

Notices and Forthcoming Events

- 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.
- Members of Allerton Church will be sad to hear of the death of **Dennis Malpass**. His funeral will be at St John's Church, Alresford on Thursday 30th July at 1.30pm. Dress code is bright colours.
- **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.
- **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.
- 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 20th September 9.15am; Christchurch 27th September 11.00am; Holy Trinity 27th September 5pm; Allerton 4th October 9.15am; St Mary's 4th October 10.45am
- Bumblesnouts Save the World – St Mary's holiday club for children begins Monday 3rd August, Monday – Friday 9.30am-12.30pm. If you are able to offer any help please contact Liz Anderson at lizandersoncello@gmail.com
- 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.

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- You can contact us via email: stmarywedmore@gmail.com or on wedmorevic@gmail.com
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Wedmore Isle and Moors Benefice
SUNDAY 26th July 2026 Trinity 8

We thank God that nothing can separate us from his love in Christ Jesus;
 We pray for the grace to notice the value in the small, unexpected and ordinary things;
 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 Toby Gowan 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: Alan Tonkin (formerly of Wedmore); Peter Popplewell (Wedmore)

Sunday 26th July: Trinity 8

Holy Trinity	9.15am	Sunday Breakfast	Venetia Hopkins
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	12.45pm	Baptism of Toby Gowan	

Wednesday 29th July

St Mary's	9.45am	Midweek Communion	Rev Eddie Wills
St Mary's	10.30am	St Mary's Walking Group	
Bagley Baptist Church	11.00am	Christchurch Fellowship Group	
Holy Cross Mark	1.00pm	Wedding Rehearsal	

Saturday 1st August

St Mary's	9.30am	Fairtrade Café
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Sunday 2nd 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

COLLECT

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and
govern

both our hearts and bodies
in the ways of your laws
and the works of your
commandments;
that through your most mighty
protection, both here and ever,
we may be preserved in body and soul;
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

Kings 3.5-12

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to
Solomon in a dream by night; and God
said, 'Ask what I should give you.' And
Solomon said, 'You have shown great
and steadfast love to your servant my
father David, because he walked before
you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and
in uprightness of heart towards you; and
you have kept for him this great and
steadfast love, and have given him a son
to sit on his throne today. And now,
O Lord my God, you have made your
servant king in place of my father David,
although I am only a little child; I do not
know how to go out or come in. And
your servant is in the midst of the people
whom you have chosen, a great people,
so numerous they cannot be numbered
or counted. Give your servant therefore
an understanding mind to govern your
people, able to discern between good
and evil; for who can govern this your
great people?'

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had
asked this. God said to him, 'Because
you have asked this, and have not asked
for yourself long life or riches, or for the
life of your enemies, but have asked for

yourself understanding to discern what
is right, I now do according to your
word. Indeed I give you a wise and
discerning mind; no one like you has
been before you and no one like you
shall arise after you.

EPISTLE

Romans 8.26-39

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our
weakness; for we do not know how to
pray as we ought, but that very Spirit
intercedes with sighs too deep for
words. And God, who searches the
heart, knows what is the mind of the
Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for
the saints according to the will of God.
We know that all things work together
for good for those who love God, who
are called according to his purpose. For
those whom he foreknew he also
predestined to be conformed to the
image of his Son, in order that he might
be the firstborn within a large family.
And those whom he predestined he also
called; and those whom he called he also
justified; and those whom he justified he
also glorified.

What then are we to say about these
things? If God is for us, who is against
us? He who did not withhold his own
Son, but gave him up for all of us, will
he not with him also give us everything
else? Who will bring any charge against
God's elect? It is God who
justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ
Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised,
who is at the right hand of God, who
indeed intercedes for us. Who will
separate us from the love of Christ? Will
hardship, or distress, or persecution, or
famine, or nakedness, or peril, or
sword? As it is written,
'For your sake we are being killed all
day long;

we are accounted as sheep to be
slaughtered.'

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

GOSPEL

Matthew 13.31–33,44–52

He put before them another parable: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.’

He told them another parable: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.’

‘The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

‘Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

‘Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

51 ‘Have you understood all this?’ They answered, ‘Yes.’⁵² And he said to them, ‘Therefore every scribe who has been

trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.’

POST COMMUNION

Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your
word

be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your
praise be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens
of your love

shine with the light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been fed
with your body

be refreshed with the fullness of your
life;
glory to you for ever.

Next Week’s Readings:

Isaiah 55.1-5; Psalm 145.8-9,15-end;
Romans 9.1-5; Matthew 14.13-21

Daily Readings:

Luke 23.13-25; Luke 23.26-43; Luke
23.44-56a; Luke 23.56b-24.12; Luke
24.13-35; Luke 24.36-end

Psalm 121