

## Notices and Forthcoming Events

- The Bumblesnouts save the world - St Mary's is holding a **Summer Holiday Club** for 5-11 year olds from August 3rd to 7th 9.30- 12.30 pm. Children are invited to join Green Wedmore, Messy Church and the Bumblesnouts for a creative, fun week. Through songs, mask making, spaceship building and storytelling children will enter into and prepare a musical which parents can enjoy on the final day. £10 per child for the week. Application forms from [lizandersoncello@gmail.com](mailto:lizandersoncello@gmail.com). Deadline 15th July.
- St Mary's is hosting **Wedfest** on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July from 6pm, outside there will be food stalls and some music FOC with tickets to the main event in church. Tickets are £15 from Wedmore Village Store and The Cottage Gallery.
- The next **Messy Church** in St Mary's is Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July.
- **Forthcoming PCC meetings** – St Mary's Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July; Allerton Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July; Christchurch Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July; Holy Trinity Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July; Holy Cross Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July
- **Avalon Camps** returns to Mark 19<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> July. Help with setting up from 10am on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July, volunteering during the camps (especially washing up and making sandwiches) and taking everything down on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July will be much appreciated. Please contact [logistics.avaloncamps@outlook.com](mailto:logistics.avaloncamps@outlook.com) or George on [osborne641551@hotmail.com](mailto:osborne641551@hotmail.com) if you can help in anyway.
- The **Archbishop of Canterbury** and the Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem recently put out a joint **pastoral letter** following Archbishop's Sarah's pilgrimage to the Holy Land. It is an important and timely read.  
<https://www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/news/pastoral-letter-archbishop-sarah-mullally-and-archbishop-hosam-naoum>
- **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.

- • **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 5<sup>th</sup> July 2026 Trinity 5**

We thank God for those who have gone the extra mile in their care for us;  
 We pray for all those affected by the devastation from the earthquakes in Venezuela;  
 For those carrying particular burdens at the moment;  
 For the grace to see the world in a child like way;  
 That the World Cup may bring peoples and nations together;  
 For families where relationships are under stress;  
 For those in the healing professions and all who work in our local health services;  
 for our brothers and sisters in Christ across the Holy land.

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: Ronald Barrett (Saxon Way, Wedmore); Thomas Manning (Blackford); Tony Pitkin (Lascot Hill)

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July: Trinity 5**

|                 |         |                                 |                    |
|-----------------|---------|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| Holy Trinity    | 9.15am  | Parish Communion                | Revd Joy Hawes     |
| Allerton        | 9.15am  | Family Service                  | LWA                |
| Holy Cross Mark | 9.15am  | Morning Worship                 | LWA/Preb R Neill   |
| St Mary's       | 10.45am | Café Church, Seekers and Creche | Revd Joy Hawes     |
| Christchurch    | 11.00am | Parish Communion                | Preb Richard Neill |
| St Mary's       | 6.00pm  | Start the Week                  | Venetia Hopkins    |

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July**

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|--------------|---------|-------------------------------------|
| St Mary's    | 9.00am  | Little Lambs baby and toddler group |
| Holy Trinity | 2.00 pm | Funeral of Thomas Manning           |
| St Mary's    | 7.00pm  | St Mary's PCC                       |

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July**

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| St Mary's | 9.45am | Midweek Communion |
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**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July**

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| Portcuil House | 7.30pm | Allerton PCC |
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**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July**

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| St Mary's | 3.00pm | The Tea Set |
| St Mary's | 6.00pm | WedFest     |

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July**

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| Holy Trinity | 10.00am | Blackford Churchyard Working Group |
| St Mary's    | 3.00pm  | Messy Church                       |

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July: Trinity 6**

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|--------------|---------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| St Mary's    | 8.00am  | BCP Holy Communion | Preb Richard Neill        |
| Allerton     | 9.15am  | Worship Together   | Revd E Wills/Preb R Neill |
| Christchurch | 11.00am | Worship Together   | Revd E Wills/Preb R Neill |
| St Mary's    | 6.00pm  | Start the Week     | Claire Gelder             |

## COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,  
by whose Spirit the whole body of  
the Church

is governed and sanctified:  
hear our prayer which we offer for  
all your faithful people,  
that in their vocation and ministry  
they may serve you in holiness and  
truth  
to the glory of your name;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus  
Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## OLD TESTAMENT

### ZECHARIAH 9.9–12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!  
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!  
Lo, your king comes to you;  
triumphant and victorious is he,  
humble and riding on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.  
He will cut off the chariot  
from Ephraim  
and the warhorse from Jerusalem;  
and the battle-bow shall be cut off,  
and he shall command peace to the  
nations;  
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,  
and from the River to the ends of  
the earth.  
As for you also, because of the blood  
of my covenant with you,  
I will set your prisoners free from  
the waterless pit.  
Return to your stronghold,  
O prisoners of hope;  
today I declare that I will restore to  
you double.

## PSALM

### PSALM 145.8–15

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.  
10 All your works praise you, O  
Lord, ♦  
and your faithful servants bless you.  
11 They tell of the glory of your  
kingdom ♦  
and speak of your mighty power,  
12 To make known to all peoples  
your mighty acts ♦  
and the glorious splendour of your  
kingdom.  
13 Your kingdom is an everlasting  
kingdom; ♦  
your dominion endures throughout  
all ages.  
14 The Lord is sure in all his words ♦  
and faithful in all his deeds.  
15 The Lord upholds all those who  
fall ♦  
and lifts up all those who are bowed  
down.

## **.EPISTLE**

### **ROMANS 7.15–25a**

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.

## **GOSPEL**

### **MATTHEW 11.16–19,25–30**

‘But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another,  
“We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;  
we wailed, and you did not mourn.”  
For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, “He has a demon”; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, “Look, a

glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!” Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.’

At that time Jesus said, ‘I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

‘Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.’

## **POST COMMUNION**

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered  
by your governance,  
that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Next Week’s Readings:**

Isaiah 55.10-13; Psalm 65; Romans 8.1-11; Matthew 13.1-9,18-23

### **Daily Readings:**

Luke 19.28-40; Luke 19.41-end; Luke 20.1-8; Luke 20.9-19; Luke 20.20-26; Luke 20.27-40

Psalm 111