

Notices and Forthcoming Events

- **Annual Church Meetings:** Kick off next Sunday with St Mary's followed by Christchurch and Holy Trinity on Tuesday 28th April at 7pm, Holy Cross on Sunday 10th May and Allerton on Tuesday 12th May at 7pm. The booklet for St Mary's APCM are in church and those for Mark APCM will be available by 3rd May.
- All five **PCCs** will be meeting together on **Tuesday 5th May**. The focus will be on supporting our local schools and we will hear from a headteacher.
- **Open Doors** is a charity that supports and advocates for Christians across the world who experience discrimination and persecution. It is a charity supported by St Mary's and on **Sunday 3rd May we welcome Ron Cross** to Café Church to share something of the work of Open Doors and the difference that donations make.
- **St Mary's Tower Tours** will take place on Monday 4th May from 10am. Entry will be £7 per person including tea and cakes. Children must be 8+ and accompanied by an adult. For further information contact dahopkins@aol.com or on 07984 924432.
- We have **two pilgrimage walks** in May to look forward to. The annual churches together pilgrimage from Cheddar to Wells is on Saturday 9th May. On Sunday 17th May we are hoping to have a parish walk for rogation tide, with groups setting off from Mark, Allerton, Theale and Blackford following short services and walking to St Mary's for a joint service. Further details soon.
- The **Wednesday Home Group** continues on Wednesday 22nd April at The Cottage, Quab Lane. New members are welcome, we will be looking at Gracious Dialogue – A guide to listening and speaking well about Israel and Palestine. Please speak to Richard if you want to join us.
- Tickets for the various events at the Wedmore Festival are on sale. St Mary's will once again be hosting a display of local art throughout the week. There are two further events in church. Liam is accompanying the silent movie version of The Phantom of the Opera on Saturday 16th May with the Wedmore Ensemble of Catherine, Liz, Margaret, Hannah and Liam playing on Sunday 17th May.
- Next week Holy Cross welcomes Olivia Wilmott and her family and friends for her christening.

- **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 19th April 2026 Easter 3

We thank God for the gift of himself through the scriptures and bread and wine.
 We pray that our homes may be full of hope;
 that we may always be open to learn from those who are different to us
 for a demonstration of our Easter faith;
 for those suffering from poverty in our local area and for the work of the
 Cheddar Valley Foodbank;
 that we may discern God's promised and preferred future for our own
 lives, our church and our community;
 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
 and Elizabeth Nicholls.
 RIP: Barbara Sweet (Blakeway)

What's On This Week?

Sunday 19th April: Easter 3

Holy Trinity	9.15am	Morning Praise	Revd Eddie Wills
Holy Cross	9.15am	Friends and Family Service	Pat and Yolanda
Allerton Church	9.15am	Parish Communion	Revd Joy Hawes
St Mary's	10.45am	Parish Communion	Revd Joy Hawes
Christchurch	10.45am	Morning Praise	Revd Eddie Wills
St Mary's	6.00pm	Start the Week	Karin Weigold

Tuesday 21st April

St Mary's	9.00am	Little Lambs baby and toddler group
Holy Cross Mark	11.00am	Funeral of Paul Gowan

Wednesday 22nd April

St Mary's	9.45am	Midweek Communion
	3.00pm	Home Communion for Paul and Iris Rowlett

Saturday 25th April

Grove Deli	9.00am	Friends of St Mary's committee meeting
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Sunday 26th April: Easter 4

Holy Trinity	9.15am	Sunday Breakfast	TBA
Allerton Church	9.15am	Morning Praise	Matthew Paul
Holy Cross	9.15am	Parish Communion & Baptism	Preb Richard Neill
St Mary's	10.45am	Morning Worship & APCM	Claire Gelder
Christchurch	10.45am	Parish Communion	Preb Richard Neill

COLLECT

Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened
the disciples

with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his
presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and
sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in
righteousness and truth;
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.

NEW TESTAMENT

ACTS 2.14a,36-41

But Peter, standing with the eleven,
raised his voice and addressed them:
'Men of Judea and all who live in
Jerusalem, let this be known to you,
and listen to what I say. Therefore let
the entire house of Israel know with
certainty that God has made him both
Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom
you crucified.'

Now when they heard this, they were
cut to the heart and said to Peter and
to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what
should we do?' Peter said to them,
'Repent, and be baptized every one of
you in the name of Jesus Christ so
that your sins may be forgiven; and
you will receive the gift of the Holy
Spirit. For the promise is for you, for
your children, and for all who are far
away, everyone whom the Lord our
God calls to him.' And he testified
with many other arguments and
exhorted them, saying, 'Save
yourselves from this corrupt
generation.' So those who welcomed

his message were baptized, and that
day about three thousand persons
were added.

EPISTLE

1 PETER 1.17-23

If you invoke as Father the one who
judges all people impartially
according to their deeds, live in
reverent fear during the time of your
exile. You know that you were
ransomed from the futile ways
inherited from your ancestors, not
with perishable things like silver or
gold, but with the precious blood of
Christ, like that of a lamb without
defect or blemish. He was destined
before the foundation of the world,
but was revealed at the end of the
ages for your sake. Through him you
have come to trust in God, who raised
him from the dead and gave him
glory, so that your faith and hope are
set on God. Now that you have
purified your souls by your obedience
to the truth so that you have genuine
mutual love, love one another deeply
from the heart. You have been born
anew, not of perishable but of
imperishable seed, through the living
and enduring word of God.

GOSPEL

LUKE 24.13-35

Now on that same day two of the
disciples were going to a village
called Emmaus, about seven miles
from Jerusalem, and talking with each
other about all these things that had
happened. While they were talking
and discussing, Jesus himself came
near and went with them, but their
eyes were kept from recognizing him.
And he said to them, 'What are you

discussing with each other while you walk along?’ They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, ‘Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?’ He asked them, ‘What things?’ They replied, ‘The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place.

Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.’ Then he said to them, ‘Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?’ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, ‘Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.’ So

he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, ‘Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?’ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, ‘The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!’ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

POST COMMUNION

Living God,
your Son made himself known to his disciples
in the breaking of bread:
open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in all his
redeeming work;
who is alive and reigns, now and for
ever.

Next Week’s Readings:

Acts 2:42-47

Psalm 23

1 Peter 2:19-25

Luke 10.1-10

Daily Readings:

Luke 1.1-25; Luke 1.26-38; Luke 1.39-56; Ephesians 6.10-20; Luke 2.1-20;

Acts 12.25-13.13

Psalm