

Notices and Forthcoming Events

- **Avalon Camps** gets underway this weekend and help with volunteering during the camps (especially washing up and making sandwiches) and taking everything down on Friday 31st July will be much appreciated. Please contact logistics.avaloncamps@outlook.com or George on osborne641551@hotmail.com if you can help in anyway.
- St Mary's congregation will be sad to hear of the death of **Alan Tonkin** who for many years lived in The Coach House on Sand Road.
- **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.
- This week is **St Mary's Patronal festival**, benefice communion which starts at 10.45am.
- **David Eccles, Ian Scott, John Ford** and Adrian Bonnett are cycling from Calgary to Vancouver in aid of Weston Hospice. They are travelling just under 1,400km over two weeks to Vancouver over the Rockies and climbing 13,000 metres. If you would like to sponsor them for this amazing achievement please go to: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/cyclingcanadianrockies>
- Members of Allerton Church will be sad to hear of the death of **Dennis Malpass**, a former churchwarden and faithful member of the congregation for many years.
- **Facebook morning prayer** is taking a break and will be back on Tuesday 4th August.
- Richard is on annual leave 20th July to 3rd August.
- The funeral and burial service for **Rosemary Brown** (nee Cary Elwes), late of Myrtle House, Mark, will take place at the Church of the Holy Cross, Mark, on Thursday July 23rd 2026 at 12pm. Anyone who remembers Rosemary, or her parents, Edward and Molly Cary Elwes is warmly invited to attend. There will be refreshments at the Packhorse Inn following the service.
- **Holy Trinity** is holding an end of summer **BBQ** for all the congregation on Sunday 6th September from 4pm by kind invitation of Pat and Louise Benjamin at their home. Further details soon.

- • **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)

- You can contact us via email: stmarywedmore@gmail.com or on wedmorevic@gmail.com
- Vicarage Number: 01934 713566
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To report any safeguarding concerns please contact stmarywedmore@gmail.com

The diocesan safeguarding team can be contacted at 01749 588917

Wedmore Isle and Moors Benefice
SUNDAY 19th July 2026 Mary Magdalene

We thank God for the witness of the worshipping community of St Mary's over many centuries;

We pray for those in our own communities who are lonely and isolated;
for the many tourists who will visit our local area this summer;
for staff and children beginning school holidays – for rest and refreshment;
for the children taking part in Avalon Camps and for those who volunteer,
that there may be an experience of life lived to the full;
that we may continue to listen to God as we look to His preferred and
promised future for our churches and communities;
For Charlie and Libby as they begin their married life;
For Holly Ash who is baptized into God's family;
For families where relationships are under stress;
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: Rosemary Brown (Sometime of Mark); Dennis Malpass (formerly of
Allerton) ; Alan Tonkin (formerly of Wedmore)

Sunday 19th July: Mary Magdalene

St Mary's	10.45am	Patronal Communion	Preb Richard Neill
Allerton Church	12.45pm	Baptism of Holly Ash	
St Mary's	6.00pm	Start the Week	Karin Weigold

Thursday 23rd July

Holy Cross	12 noon	Funeral of Rosemary Brown
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Sunday 26th July: Trinity 8

Holy Trinity	9.15am	Sunday Breakfast	Mary Clark
Allerton Church	9.15am	Morning Worship	Revd Tony Connell
Holy Cross	9.15am	Parish Communion	Revd Joy Hawes
St Mary's	10.45am	Morning Worship	Claire Gelder
Christchurch	11.00am	Parish Communion	Revd Eddie Wills
Holy Cross	11.30am	Baptism of Toby Gowan	

COLLECT

Almighty God,
whose Son restored Mary Magdalene
to health of mind and body
and called her to be a witness to his
resurrection:
forgive our sins and heal us by your
grace,
that we may serve you in the power
of his risen life;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

OLD TESTAMENT

SONG OF SOLOMON 3.1–4

Upon my bed at night
I sought him whom my soul loves;
I sought him, but found him not;
I called him, but he gave no answer.
I will rise now and go about the city,
in the streets and in the squares;
I will seek him whom my soul loves.’
I sought him, but found him not.
The sentinels found me,
as they went about in the city.
Have you seen him whom my soul
loves?’
Scarcely had I passed them, when I
found him whom my soul loves.
I held him, and would not let him go
until I brought him into my mother’s
house, and into the chamber of her
that conceived me.

PSALM 42.1–10

As the deer longs for the water
brooks,
so longs my soul for you, O God.
My soul is athirst for God, even for
the living God;
when shall I come before the presence
of God?
My tears have been my bread day and
night, while all day long they say to
me, ‘Where is now your God?’
Now when I think on these things, I
pour out my soul:
how I went with the multitude and
led the procession to the house of
God,
With the voice of praise and
thanksgiving, among those who kept
holy day.
Why are you so full of heaviness, O
my soul, and why are you so
disquieted within me?
O put your trust in God; for I will yet
give him thanks, who is the help of
my countenance, and my God.
My soul is heavy within me;
therefore I will remember you from
the land of Jordan, and from Hermon
and the hill of Mizar.
Deep calls to deep in the thunder of
your waterfalls; all your breakers and
waves have gone over me.
The Lord will grant his loving-
kindness in the daytime;
through the night his song will be
with me,
a prayer to the God of my life.

EPISTLE

2 CORINTHIANS 5.14–17

For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

GOSPEL

JOHN 20.1–2,11–18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, ‘They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.’

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping?’ She said to them, ‘They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.’ When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was

Jesus. Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?’ Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, ‘Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Mary!’ She turned and said to him in Hebrew, ‘Rabbouni!’ (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, ‘Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, “I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.”’ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, ‘I have seen the Lord’; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

POST COMMUNION

God of life and love,
whose risen Son called Mary
Magdalene by name
and sent her to tell of his resurrection
to his apostles:
in your mercy, help us,
who have been united with him in this
eucharist,
to proclaim the good news
that he is alive and reigns, now and
for ever
Amen

Next Week’s Readings:

1 Kings 3.5-12; Psalm 119.129-136;
Romans 8.26-end; Matthew 13.31-33;
44-52

Daily Readings:

Luke 22.24-30; Luke 22.31-38; Luke
8.1-3; Luke 22.47-62; Luke 22.63-end;
Luke 9.46-56

Psalm 118