

Notices and Forthcoming Events

- This Sunday Allerton, Holy Cross and Holy Trinity gather together for communion at Allerton Church at 9.15am while St Mary's and Christchurch gather at Christchurch for communion at 11am.
 - 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. Places are limited and filling up fast. Application forms from lizandersoncello@gmail.com. Deadline 15th July.
 - **Forthcoming PCC meetings** – Christchurch Tuesday 14th July; Holy Trinity Wednesday 15th July; Holy Cross Thursday 16th July
 - **Avalon Camps** returns to Mark 19th – 30th July. Help with setting up from 10am on Wednesday 15th July, 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.
 - 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.
 - Next 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.
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<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 (also available on our website)
 - You can contact us via email: stmarywedmore@gmail.com or on wedmorevic@gmail.com
 - Vicarage Number: 01934 713566
 - Good Neighbours Scheme: 01934 806299

Wedmore Isle and Moors Benefice
SUNDAY 12th July 2026 Trinity 6

We thank God for those who have sowed the seed of faith for us;
 We pray that we can seek ways to enthrone Christ as king in our lives;
 for the courage and grace to share the Gospel with others;
 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 prepare for their marriage;
 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: Rosemary Brown (Sometime of Mark); Dennis Malpass (formerly of
 Allerton)

Sunday 12th July: Trinity 6

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

Tuesday 14th July

St Mary's	9.00am	Little Lambs baby and toddler group
Christchurch	3.00pm	Christchurch PCC

Wednesday 15th July

St Mary's	9.45am	Midweek Communion
	2.30pm	Home Communion for Peter Popplewell
The Sexey's Arms	6.00pm	Holy Trinity PCC
St Mary's	7.15pm	Wedding Rehearsal

Thursday 16th July

St Mary's	2.30pm	Funeral of Ronald Barrett
Uplands House	7.00pm	Mark PCC

Friday 17th July

Whitegates, Kingsway	7.30pm	Holy Cross Youth Group
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Saturday 18th July

Theale V.Hall	10.00am	Theale Community Café
St Mary's	12.30pm	Wedding of Charlie Cressy and Libby Hann

Sunday 19th July: Trinity 7

St Mary's	8.00am	Patronal Communion	Preb Richard Neill
Allerton Church	12.45pm	Baptism of Holly Ash	
St Mary's	6.00pm	Start the Week	Karin Weigold

COLLECT

Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love you
such good things as pass our
understanding:
pour into our hearts such love toward you
that we, loving you in all things and above
all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
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.

Isaiah 55.10–13

For as the rain and the snow come down
from heaven,
and do not return there until they have
watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the
eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my
mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent
it.
For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap
their hands.
Instead of the thorn shall come up the
cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the
myrtle;
and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be
cut off.

PSALM

Psalms 65

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion; ♦
to you that answer prayer shall vows be
paid.
2 To you shall all flesh come to confess
their sins; ♦
when our misdeeds prevail against us,
you will purge them away.
3 Happy are they whom you choose
and draw to your courts to dwell
there. ♦
We shall be satisfied with the blessings of
your house,
even of your holy temple.
4 With wonders you will answer us in your
righteousness,
O God of our salvation, ♦
O hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the farthest seas.
5 In your strength you set fast the
mountains ♦
and are girded about with might.
6 You still the raging of the seas, ♦
the roaring of their waves
and the clamour of the peoples.
7 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth
tremble at your marvels; ♦
the gates of the morning and evening sing
your praise.
8 You visit the earth and water it; ♦
you make it very plenteous.
9 The river of God is full of water; ♦
you prepare grain for your people,
for so you provide for the earth.
10 You drench the furrows and smooth out
the ridges; ♦
you soften the ground with showers and
bless its increase.
11 You crown the year with your
goodness, ♦
and your paths overflow with plenty.
12 May the pastures of the wilderness flow
with goodness ♦
and the hills be girded with joy.
13 May the meadows be clothed with
flocks of sheep ♦
and the valleys stand so thick with corn
that they shall laugh and sing.

EPISTLE

ROMANS 8.1–11

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

GOSPEL

Matthew 13.1–9,18–23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they

withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!'

'Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

POST COMMUNION

God of our pilgrimage,
you have led us to the living water:
refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Next Week's Readings:

Song of Solomon 3: 1-4; Psalm 42.1-10;
2 Corinthians 5: 14-17; John: 20. 1-2,
11-18

Daily Readings:

Luke 20.41-21.4; Luke 21.5-19; Luke
21.20-28; Luke 21.29-end; Luke 22.1-
13; Luke 22.14-23

Psalm 115