

Notices and Forthcoming Events

- **Annual Church Meetings:** This Sunday is 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 19th 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 29th April at 7, The Lerburne. 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.
- This week **Holy Cross welcomes** Olivia Wilmott and her family and friends for her christening.
- Lynne Duckett's annual **coffee morning** is being held on Monday 4th May at Mark Village Hall. Entrance is £2.50, all proceeds go to Cancer Research. 10am – 12 noon. There are plants, raffle, craft, books, puzzles and coffee and cake. There is a local folk group entertaining as well!
- **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 26th April 2026 Easter 4

We thank God for Jesus Christ the Good Shepherd
 We pray for those who are unable to enjoy life in all its fullness;
 that our non Christian friends and family may come to faith;
 for Olivia Wilmott as she is baptised into God's church;
 for Larry and Shelly as they prepare for their wedding;
 that God will raise up from among us men and women to public ministry 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;

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 26th April: Easter 4

Holy Trinity	9.15am	Sunday Breakfast	
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

Tuesday 28th April

St Mary's	9.00am	Little Lambs baby and toddler group
Holy Trinity	7.00pm	Holy Trinity APCM
Christchurch	7.00pm	Christchurch APCM

Wednesday 29th April

St Mary's	9.45am	Midweek Communion
St Mary's	10.30am	St Mary's Walking Group
Bagley Baptist Church	11.00am	Christchurch Fellowship Group

Friday 1st May

Holy Cross	2.00pm	Wedding of Larry and Shelly
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Saturday 2nd May

St Mary's	9.30am	Fairtrade Café
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Sunday 3rd May: Easter 5

Holy Trinity	9.15am	Parish Communion	Revd Eddie Wills
Allerton Church	9.15am	Family Service	Preb R Neill/Jane Midgley
Holy Cross	9.15am	Morning Worship	LWA
St Mary's	10.45am	Café Church, Guest Speaker	Preb R Neill
Christchurch	10.45am	Parish Communion	Revd Eddie Wills
Holy Cross	12.45pm	Baptism of Robbie Clipson	
St Mary's	6.00pm	Start the Week	Venetia Hopkins

COLLECT

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the
resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of
righteousness,
that we may seek those things
which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

NEW TESTAMENT

ACTS 2.42.-47

They devoted themselves to the
apostles' teaching and fellowship,
to the breaking of bread and the
prayers.
Awe came upon everyone, because
many wonders and signs were
being done by the apostles. All who
believed were together and had all
things in common; they would sell
their possessions and goods and
distribute the proceeds to all, as any
had need. Day by day, as they spent
much time together in the temple,
they broke bread at home and ate
their food with glad and generous
hearts, praising God and having the
goodwill of all the people. And day
by day the Lord added to their
number those who were being
saved.

PSALM 23

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; ♦
therefore can I lack nothing.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green
pastures ♦
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He shall refresh my soul ♦
and guide me in the paths of
righteousness for his name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the
valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil; ♦
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they
comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me
in the presence of those who
trouble me; ♦
you have anointed my head with
oil
and my cup shall be full.
- 6 Surely goodness and loving
mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life, ♦
and I will dwell in the house of
the Lord for ever.

EPISTLE

1 PETER 2.19-25

For it is to your credit if, being
aware of God, you endure pain
while suffering unjustly. If you
endure when you are beaten for
doing wrong, where is the credit in
that? But if you endure when you
do right and suffer for it, you have
God's approval. For to this you
have been called, because Christ
also suffered for you, leaving you

an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

‘He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.’

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

GOSPEL

JOHN 10.1-10

‘Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.’ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

POST COMMUNION

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Next Week’s Readings:

Acts 7.55-60

Psalms 31.1-5, 15-16

1 Peter 2.2-10

John 14.1-14

Daily Readings:

Luke 2.41-end; Luke 3.1-14; Luke 13.15-22; Luke 4.1-13; James 1.1-12;
Luke 4.31-37

Psalms 76