

Notices and Forthcoming Events

- **Annual Church Meetings:** Holy Cross on Sunday 10th May and Allerton on Tuesday 19th May at 7pm. The booklet for Mark APCM is available in church.
- Next Sunday 17th May 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. Details of timings and routes are in each church together with a sign down sheet.
- The **Wednesday Home Group** continues on Wednesday 13th May at Auster House, St Medard Road. 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.
- **Christian Aid week** begins on Sunday 10th May and locally we will be holding a coffee morning at Holy Cross Church on Wednesday 13th May 10.30am – 12 noon. Raffle and cakes available.
- **Wedmore Festival** has began. Come along and enjoy the talent of local artists. 9th – 17th May 10am – 4pm. The festival closes with the Wedmore Ensemble Sunday 17th May in St Mary's. Don't forget Liam is accompanying the silent movie 'Phantom of the Opera' on Friday 15th May.
- There is **No Start the Week** on Sunday 17th May.
- **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 Church Cleaning** are 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.
- **Archdeacon Anne** is retiring at the end of May. Her farewell service is this Sunday 10th May Evensong in the Cathedral at 3pm. She will be preaching.
- **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 10th May 2026 Easter 6

We thank God for the work of Christian Aid.
for all who raise our spirit through the creative arts.

We pray for parts of the world where Christians are persecuted;
for the mission of our churches that we may grow in numbers and depth of spirituality;
for fertile fields, healthy stock and a good growing season;
for local farmers and all who work the land;
For the support and care offered by The Farming Community Network;
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.

What's On This Week?

Sunday 10th May: Easter 6

St Mary's	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Preb R Neill
Holy Cross	9.15am	Worship Together & APCM	Preb R Neill/Revd J Hawes
St Mary's	10.45am	Worship Together	Revd J Hawes
St Mary's	6.00pm	Start the Week	Karin Weigold

Tuesday 12th May

St Mary's	9.00am	Little Lambs baby and toddler group
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Wednesday 13th May

St Mary's	9.45am	Midweek Communion
Holy Cross	10.30am	Christian Aid Coffee Morning
St Mary's	12 noon	Funeral of Barbara Sweet

Friday 15th May

Whitegates	6.30pm	Mark Youth Group
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Saturday 16th May

Theale V.Hall	10.00am	Theale Community Café
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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

COLLECT

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power
of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of
your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has
recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he
may raise us
to eternal joy;
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 17.22-31

Then Paul stood in front of the
Areopagus and said, ‘Athenians, I see
how extremely religious you are in every
way. For as I went through the city and
looked carefully at the objects of your
worship, I found among them an altar
with the inscription, “To an unknown
god.” What therefore you worship as
unknown, this I proclaim to you. The
God who made the world and everything
in it, he who is Lord of heaven and
earth, does not live in shrines made by
human hands, nor is he served by human
hands, as though he needed anything,
since he himself gives to all mortals life
and breath and all things. From one
ancestor he made all nations to inhabit
the whole earth, and he allotted the times
of their existence and the boundaries of
the places where they would live, so that
they would search for God and perhaps
grope for him and find him—though
indeed he is not far from each one of
us. For “In him we live and move and
have our being”; as even some of your
own poets have said,
“For we too are his offspring.”
Since we are God’s offspring, we ought

not to think that the deity is like gold, or
silver, or stone, an image formed by the
art and imagination of mortals. While
God has overlooked the times of human
ignorance, now he commands all people
everywhere to repent, because he has
fixed a day on which he will have the
world judged in righteousness by a man
whom he has appointed, and of this he
has given assurance to all by raising him
from the dead.’

PSALM 66. 7 - END

7 Bless our God, O you peoples; ♦
make the voice of his praise to be heard,
8 Who holds our souls in life ♦
and suffers not our feet to slip.
9 For you, O God, have proved us; ♦
you have tried us as silver is tried.
10 You brought us into the snare; ♦
you laid heavy burdens upon our
backs.
11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water; ♦
but you brought us out into a place of
liberty.
12 I will come into your house with
burnt offerings
and will pay you my vows, ♦
which my lips uttered and my mouth
promised when I was in trouble.
13 I will offer you fat burnt sacrifices
with the smoke of rams; ♦
I will sacrifice oxen and goats.
14 Come and listen, all you who fear
God, ♦
and I will tell you what he has done for
my soul.
15 I called out to him with my mouth ♦
and his praise was on my tongue.
16 If I had nursed evil in my heart, ♦
the Lord would not have heard me,
17 But in truth God has heard me; ♦
he has heeded the voice of my prayer.

18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, ♦
nor withheld his loving mercy from me.

EPISTLE

1 PETER 3.13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

GOSPEL

JOHN 14.15-21

'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

POST COMMUNION

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him who is alive and reigns,
now and for ever.

Next Week's Readings:

Acts 1.6-14; Psalm 68.1-10;32-35;
1 Peter 4.12-14;5.6-11; John 17.1-11

Daily Readings:

Luke 6.27-38; Luke 6.39-end; Luke 7.1-10; Hebrews 7.[11-25] 26-end; Acts 2.37-end; Luke 7.18-35

Psalm 84