

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.
- **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? As usual we will gather for the Harvest Home service outside church for 10.30am.
- 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
- 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>
- Wedmore in Focus – the closing date for submitting entries to the IOW society photo competition is Friday 14th August, there are two categories – Light and Shadow; Brick and Stone. Register online at www.bit.ly/iowsphoto
- The Wedmore 40/30 on Bank Holiday Sunday, 30 August is back! Supporting St Mary's and Weston Hospicecare, hoping to beat the record of 320 riders who turned out last year. The routes have been refreshed and revised this year and are set for every ability. 12/30/40/70 mile routes. Enter today at <https://westonhospicecare.org.uk/event/wedmore-40-30>

- • **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
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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 9th August 2026 Trinity 10

We thank	God for opportunities for recreation and holiday and ask his blessing on all who visit this lovely part of Somerset;
	for those who work in the tourist industry;
	for all working hard in the agricultural industry to bring in the harvest;
We pray	that we shall demonstrate the fruits of the Spirit in our lives and relationships;
	for peace and calm for those facing fear and uncertainty in their lives;
	that we will live courageous lives as we seek to follow Christ.
	for young people and students waiting on exam results and as they plan their future;
	for those who suffer domestic abuse or are in abusive relationships;
	for all those affected by wild-fires in this country and Europe;
	for Victoria and Michael as they begin their married life;
	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:	Albert John Marshall (Mark)

Sunday 9th August: Trinity 10

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	Venetia Hopkins

Wednesday 12th August

St Mary's	9.45am	Midweek Communion
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Friday 14th August

St Mary's	3.00pm	The Tea Set
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Saturday 15th August: Blessed Virgin Mary

St Mary's	10.30am	Wedmore Harvest Home
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Sunday 16th August: Trinity 11

Holy Trinity	9.15am	Morning Worship	Mary Clark
Allerton Church	9.15am	Parish Communion	Preb Richard Neill
Holy Cross	9.15am	Café Church	Yolanda Patten/Pat Morgan
St Mary's	10.45am	Parish Communion	Preb Richard Neill
Christchurch	11.00am	Morning Worship	LWA
St Mary's	6.00pm	Start the Week	Karin Weigold

COLLECT

Let your merciful ears, O Lord,
be open to the prayers of your humble
servants;
and that they may obtain their petitions
make them to ask such things as shall
please you;
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

1 Kings 19.9-18

At that place Elijah came to a cave, and
spent the night there.
Then the word of the Lord came to him,
saying, ‘What are you doing here,
Elijah?’ He answered, ‘I have been very
zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts;
for the Israelites have forsaken your
covenant, thrown down your altars, and
killed your prophets with the sword. I
alone am left, and they are seeking my
life, to take it away.’
He said, ‘Go out and stand on the
mountain before the Lord, for
the Lord is about to pass by.’ Now there
was a great wind, so strong that it was
splitting mountains and breaking rocks
in pieces before the Lord, but
the Lord was not in the wind; and after
the wind an earthquake, but
the Lord was not in the earthquake; and
after the earthquake a fire, but
the Lord was not in the fire; and after the
fire a sound of sheer silence. When
Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in
his mantle and went out and stood at the
entrance of the cave. Then there came a
voice to him that said, ‘What are you
doing here, Elijah?’ He answered, ‘I
have been very zealous for the Lord, the
God of hosts; for the Israelites have
forsaken your covenant, thrown down
your altars, and killed your prophets

with the sword. I alone am left, and they
are seeking my life, to take it
away.’ Then the Lord said to him, ‘Go,
return on your way to the wilderness of
Damascus; when you arrive, you shall
anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also
you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as
king over Israel; and you shall anoint
Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah
as prophet in your place. Whoever
escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu
shall kill; and whoever escapes from the
sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I
will leave seven thousand in Israel, all
the knees that have not bowed to Baal,
and every mouth that has not kissed
him.’

Psalm 85.8-13

I will listen to what the Lord God will
say, ♦
for he shall speak peace to his people
and to the faithful,
that they turn not again to folly.
9 Truly, his salvation is near to those
who fear him, ♦
that his glory may dwell in our land.
10 Mercy and truth are met together, ♦
righteousness and peace have kissed
each other;
11 Truth shall spring up from the
earth ♦
and righteousness look down from
heaven.
12 The Lord will indeed give all that is
good, ♦
and our land will yield its increase.
13 Righteousness shall go before him ♦
and direct his steps in the way.

EPISTLE

Romans 10.5-15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that 'the person who does these things will live by them.' But the righteousness that comes from faith says, 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?"' (that is, to bring Christ down) 'or "Who will descend into the abyss?"' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say? 'The word is near you,

on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'

GOSPEL

Matthew 14.22-33

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he

was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

POST COMMUNION

God of our pilgrimage,
you have willed that the gate of mercy
should stand open for those who trust in
you:

look upon us with your favour
that we who follow the path of your will
may never wander from the way of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Next Week's Readings:

Isaiah 56.1,6-8; Psalm 67; Romans 11.1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15. [10-20] 21-28

Daily Readings:

Acts 3.11-end; Acts 4.1-12; Acts 4.13-31; Acts 4.32-5.11; Acts 5.12-26; Luke 11.27-28

Psalm 119 vs 97-112