

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.
- **February PCC meetings:** Holy Cross 19th at 7pm & Holy Trinity Thursday 25th at 6pm.
- **Ash Wednesday** is this coming week 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
- **St Mary's Lent Lunches** – Could you host a soup lunch during lent in aid of a charity of your choice? If so please contact Laura to book a date.
- **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** starts on Wednesday 18th Feb, 7.30pm until 9.00pm in the Lady Chapel. There are three sessions - 18th Feb, 4th March and 18th March. All welcome and no artistic ability required! 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 6th 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
- If you have old **palm crosses** please return them to St Mary's Church or The Vicarage by Tuesday morning 17th February so they can be turned into ash for use on Ash Wednesday.
- '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.'
- Thank you to those who came to **Midday Music** last weekend at Theale. £208 was raised for Christchurch.
- Thank you also to everyone who contributed to a wonderful **Choral Evensong** and meal afterwards.
- **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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Wedmore Isle and Moors Benefice
SUNDAY 15th February 2026 1 Before Lent

We thank God for glimpses of glory and moments of grace.
 We pray 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 all who are weighed down and anxious that they may know peace;
 for world leaders at this time of anxiety and uncertainty that they may be given wisdom, humility and a passion for justice.
 That the school half term may be a time of rest and refreshment for children and staff.

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 15th February: 1 Before Lent

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

Wednesday 18th February: Ash Wednesday

St Mary's	9.45am	Midweek Communion
Allerton Church	11.00am	Sung Benefice Communion
	2.30pm	Home Communion for Peter Popplewell
St Mary's	7.30pm	Creative Lent Course

Thursday 19th February

Moorlands Farm	12 noon	Allerton Lent Lunch
Uplands House	7.30pm	Mark PCC

Saturday 21st February

Theale Village Hall	10.00am	Theale Community Café
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Sunday 22nd February: Lent 1

Holy Trinity	9.15am	Sunday Breakfast	Preb Richard Neill
Holy Cross, Mark	9.15am	Parish Communion	Revd Tony Connell
Allerton Church	9.15am	Morning Worship	LWA
St Mary's	10.45am	Morning Worship	Claire Gelder/Mary Clark
ChristChurch	10.45am	Parish Communion	Preb R Neill/Revd E Wills

COLLECT

Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the
cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer
with him
and be changed into his likeness, from
glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

OLD TESTAMENT

EXODUS 24.12–18

The Lord said to Moses, ‘Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.’ So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, ‘Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.’ Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

PSALM 2

1 Why are the nations in tumult, ♦
and why do the peoples devise a vain
plot?
2 The kings of the earth rise up,
and the rulers take counsel
together, ♦
against the Lord and against his
anointed:
3 ‘Let us break their bonds asunder ♦
and cast away their cords from us.’
4 He who dwells in heaven shall laugh
them to scorn; ♦
the Lord shall have them in derision.
5 Then shall he speak to them in his
wrath ♦
and terrify them in his fury:
6 ‘Yet have I set my king ♦
upon my holy hill of Zion.’
7 I will proclaim the decree of the
Lord; ♦
he said to me: ‘You are my Son; this
day have I begotten you.
8 ‘Ask of me and I will give you the
nations for your inheritance ♦
and the ends of the earth for your
possession.
9 ‘You shall break them with a rod of
iron ♦
and dash them in pieces like a
potter’s vessel.’
10 Now therefore be wise, O kings; ♦
be prudent, you judges of the earth.
11 Serve the Lord with fear, and with
trembling kiss his feet, ♦
lest he be angry and you perish from
the way,
for his wrath is quickly kindled.
12 Happy are all they ♦
who take refuge in him

EPISTLE

2 PETER 1.16–21

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, ‘This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.’ We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 17.1–9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, ‘Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I

will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.’ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!’ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, ‘Get up and do not be afraid.’ And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, ‘Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.

POST COMMUNION

Holy God,

we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:

may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save.

This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Next Week’s Readings:

Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7; Psalm 32;
Romans 5.12-19; Matthew 4.1-11

Daily Readings:

Galatians 1; Galatians 2.1-10; 1 Timothy
6.6-19 ; Galatians 2.11-end; Galatians
3.1-14; Galatians 3.15-22

Psalm 39