

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. Email invitations have gone out and please reply to Pat.
- **Harvest Festival dates** are: - Holy Cross 20th September 9.15am with Harvest lunch at 12 noon (please contact Karen on 01278 641623 for lunch tickets); Christchurch 27th September 11.00am with lunch in the village hall afterwards (please contact Elizabeth on 07761833449 for lunch tickets) ; Holy Trinity 27th September 5pm; Allerton 4th October 9.15am; St Mary's 4th October 10.45am with lunch in church afterwards (please contact either Heather Banwell or Heather Hector for tickets)
- 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>
- **Bishops Michael and Fiona** are visiting all deaneries across the autumn and for us this means a visit from Bishop Michael on Wednesday 4th November in West Huntspill church 7-9pm. It's an opportunity for him to hear about what is going on and to also share some of the tools and resources available to help us in our mission and ministry, including news of grant funding available through the diocese for different projects. The meeting is open to all and please register via <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/JUfZ3eNshM>
- Allerton Church are holding their **Pet Service** on Sunday 6th September at 9.15am. All creatures great and small and their owners are welcome and each animal will be individually prayed for.

- • **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 16th August 2026 Trinity 11

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;

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 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

Monday 17th August

Wedmore Cemetery	11.00am	Internment of Ashes of Peter Popplewell
Holy Cross	1.00pm	Funeral of Albert John Marshal

Tuesday 18th August

Around the benefice	10.00am	Wheel and a Prayer
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Wednesday 19th August

St Mary's	9.45am	Midweek Communion
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Saturday 22nd August

Holy Cross	1.00pm	Blessing Service of James and Tessa
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Sunday 23rd August: Trinity 12

Holy Trinity	9.15am	Sunday Breakfast	Revd Eddie Wills
Allerton Church	9.15am	Morning Worship	Johnny Torrens-Spence
Holy Cross	9.15am	Parish Communion	Revd Tony Connell
St Mary's	10.45am	Morning Worship	Claire Gelder/Mary Clark
Christchurch	11.00am	Parish Communion	Revd Eddie Wills

COLLECT

O God, you declare your almighty power
most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:
mercifully grant to us such a measure
of your grace,
that we, running the way of your commandments,
may receive your gracious promises,
and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;
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

ISAIAH 56.1,6–8

Thus says the Lord:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.
And the foreigners who join themselves
to the Lord,
to minister to him, to love the name of
the Lord,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the sabbath, and do not
profane it,
and hold fast my covenant—
these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of
prayer;
their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of
prayer
for all peoples.
Thus says the Lord God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

PSALM 67

God be gracious to us and bless us ♦
and make his face to shine upon us,
2 That your way may be known upon
earth, ♦
your saving power among all nations.
3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; ♦
let all the peoples praise you.
4 O let the nations rejoice and be glad, ♦
for you will judge the peoples
righteously
and govern the nations upon earth.
5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; ♦
let all the peoples praise you.
6 Then shall the earth bring forth her
increase, ♦
and God, our own God, will bless us.
7 God will bless us, ♦
and all the ends of the earth shall fear
him.

EPISTLE

ROMANS 11.1–2a,29–32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people?
By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a
descendant of Abraham, a member of
the tribe of Benjamin. God has not
rejected his people whom he foreknew.
Do you not know what the scripture says
of Elijah, how he pleads with God
against Israel? for the gifts and the
calling of God are irrevocable. Just as
you were once disobedient to God but
have now received mercy because of
their disobedience, so they have now
been disobedient in order that, by the
mercy shown to you, they too may now
receive mercy. For God has imprisoned
all in disobedience so that he may be
merciful to all.

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 15.[10–20]21–28

Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, ‘Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.’ Then the disciples approached and said to him, ‘Do you know that the Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?’ He answered, ‘Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.’ But Peter said to him, ‘Explain this parable to us.’ Then he said, ‘Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.’]

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, ‘Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.’ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, ‘Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.’ He answered, ‘I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.’ But she came and knelt before him, saying, ‘Lord, help me.’ He answered, ‘It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.’ She said, ‘Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.’ Then Jesus answered her, ‘Woman, great is your faith! Let it

be done for you as you wish.’ And her daughter was healed instantly.

POST COMMUNION

Lord of all mercy,
we your faithful people have celebrated
that one true sacrifice which takes away
our sins and brings pardon and peace:
by our communion keep us firm on the
foundation of the gospel and preserve us
from all sin;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Next Week’s Readings:

Isaiah 51. 1-6; Psalm 138; Romans 12.1-8; Matthew 16, 13-20

Daily Readings:

Acts 6; Acts 7.1-16; Acts 7.17-43; Acts 7.44-53; Acts 7.54-8.3; Acts 8.4-25

Psalm 119 vs 129-144