

## 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.
- **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 10<sup>th</sup> May at Evensong in the Cathedral.
- **February PCC meetings:** Christchurch Theale Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> at 3pm; Allerton 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm; Holy Cross 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm & Holy Trinity Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.
- **Ash Wednesday** is 18<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> March at The Post & Wicket. Contact David Hopkins if you would like to join in (07984 924432)
- **Creative Lent Course** - do join this year's lent course in which we creatively explore the mystery and surprise of faith, based on Jesus' words "... unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit." No artistic expertise is required, just openness to explore together and have a go. The course is facilitated by Sue Smith and Joy Hawes and all are welcome. Numbers are limited so please speak to Joy or Sue to book a place.
- **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'. Details in churches soon.
- **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)
- **Online services and contact details**

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

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**Wedmore Isle and Moors Benefice**  
**SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> February 2026 2 Before Lent**

We thank God that his love and offer of salvation are for everyone.  
 For our life together as five churches and one benefice.

We pray for those we know and love whom we long to see come to faith  
 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.  
 For the leaders of our local schools – Shelley Kent, Matt Drew, Ollie Laken  
 and Jo Cowper.

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 8<sup>th</sup> 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

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February**

St Mary's	9.00am	Little Lambs Baby and Toddler Group
	3.00pm	Christchurch PCC
	7.30pm	Allerton PCC

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February**

St Mary's	9.45am	Midweek Communion
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**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February**

St Mary's	12.30pm	The Tea Set Lunch
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**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February**

St Mary's	10.00am	Visiting Bellringers
Holy Trinity	10.00am	Blackford Churchyard Working Group

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> 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

## COLLECT

Almighty God,  
you have created the heavens and  
the earth  
and made us in your own image:  
teach us to discern your hand in all  
your works  
and your likeness in all your  
children;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our  
Lord,  
who with you and the Holy Spirit  
reigns supreme over all things,  
now and for ever.

## OLD TESTAMENT

### Genesis 1.1 – 2.3

(Text too long to be included)

## PSALM 136

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is  
gracious, ♦  
for his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Give thanks to the God of  
gods, ♦  
for his mercy endures for ever.
- 3 Give thanks to the Lord of  
lords, ♦  
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 4 Who alone does great wonders, ♦  
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 5 Who by wisdom made the  
heavens, ♦  
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 6 Who laid out the earth upon the  
waters, ♦  
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 7 Who made the great lights, ♦  
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 8 The sun to rule the day, ♦

- for his mercy endures for ever;
- 9 The moon and the stars to govern  
the night, ♦  
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 23 Who remembered us when we  
were in trouble, ♦  
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 24 And delivered us from our  
enemies, ♦  
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 25 Who gives food to all  
creatures, ♦  
for his mercy endures for ever.
- 26 Give thanks to the God of  
heaven, ♦  
for his mercy endures for ever.

## EPISTLE

### Romans 8.18–25

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were

saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

## **GOSPEL**

### **Matthew 6.25–34**

‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What

will we wear?” For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

‘So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

## **POST COMMUNION**

God our creator,  
by your gift  
the tree of life was set at the heart  
of the earthly paradise,  
and the bread of life at the heart of  
your Church:  
may we who have been nourished  
at your table on earth  
be transformed by the glory of the  
Saviour’s cross  
and enjoy the delights of eternity;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Next Week’s Readings:**

Exodus 24.12-18; Psalm 2; 2 Peter 1.16-21; Matthew 17.1-9

### **Daily Readings:**

2 Timothy 4.1-8; 2 Timothy 4.9-end;  
Titus 1; Titus 2; Titus 3; Philemon

Psalm 34 vs 1-15