Genesis 1.1-2.3; Psalm 136; Romans
4.1-5,13-17; John 3.1-17

Daily Readings:

Matthew 27.11-26; Matthew 27.27-44;
Matthew 27.45-56; Matthew 27.57-end;
Matthew 28.1-15; Matthew 28.16-end

Psalm 30