

## Notices and Forthcoming Events

- **Bishop Fiona** will be visiting the benefice on Sunday 27th and Monday 28th September. She will be at Theale Harvest festival and lunch and will be meeting various people from across the benefice on Monday.
- **Facebook morning prayer** is back this week on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August.
- **Holy Trinity** is holding an end of summer **BBQ** for all the congregation on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September from 4pm by kind invitation of Pat and Louise Benjamin at their home. Further details soon.
- Harvest Home and other festivals – **Wedmore Harvest Home** on Saturday 15th August. St Mary's is looking to provide coffee and cake whilst the procession assembles. Can anyone help with this?
- Harvest Festival dates are: - Holy Cross 20<sup>th</sup> September 9.15am; Christchurch 27<sup>th</sup> September 11.00am; Holy Trinity 27<sup>th</sup> September 5pm; Allerton 4<sup>th</sup> October 9.15am; St Mary's 4<sup>th</sup> October 10.45am
- You are all invited to watch the Bumblesnouts performance on Friday 7th August at 11.30am St Mary's Church.
- Yolanda Patten of Mark congregation recently lost her husband Mike after a four year battle to cancer. Her daughters Jenna and Sophie are taking on the Three Peaks Challenge in 24 hours to raise money for the Guy's Cancer Charity next weekend. If you would like to donate, please follow the link:  
<https://www.justgiving.com/page/soph-and-jen-fundraiser>

- • **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 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2026 Trinity 9**

We thank God for generously providing for our needs.

We pray that the witness of our Churches will feed all who are hungry for salvation;  
that we would be generous in our hospitality towards others;  
that you would bless those in our communities that feed the hungry and  
bring food to those who can't prepare it for themselves;  
for farmers and food growers who are under pressure because of the  
extreme heat and lack of rain;  
for all those affected by wild-fires in this country and Europe;  
for Victoria and Michael as they prepare for their marriage at Holy Cross;  
for families during the school holidays and those where relationships are  
strained.

The Sick: from our community –Michael (Red) Redman, Claire Clement, John  
Horne, Jean Winter, Noreen Stott, Thomas Hole, George Osborne, Kate  
Morgan, Revd Christine Nelmes, Molly Rossiter and others for whom we  
have been asked to pray - Jamie Trotham, Anne Dyer and Elizabeth  
Nicholls.

RIP: Peter Popplewell (Wedmore)

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August: Trinity 9**

|                 |         |                  |                          |
|-----------------|---------|------------------|--------------------------|
| Holy Trinity    | 9.15am  | Parish Communion | Revd Joy Hawes           |
| Allerton Church | 9.15am  | Family Service   | Matthew Paul             |
| Holy Cross      | 9.15am  | Morning Worship  | Jon Glauert/Pat Morgan   |
| St Mary's       | 10.45am | Café Church      | Claire Gelder/Mary Clark |
| Christchurch    | 11.00am | Parish Communion | Revd Tony Connell        |
| St Mary's       | 6.00pm  | Start the Week   | Venetia Hopkins          |

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August**

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| St Mary's | 9.30am | Bumblesnouts Holiday Club (Every Day) |
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**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August**

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

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August**

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| St Mary's | 11.30am | Bumblesnouts performance |
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**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August**

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| Holy Trinity | 10.00am | Blackford Churchyard Working Group         |
| Holy Cross   | 11.30am | Wedding of Michael Lee and Victoria Dimond |
| St Mary's    | 11.45am | Visiting Bellringers                       |

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August: Trinity 10**

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|--------------|---------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| St Mary's    | 8.00am  | BCP Holy Communion         | Preb Richard Neill |
| Holy Trinity | 9.15am  | Worship Together Communion | Preb Richard Neill |
| St Mary's    | 10.45am | Worship Together Communion | Preb Richard Neill |
| St Mary's    | 6.00pm  | Start the Week             | Claire Gelder      |

## COLLECT

Almighty God,  
who sent your Holy Spirit  
to be the life and light of your  
Church:  
open our hearts to the riches of your  
grace,  
that we may bring forth the fruit of  
the Spirit  
in love and joy and peace;  
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

### Isaiah 55.1–5

Ho, everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters;  
and you that have no money,  
come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without price.  
Why do you spend your money for  
that which is not bread,  
and your labour for that which does  
not satisfy?  
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is  
good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.  
Incline your ear, and come to me;  
listen, so that you may live.  
I will make with you an everlasting  
covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.  
See, I made him a witness to  
the peoples,  
a leader and commander for  
the peoples.  
See, you shall call nations that you  
do not know,  
and nations that do not know you  
shall run to you,

because of the Lord your God, the  
Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you.

### Psalm 145.8–9, 15–22\*

8 The Lord is gracious and  
merciful, ♦  
long-suffering and of great  
goodness.  
9 The Lord is loving to everyone ♦  
and his mercy is over all his  
creatures.  
15 The Lord upholds all those who  
fall ♦  
and lifts up all those who are bowed  
down.  
16 The eyes of all wait upon you, O  
Lord, ♦  
and you give them their food in due  
season.  
17 You open wide your hand ♦  
and fill all things living with plenty.  
18 The Lord is righteous in all his  
ways ♦  
and loving in all his works.  
19 The Lord is near to those who call  
upon him, ♦  
to all who call upon him faithfully.  
20 He fulfils the desire of those who  
fear him; ♦  
he hears their cry and saves them.  
21 The Lord watches over those who  
love him, ♦  
but all the wicked shall he destroy.  
22 My mouth shall speak the praise  
of the Lord, ♦  
and let all flesh bless his holy name  
for ever and ever.

## **EPISTLE**

### **Romans 9.1-5**

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

## **GOSPEL**

### **Matthew 14.13–21**

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, ‘This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.’ Jesus said to them, ‘They need not go away; you give them something to eat.’ They replied, ‘We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.’ And he said, ‘Bring them here to me.’ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the

disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

## **POST COMMUNION**

Holy Father,  
who gathered us here around the table  
of your Son  
to share this meal with the whole  
household of God:  
in that new world where you reveal  
the fullness of your peace,  
gather people of every race and  
language  
to share in the eternal banquet of  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Next Week's Readings:**

1 Kings 19.9-18; Psalm 85.8-13;  
Romans 10.5-15; Matthew 14.22-33

### **Daily Readings:**

Acts 1.1-14; Acts 1.15-end; Acts 2.1-21;  
1 John 3.1-3; Acts 2.37-end; Acts 3.1-  
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Psalm 119 57 - 66