

Notices and Forthcoming Events

- St Mary's Church, Wedmore, will be open to various charities to give them the opportunity to sell their Christmas cards, calendars and gifts. The Sale will take place on **Saturday 7th November from 10.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.** Some stalls are still available if you wish to encourage your favourite to have a free pitch. Contact Sue Burton (sjburton1012@gmail.com)
- There will be **All Souls Services** at St Mary's and Allerton Church on the 1st November at 3pm. Relatives of those whose funerals we have taken during the year will be invited but the services are open to anyone. Do let Richard know in writing if you might wish to come or if there is anyone whose name you wish to be remembered at either service.
- 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>
- The **Wednesday home group** meets on Wednesday 14th October at Auster House, St Medard Road at 7.30pm. Speak to Richard if you would like to be part of this supportive home group.
- The **next Deanery gathering** is an open evening for all who are involved in or are interested in some form of Lay Ministry. The 'Celebration of Lay Ministry' is on Thursday 22nd October in Blackford Village Hall from 6.30pm and will include an opportunity to hear stories from those involved in various aspects of ministry.
- 'Exploring Your Spiritual Journey'** is a year long course run by the Diocese. The 2027 dates are out, please see the leaflet and posters in church and speak to Richard, Joy or Eddie if you are interested.
- "Comic & Curious"** Concert at **Chapel Allerton Church** 7.20 pm Saturday 24th October. Featuring a miscellany of cheerfully anarchic and irreverent songs, music and verse by talented local artistes; all supported by the celebrated Allerton Village Orchestra and Choir, who bring their rich melodic repertoire to the event. Cash bar. Tickets £10 from Johnny Torrens-Spence (johnnytspace@yahoo.co.uk or 01934 710188).
- Weston Super Mare Street Pastors** are celebrating their 20th anniversary on Sunday 25th October with a service at 6pm at Holy Trinity Church, South Road BS23 2HD. Members of churches that support them are especially welcome.
- Next week** we mark the **dedication festival** for Allerton Church with a benefice communion there at 9.15am. This is the only morning service in the benefice.

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

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 11th October 2026 Trinity 19

We thank God that all are invited to be part of His new creation.

We pray that we may be open to noticing God at work in our communities;

that our churches may be communities that model God's gracious and inclusive invitation;

for the children and young people in our care;

for our local schools and all who lead and teach in them;

that we may be empowered to steward well the gifts of creation;

that we may learn to love our neighbours as ourselves;

that we will live courageous lives as we seek to follow Christ;

for the work of Cheddar Valley Foodbank.

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

RIP: Colin Mogg (Wedmore)

Sunday 11th October: Trinity 19

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

Tuesday 13th October

St Mary's	9.00am	Little Lambs Toddler and Baby Group
St Mary's	7.00pm	Lay Worship Assistant Training

Wednesday 14th October

St Mary's	9.45am	Midweek Communion
	3.00pm	Home Communion for Paul and Iris Rowlett
Auster House	7.30pm	Home Group

Saturday 17th October

Theale V.Hall	10.00am	Theale Community Café
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Sunday 18th October: Trinity 20/Allerton Dedication

Allerton	9.15am	Allerton Dedication	Revd Joy Hawes
St Mary's	12.45pm	Baptism of Nico Sarris-Cousins	

COLLECT

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts;
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 25.1-9

O Lord, you are my God;
I will exalt you, I will praise your name;
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.
For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of aliens is a city no more,
it will never be rebuilt.
Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.
For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.
When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.
On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear.
And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

he will swallow up death for ever.
Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.
It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

PSALM 23

1 The Lord is my shepherd; ♦
therefore can I lack nothing.
2 He makes me lie down in green pastures ♦
and leads me beside still waters.
3 He shall refresh my soul ♦
and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil; ♦
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
5 You spread a table before me
in the presence of those who trouble me; ♦
you have anointed my head with oil
and my cup shall be full.
6 Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life, ♦
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

EPISTLE

PHILIPPIANS 4.1-9

Therefore, my brothers and sisters,
whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.
Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 22 1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his

slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. 'But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

POST COMMUNION

Holy and blessed God,
you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son
and filled us with your Holy Spirit:
may we honour you,
not only with our lips
but in lives dedicated to the service
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Next Week's Readings:

1 Kings 8.22-30; Psalm 122; Hebrews 12.18-24; Matthew 21.12-16

Daily Readings:

Phil 1.1-11; Phil 1.12-end; Phil 2.1-13;
Phil 2.14-end; Phil 3.1-4.1; Phil 4.2-end

Psalm 141