

Notices and Forthcoming Events

- **Annual Church Meetings:** Allerton on Tuesday 19th May at 7pm.
- This Sunday is the **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.
- The **Wednesday Home Group** is meeting for a social gathering with Middle Eastern food on Thursday 4th June at 8pm in The Vicarage.
- **Wedmore Festival** concludes this Sunday with the Wedmore Ensemble of Liz, Catherine, Margaret and Hannah all of St Mary's on Sunday 17th May at 4pm.
- There is **No Start the Week** this Sunday.
- **Lynne Duckett's Coffee morning** to raise money for Cancer Research on Bank Holiday Monday raised £1,485.94.
- A big thank you to everyone who helped with **St Mary's Tower Tours**. It was a great success with over 70 visitors climbing the tower!
- Now that our chairs in St Mary's are no longer pews, we need to make a decision about which **kneelers** need to be kept. If there are any that bear a special meaning to you, please feel free to take them home or pop them in the special basket in church. Some of them will be repurposed into book holders for the chairs.
- **St Mary's** is having a **Spring Clean** on Wednesday 20th May. Starting with coffee and biscuits at 10.45 followed by 2 hours of cleaning max. Now that the reordering is complete we are going to dust, Hoover and mop the nave in readiness for a wedding on the 23rd and we will do some of the other areas if there is enough people and time. If you are able to help please let me know Heather Hector.
- **Christchurch** are reverting back to starting their service at 11am from 7 June.
- **Safeguarding Training** is coming up on 11th June in the evening (time and venue tbc). Please all save the date if you are on the PCC and have not completed it. It is open to all. Please let Laura know if you can attend.
- For those of you who are not yet confirmed, have you thought about making that commitment and being confirmed in the promises made at baptism? **If you want to know more or are interested in being confirmed** come along to an initial meeting on Monday 15th June at 7pm in The Vicarage. The confirmation service will be in Wells Cathedral on Saturday 7th November.
- **Thy Kingdom Come** – Between Ascension and Pentecost we are encouraged to pray for five friends or family members whom we would love to see come to faith. Throughout this period also ministers from across the Cheddar Valley are meeting each morning to pray. On Monday we are in St Mary's at 9.15 a.m. All are welcome to join us.
- • **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 17th May 2026 Easter 7

We thank God for the unity we have in Christ;
that Jesus can live in us through his Holy Spirit.

We pray for the mission of our churches that we may grow in numbers and depth of spirituality;
for young people taking A Level, GCSE and university exams;
for refugees and all who are displaced because of poverty or violence;
for those who are scarred or threatened by domestic abuse;
for the elderly and vulnerable living in care homes and for those who care for them;
that God will raise up from among us men and women to public ministry;
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.

Sunday 17th May: Easter 7

Allerton	9.15am	Said Communion
Holy Trinity	10.30am	Walkers Prayers
Holy Cross	9.15am	Walkers Prayers
St Mary's	12 noon	Communion
Christchurch	10.00am	Walkers Prayers

Monday 18th May

St Mary's	9.15am	Thy Kingdom Come Prayers
St Mary's	3.00pm	Burial of Ashes of Victoria Steel

Tuesday 19th May

St Mary's	9.00am	Little Lambs baby and toddler group
	7.30pm	Allerton APCM

Wednesday 20th May

St Mary's	9.45am	Midweek Communion
	2.30pm	Home Communion for Peter Popplewell

Thursday 21st May

St Mary's	5.30pm	Wedding rehearsal
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Saturday 23rd May

St Mary's	12.30pm	Wedding of Jane Seymour and Benjamin Thomas
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Sunday 24th May: Pentecost

Allerton	9.15am	Morning Worship	Matthew Paul
Holy Trinity	9.15am	Sunday Breakfast	Revd Joy Hawes
Holy Cross	9.15am	Parish Communion	Revd Tony Connell
St Mary's	10.45am	Morning Worship	Mary Clark/Claire Gelder
Christchurch	10.45am	Parish Communion	Revd Eddie Wills

COLLECT

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus
Christ with great triumph to your
kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not
comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit
to strengthen us and exalt us to the
place where our Saviour Christ is gone
before, who is alive and reigns with
you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

NEW TESTAMENT

ACTS 1.6-14

So when they had come together, they
asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when
you will restore the kingdom to
Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to
know the times or periods that the Father
has set by his own authority. But you
will receive power when the Holy Spirit
has come upon you; and you will be my
witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and
Samaria, and to the ends of the
earth.' When he had said this, as they
were watching, he was lifted up, and a
cloud took him out of their sight. While
he was going and they were gazing up
towards heaven, suddenly two men in
white robes stood by them. They said,
'Men of Galilee, why do you stand
looking up towards heaven? This Jesus,
who has been taken up from you into
heaven, will come in the same way as
you saw him go into heaven.'

Then they returned to Jerusalem from
the mount called Olivet, which is near
Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey
away. When they had entered the city,
they went to the room upstairs where
they were staying, Peter, and John, and
James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas,
Bartholomew and Matthew, James son
of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and
Judas son of James. All these were
constantly devoting themselves to

prayer, together with certain women,
including Mary the mother of Jesus, as
well as his brothers.

PSALM 68.1-10,32-35

- 1 Let God arise and let his enemies be
scattered; ♦ let those that hate him flee
before him.
- 2 As the smoke vanishes, so may they
vanish away; ♦ as wax melts at the fire,
so let the wicked perish at the
presence of God.
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and
rejoice before God; ♦
let them make merry with gladness.
- 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his name;
exalt him who rides on the clouds. ♦ The
Lord is his name; rejoice before him.
- 5 Father of the fatherless, defender of
widows, ♦ God in his holy habitation!
- 6 God gives the solitary a home and
brings forth prisoners to songs of
welcome, ♦ but the rebellious inhabit a
burning desert.
- 7 O God, when you went forth before
your people, ♦ when you marched
through the wilderness,
- 8 The earth shook and the heavens
dropped down rain, at the presence of
God, the Lord of Sinai, ♦ at the presence
of God, the God of Israel.
- 9 You sent down a gracious rain, O
God; ♦ you refreshed your inheritance
when it was weary.
- 10 Your people came to dwell there; ♦
in your goodness, O God, you provide
for the poor.
- 32 Sing to God, you kingdoms of the
earth; ♦
make music in praise of the Lord;
- 33 He rides on the ancient heaven of
heavens ♦ and sends forth his voice, a
mighty voice.
- 34 Ascribe power to God, whose
splendour is over Israel, ♦
whose power is above the clouds.

35 How terrible is God in his holy sanctuary, ♦ the God of Israel, who gives power and strength to his people!

Blessed be God.

EPISTLE

1 PETER 4.12-14,5.6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL

JOHN 17.1-11

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you

have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. 'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

POST COMMUNION

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Next Week's Readings:

Acts 2.1-21; Psalm 104.26-36; 1 Corinthians 12.3b-13; John 20.19-23

Daily Readings:

Luke 7.36-end; Luke 8.1-15; Luke 8.16-25; Luke 8.26-39; Luke 8.40-end; Luke 9.1-17

Psalm 89