

Notices and Forthcoming Events

- **Lent Lunches:** All welcome and please contact the host to book a place. Anne Blandford is hosting on Wednesday 18th March in aid of Cheddar Valley Foodbank, please contact on 713045. **Please note the change of date.** Heather Banwell is hosting on Thursday 26th March in aid of St Mary's. Please contact Heather to book on 01934 712216.
- **Thank you** to everyone who has provided posies and flowers for 'Mothers and others' at our services this weekend.
- **The Creative Lent Course** finishes on Wednesday 18th 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'. This week we will be at Allerton Church.
- **Holy Cross** welcomes Tim Pitman (AKA the voice of Somerset) for a concert on Friday 20th March. 7pm for 7.30pm. Tickets are £10 from Eventbrite. Call 01278 641067 for further information.
- **Clash of the Choirs** has a few tickets remaining in the paper shop and Eventbrite. Ten local choirs battle it out to impress the notoriously unreliable 'Clapometer'.
- **Thank you** to everyone who supported Melissa Neill's cold water fundraising for Cancer Research UK. £390 has been raised in total.
- The legal process to create the new benefice is now underway, thankfully. It will take a few months before everything is signed off by the powers that be. There should be a letter detailing the scheme in each church.
- **Local Mezzo soprano Ester Kosar** is in concert in St Mary's on Saturday 28th March, 7pm. 'An evening serenade with voice, piano and violin. Tickets are £20 with under 21's free. Please pay cash on the door. There will be complimentary food and drinks available at the beginning and in the interval.
- Look out for flyers in church detailing what is happening across our benefice during **Holy Week**. There will be services each day at one of our churches.
- 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 – TBA at the moment.
- 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.

- **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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- Good Neighbours Scheme: 01934 806299

Wedmore Isle and Moors Benefice
SUNDAY 15th March 2026 Lent 4/Mothering Sunday

We thank God for the role of our mother church in our Christian nurture;
for our own mothers;
We pray for those whose relationship with their mothers is troubled or who have no
mother;
that the conflict in The Gulf and Middle East can be resolved peacefully
and swiftly;
for those we know who are trapped in the Middle East;
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, and others for whom we
have been asked to pray - Jamie Trotham, Anne Dyer, Ruth Dyer, and
Elizabeth Nicholls.
RIP: Gladys Baxter (Danes Lea)

What's On This Week?

Sunday 15th March: Lent 4

Holy Trinity	9.15am	Morning Worship	Mary Clark
Allerton	9.15am	All Age Communion	Preb Richard Neill
Holy Cross Mark	9.15am	Café Church	LWA
St Mary's	10.45am	All Age Communion	Preb Richard Neill
Christchurch	10.45am	Morning Worship	Revd Tony Connell
St Mary's	6.00pm	Start the Week	Claire Gelder

Monday 16th March

Holy Cross Mark	12 noon	Funeral of Mike Patten
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Tuesday 17th March

St Mary's	9.00am	Little Lambs Baby and Toddler
St Mary's	12.30pm	Funeral of Gladys Baxter

Wednesday 18th March

St Mary's	9.45am	Midweek Communion
Damson Cottage	12 noon	Lent Lunch
	2.30pm	Home Communion for Peter Popplewell
St Mary's	7.15pm	Creative Lent Course

Thursday 19th March

Allerton Church	8.00pm	Lectio in Lent
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Friday 20th March

Holy Cross Mark	7.00pm	Tim Pitman Concert
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Saturday 21st March

Theale V.Hall	10.00am	Theale Community Café
St Mary's	5.30pm	Clash of the Choirs

Sunday 22nd March: Lent 5

Holy Trinity	9.15am	Sunday Breakfast	Venetia Hopkins
Allerton	9.15am	Morning Worship	Johnny Torrens Spence
Holy Cross Mark	9.15am	Parish Communion	Preb Richard Neill
St Mary's	10.45am	Morning Worship	Revd Eddie Wills/Claire Gelder
Christchurch	10.45am	Parish Communion	Preb Richard Neill

COLLECT

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child
of Mary,
shared the life of a home in
Nazareth, and on the cross drew
the whole human family to
himself:
strengthen us in our daily living
that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your
presence to bind together and to
heal;
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

EXODUS 2.1–10

Now a man from the house of Levi
went and married a Levite
woman. The woman conceived and
bore a son; and when she saw that
he was a fine baby, she hid him for
three months. When she could hide
him no longer she got a papyrus
basket for him, and plastered it
with bitumen and pitch; she put the
child in it and placed it among the
reeds on the bank of the river. His
sister stood at a distance, to see
what would happen to him.
The daughter of Pharaoh came
down to bathe at the river, while
her attendants walked beside the
river. She saw the basket among
the reeds and sent her maid to bring

it. When she opened it, she saw the
child. He was crying, and she took
pity on him. ‘This must be one of
the Hebrews’ children,’ she
said. Then his sister said to
Pharaoh’s daughter, ‘Shall I go and
get you a nurse from the Hebrew
women to nurse the child for
you?’ Pharaoh’s daughter said to
her, ‘Yes.’ So the girl went and
called the child’s
mother. Pharaoh’s daughter said to
her, ‘Take this child and nurse it for
me, and I will give you your
wages.’ So the woman took the
child and nursed it. When the child
grew up, she brought him to
Pharaoh’s daughter, and she took
him as her son. She named him
Moses, ‘because’, she said, ‘I drew
him out of the water.’

PSALM

PSALM 34.11–20

11 Come, my children, and listen
to me; ♦

I will teach you the fear of the
Lord.

12 Who is there who delights in
life ♦

and longs for days to enjoy good
things?

13 Keep your tongue from evil ♦
and your lips from lying words.

14 Turn from evil and do good; ♦
seek peace and pursue it.

15 The eyes of the Lord are upon
the righteous ♦

and his ears are open to their cry.

16 The face of the Lord is against

those who do evil, ♦

to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

17 The righteous cry and the Lord hears them ♦

and delivers them out of all their troubles.

18 The Lord is near to the brokenhearted ♦

and will save those who are crushed in spirit.

19 Many are the troubles of the righteous; ♦

from them all will the Lord deliver them.

20 He keeps all their bones, ♦
so that not one of them is broken.

EPISTLE

2 CORINTHIANS 1.3–7

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also

suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

GOSPEL

JOHN 4.5-42

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.'

POST COMMUNION

Loving God,
as a mother feeds her children at the breast
you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life:
help us who have tasted your goodness
to grow in grace within the household of faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Next Week's Readings:

Ezekiel 37.1-14; Psalm 30; Romans 8.6-11; John 11.1-45

Daily Readings:

Hebrews 9.1-14; Hebrews 9.15-end;
Hebrews 10.1-18; Matthew 13.54-end;
Hebrews 10.26-end; Hebrews 11.1-16

Psalm 48