

Notices and Forthcoming Events

- **Holy Week** - services will be spread across the five Churches. A sheet detailing Holy week services is in each Church please contact Stmarywedmore@gmail.com or sign down in church if you hope to come to the **bring and share supper** with communion in Blackford Village Hall on Maundy Thursday and/or the **Sunrise Service** on Easter Sunday at Christchurch.
- Please note dates for **Annual Church Meetings**: St Mary's – Sunday 26th April; Holy Cross – Sunday 10th May; Christchurch – Tuesday 21st April; Allerton - Tuesday 12th May; Holy Trinity -Tuesday 28th April.
- **Easter Flowers** – If you would like to donate towards Easter flowers at St Mary's in memory of a loved one. Please speak to Liz Anderson. For Holy Cross please speak to Heather Popham.
- **This Sunday is Palm Sunday** it will be a benefice service in Holy Cross Mark. For those who would like to join the procession meet at **White Horse Inn at 10.00 am**. The procession will arrive at Holy Cross Church at **10.30 am** for a service of Holy Communion. **Holy Week** - as usual Holy week services will be spread across the five Churches.
- **Church Electoral Roll** – As we prepare for annual meetings it's time to confirm electoral roll numbers. If you don't think you are on the roll for your church and want to join please contact your electoral roll officer. These are Don Gaudoin (Wedmore), Philip Bevan (Allerton), Elizabeth Coulter (Theale), David Sisson (Blackford) and Joan Thompson (Mark). Electoral roll forms are available in each church and need to be completed and returned by the middle of April either to church or directly to the electoral roll officer.
- **Allerton Plant and Cake Sale** is on Saturday 18th April 10am-12.30pm. If you have any surplus plants and shrubs that can be sold, please contact Johnny Torrens Spence who will happily collect them.
- **Wedmore Repair Café** returns to Wedmore Village Hall on Saturday 11th April – your opportunity to bring along items that need fixing. Lisa Hall is running the coffee and cakes and is looking for helpers and cake makers. Please contact wedmorevicarage@gmail.com if you can help.

- **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)

- You can contact us via email: stmarywedmore@gmail.com or on wedmorevic@gmail.com
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Wedmore Isle and Moors Benefice
SUNDAY 29th March 2026 Palm Sunday

We thank God that Jesus's royalty is revealed through his servanthood;
 We pray for the different faith communities that occupy Jerusalem and those who still make the Holy City a battle ground;
 that we may walk the way of the cross with Jesus through Holy Week;
 that we may discern God's promised and preferred future for our own lives, our church and our community;
 for those working in our hospitals;
 that the conflict in The Gulf and Middle East can be resolved peacefully and swiftly;
 for those suffering from poverty in our local area and for the work of the Cheddar Valley Foodbank;

The Sick: from our community –Michael (Red) Redman, Claire Clement, John Horne, Jean Winter, Noreen Stott, Thomas Hole, George Osbourne and others for whom we have been asked to pray - Jamie Trotham, Anne Dyer, Ruth Dyer, and Elizabeth Nicholls.

RIP: Liz Merryfield (Formerly of Blackford); Jon Pickles (The Causeway, Mark)

What's On This Week?

Sunday 29th March: Palm Sunday

White Horse Mark	10.00am	Palm Sunday Procession	Preb Richard Neill
Holy Cross Mark	10.30am	Palm Sunday Service	Preb R Neill/Revd T Connell

Monday 30th March

Cheddar Catholic Church	7.00pm	Stations of the Cross
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Tuesday 31st March

St Mary's	9.00am	Little Lambs Baby and Toddler
Holy Cross	6.30pm	Lenten Peace

Wednesday 1st April

St Mary's	9.45am	Midweek Communion
St Mary's	10.30am	Wedmore First School Easter Rehearsal
St Mary's	8.00pm	Holy Week Compline

Thursday 2nd April

Holy Trinity	All Day	Hugh Sexeys Easter Services
St Mary's	1.45pm	Wedmore First School Easter Service
Blackford V. Hall	6.00pm	Bring and Share Supper and Communion

Friday 3rd April

St Mary's	10.00am	Stations of the Cross
Christchurch	10.00am	Walk to Bagley Baptist Church
Allerton Church	2.00pm	An hour of the Cross

Saturday 4th April

St Mary's	9.30am	Fairtrade Cafe
St Mary's	8.30pm	Easter Vigil

Sunday 5th April: Easter Day

Christchurch	6.15am	Sunrise Service	Preb R Neill/Revd E Wills
Holy Trinity	9.15am	Parish Communion	Preb Richard Neill
Allerton Church	9.15am	Parish Communion	Revd Joy Hawes
Holy Cross Mark	9.15am	Parish Communion	Revd Tony Connell
St Mary's	10.45am	Parish Communion and Seekers	Preb Richard Neill
Christchurch	10.45am	Parish Communion	Revd Eddie Wills

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards
the human race
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus
Christ
to take upon him our flesh
and to suffer death upon the cross:
grant that we may follow the
example of his patience and
humility,
and also be made partakers of his
resurrection;
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 50.4–9a

The Lord God has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.
The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backwards.
I gave my back to those who
struck me,
and my cheeks to those who
pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.
The Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been
disgraced;

therefore I have set my face
like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put
to shame;
he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
It is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?
All of them will wear out like a
garment;
the moth will eat them up.

EPISTLE

PHILIPPIANS 2.5–11

Let the same mind be in you that
was in Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form
of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point
of death—
even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly
exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under
the earth,

and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father

PALM SUNDAY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 21.1-11

When they had come near
Jerusalem and had reached
Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives,
Jesus sent two disciples, saying to
them, 'Go into the village ahead of
you, and immediately you will find
a donkey tied, and a colt with her;
untie them and bring them to me. If
anyone says anything to you, just
say this, "The Lord needs them."
And he will send them
immediately.' This took place to
fulfil what had been spoken
through the prophet, saying,
'Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on
a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of
a donkey.'

The disciples went and did as Jesus
had directed them; they brought the
donkey and the colt, and put their
cloaks on them, and he sat on
them. A very large crowd spread
their cloaks on the road, and others
cut branches from the trees and
spread them on the road. The
crowds that went ahead of him and
that followed were shouting,

'Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in
the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

When he entered Jerusalem, the
whole city was in turmoil, asking,
'Who is this?' The crowds were
saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus
from Nazareth in Galilee

PASSION GOSPEL

MATTHEW 27.11-54

*Today's Gospel reading is very
long, so there is not enough room
to print it here.*

POST COMMUNION

Lord Jesus Christ,
you humbled yourself in taking the
form of a servant,
and in obedience died on the cross
for our salvation:
give us the mind to follow you
and to proclaim you as Lord and
King,
to the glory of God the Father.

Next Week's Readings:

Acts 10.34-43; Psalm 118.1-2,14-24;
Colossians 3.1-4; John 20.1-18

Daily Readings:

Luke 22.1-23; Luke 22.[24-38]39-53;
Luke 22.54-end; Luke 23.1-25; Hebrews
10.1-10' John 2.18-22

Psalm 56