

## Notices and Forthcoming Events

- **Lent Lunches:** All welcome and please contact the host to book a place. 4<sup>th</sup> March David and Anna Knight are holding a lent lunch in aid of Sue Ryder Hospices. Please contact David to book on 01934 712388. Anne Blandford is hosting on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March, please contact on 713045. Heather Banwell is hosting on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March in aid of St Mary's. Please contact Heather to book on 01934 712216.
- **Friends of St Mary's AGM/Skittles/Fish & Chips.** Tuesday 3rd March at The Post & Wicket. Contact David Hopkins if you would like to join in (07984 924432)
- **The Creative Lent Course** continues on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March, 7.15pm until 8.45pm in St Mary's Lady Chapel. There are still spaces available. Please let Sue Smith or Joy know if you are able to attend.
- **Lectio in Lent** – During lent each of our churches will take it in turn to host Compline on a Wednesday evening at 8pm. Each time we will look at the Sunday Gospel reading by prayerfully reading using 'Lectio Divina'. There are flyers in each church.
- **Twelve Olympians Live** – St Mary's welcomes back Richard Bean on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March for an amazing concert of electronic music, featuring his own compositions and favourites Vangelis. Tickets at £10 are available from Wedmore Village Stores and online at [www.universe.com/events/twelve-olympians-live-tickets-59PR67](http://www.universe.com/events/twelve-olympians-live-tickets-59PR67)
- **Holy Cross** welcomes Tim Pitman (AKA the voice of Somerset) for a concert on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March. 7pm for 7.30pm. Tickets are £10 from Eventbrite. Call 01278 641067 for further information.
- 'This year's service for The **World Day of Prayer** on Friday 6th March is being hosted for our local area by St Peter's West Huntspill at 11.00 a.m. The material this year is from Nigeria. All Welcome.'
- **Clash of the Choirs** is back on Saturday 21st March in St Mary's. Ten local choirs battle it out to impress the notoriously unreliable 'Clapometer'. Tickets for this sell-out event are on sale at The Paper Shop or via Eventbrite.
- **Mothering Sunday** is on the 15th March and will be marked with All Age Services at all our Churches and with the usual gifts of flowers. Why not invite friends and family to join you in Church that day
- **Melissa Neill** has been taking the Cancer Research UK 14 dips in February challenge and diving into cold water in Sheffield, if you are able to contribute to her fundraising she will be very grateful. Go to <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/melissas-giving-page-3761>
- Members of Holy Cross will be sad to hear of the death of **Mike Patten**. Mike's funeral will be in church on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 12 noon.
- **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)

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- Vicarage Number: 01934 713566
- Good Neighbours Scheme: 01934 806299

**Wedmore Isle and Moors Benefice**  
**SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> March 2026 Lent 2**

We thank God that he has identified with our experiences and for his power to strengthen and save.

We pray for the wisdom to know our own weaknesses and the strength to withstand temptation;  
 for the grace to use Lent wisely;  
 for those suffering from poverty in our local area and for the work of the Cheddar Valley Foodbank;  
 for our local schools that they may be places where children and young people can flourish

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: Mike Patten (Kingsway, Mark); Peter Brading (King Alfred Way, Wedmore)

**What's On This Week?**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March: Lent 2**

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

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

St Mary's	9.00am	Little Lambs Baby and Toddler Group
Post and Wicket	6.00pm	Friends AGM and Skittles

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March**

St Mary's	9.45am	Midweek Communion
Castle Furlong Farm	12 Noon	Lent Lunch
St Mary's	7.15pm	Creative Lent Course

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March**

Christchurch	8.00pm	Lectio in Lent
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**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March**

St Mary's	7.00pm	Twelve Olympians Concert
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**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March**

St Mary's	9.30am	Fairtrade Café
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**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March: Lent 3**

St Mary's	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Preb Richard Neill
Holy Trinity	9.15am	Worship Together	Revd J Hawes/Preb R Neill
St Mary's	10.45am	Worship Together	Preb Richard Neill
St Mary's	6.00pm	Start the Week	Karin Weigold

## COLLECT

Almighty God,  
by the prayer and discipline of Lent  
may we enter into the mystery of  
Christ's sufferings,  
and by following in his Way  
come to share in his glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## OLD TESTAMENT

### GENESIS 12.1-4a

Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

## PSALM 121

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; ♦  
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the Lord, ♦  
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not suffer your foot to  
stumble; ♦  
he who watches over you will not  
sleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over  
Israel ♦  
shall neither slumber nor sleep.
- 5 The Lord himself watches over  
you; ♦  
the Lord is your shade at your right  
hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you  
by day, ♦  
neither the moon by night.

7 The Lord shall keep you from all  
evil; ♦

it is he who shall keep your soul.

8 The Lord shall keep watch over your  
going out

and your coming in, ♦

from this time forth for evermore.

## EPISTLE

### ROMANS 4.1-5,13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

## **GOSPEL**

### **JOHN 3.1-17**

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, ‘Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.’ Jesus answered him, ‘Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.’ Nicodemus said to him, ‘How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?’ Jesus answered, ‘Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, “You must be born from above.” The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.’ Nicodemus said to him, ‘How can these things be?’ Jesus answered him, ‘Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? ‘Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the

one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ‘For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ‘Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

## **POST COMMUNION**

Almighty God,  
you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves;  
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,  
and inwardly in our souls;  
that we may be defended from all adversities  
which may happen to the body,  
and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Next Week’s Readings:**

Exodus 17 1-7

Psalm 95

Romans 5 1-11

John 4 5-42

### **Daily Readings:**

Hebrews 1; Hebrews 2.1-9; Hebrews 2.10-end; Hebrews 3.1-6; Hebrews 3.7-end; Hebrews 4.1-13

Psalm 42