

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.
- **Reverend Eddie Wills** will be formerly licensed by Bishop Fiona as associate priest for our benefice at the Theale Harvest 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.
- **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)
- **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.
- St Mary's is hosting part of the **Crook Peak Festival** on Tuesday 29th September, Harriet Riley a solo percussionist. Tickets on the door at £10.
- Holy Cross Mark look forward to the visit of the **The Ukulele Band** on Friday 18th September at 7pm for 7.30pm. Tickets £10 from 01278 641225.
- On Sunday 20th September **St Mary's** is holding a **special service** at 10.45am to give thanks for the reordering and all have contributed to it and donated chairs.
- **Theale Show** is back this year on Saturday 5th September. Doors open 2pm with official opening taking place at 2.30pm. Find out more about the show and how to enter the classes at <https://thealeshow.com/>
- **St Mary's congregation** – don't forget to complete the short questionnaire in the porch about the proposed sculpture to commemorate the Treaty of Wedmore between Alfred and Guthrum.
- **Holy Cross** celebrate their name day festival on Sunday 13th September (Holy Cross Day is 14th September). The main Sunday service for all churches is at Holy Cross at 9.15am.
- St Mary's congregation will be sad to hear of the death of **Molly Stitch** who was a long time Wedmore resident and member of the congregation. Molly's funeral is in St Mary's on Monday 7th September at 12 noon.
- • **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 (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

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Wedmore Isle and Moors Benefice
SUNDAY 30th August 2026 Trinity 13

We thank God for the cross of Jesus, the means of our salvation;
 We pray the Christians in Gaza and in particular children and staff at The Lighthouse School;
 for children and staff starting school afresh this week;
 for Bert Hole and Solara Ingrouille-Kidd as they are baptised into God's family;
 for Ritchie and Katie as they prepare for their wedding;
 for local farmers and all those involved in agriculture;
 that we will live courageous lives as we seek to follow Christ;
 for those who suffer domestic abuse or are in abusive relationships;
 for all those affected by the catastrophic flash flood in Nepal.

The Sick: from our community –Michael (Red) Redman, Claire Clement, John Horne, Jean Winter, Noreen Stott, George Osborne, Kate Morgan, Revd Christine Nelmes, and others for whom we have been asked to pray - Jamie Trotham, Anne Dyer and Elizabeth Nicholls.

RIP: Molly Stitch (formerly of Wedmore)

Sunday 30th August: Trinity 13

Holy Cross	10.00am	Benefice Communion	Preb Richard Neill
Holy Trinity	12.30pm	Baptism of Bert Hole	
St Mary's	12.45pm	Baptism of Solara Ingrouille Kidd	

Wednesday 2nd September

St Mary's	9.45am	Midweek Communion
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Thursday 3rd September

Holy Cross	6.00pm	Wedding Rehearsal
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Saturday 5th September

St Mary's	9.30am	Fairtrade Café
Theale Orchard	2.00pm	Theale Show
Holy Cross	3.00pm	Wedding of Ritchie James and Katie Chapman

Sunday 6th September: Trinity 14

Allerton	9.15am	Pet Service	Preb Richard Neill
Holy Trinity	9.15am	Parish Communion	Revd Joy Hawes
Holy Cross	9.15am	Morning Worship	Jon Glauert/Pat Morgan
St Mary's	10.45am	Café Church, Seekers and Creche	Preb Richard Neill
Christchurch	11.00am	Parish Communion	Revd Joy Hawes
Holy Trinity	12.45pm	Baptism of Imogen and Evie Kevill	
St Mary's	6.00pm	Start the Week	Karin Weigold

COLLECT

Almighty God,
who called your Church to bear witness
that you were in Christ reconciling the
world to yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news of
your love,
that all who hear it may be drawn to
you;
through him who was lifted up on the
cross,
and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

JEREMIAH 15: 15-21

O Lord, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me on
my persecutors.
In your forbearance do not take
me away; know that on your account I
suffer insult.
Your words were found, and I
ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart;
for I am called by your name,
O Lord, God of hosts.
I did not sit in the company of
merrymakers, nor did I rejoice;
under the weight of your hand I
sat alone, for you had filled me with
indignation.
Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?
Truly, you are to me like a deceitful
brook, like waters that fail.
Therefore, thus says the Lord:
If you turn back, I will take you back,
and you shall stand before me.
If you utter what is precious, and not
what is worthless, you shall serve as
my mouth. It is they who will turn to
you,

not you who will turn to them.
And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you to save you and
deliver you, says the Lord.
I will deliver you out of the hand of the
wicked, and redeem you from the grasp
of the ruthless.

PSALM 26:1-8

1 Give judgement for me, O Lord,
for I have walked with integrity; ♦
I have trusted in the Lord and have
not faltered.
2 Test me, O Lord, and try me; ♦
examine my heart and my mind.
3 For your love is before my eyes; ♦
I have walked in your truth.
4 I have not joined the company of the
false, ♦
nor consorted with the deceitful.
5 I hate the gathering of evildoers ♦
and I will not sit down with the
wicked.
6 I will wash my hands in innocence,
O Lord, ♦
that I may go about your altar,
7 To make heard the voice of
thanksgiving ♦
and tell of all your wonderful deeds.
8 Lord, I love the house of your
habitation ♦
and the place where your glory
abides.

EPISTLE

ROMANS 12: 9-end

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 16: 21-end

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind

not on divine things but on human things.'

Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

POST COMMUNION

God our creator,
you feed your children with the true
manna,
the living bread from heaven:
let this holy food sustain us through our
earthly pilgrimage
until we come to that place
where hunger and thirst are no more;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Next Week's Readings:

Ezekiel 33.7-11; Psalm 119.33-40;
Romans 13.8-14; Matthew 18.15-20

Daily Readings:

Acts 10.34-end; Acts 11.1-18; Acts
11.19-end; Acts 12.1-17; Acts 12.18-
end; Acts 13.1-12

Psalm 121