

Notices and Forthcoming Events

- This Sunday ministers from across the parishes of the Cheddar Valley will be “swapping churches”. We welcome **Tim Hawkings, Hilary Thomas and Ken Brown** to our benefice. Richard will be at Shipham.
- Next Sunday 21 October is **Allerton Church Dedication Festival**. All are invited to join them to mark this occasion. The service is at 9 am.
- **Messy Church** takes place on Saturday 20 October between 3 and 5 pm in St Mary’s. The theme is Messy Harvest.
- **Movement Youth Worship will be back in St Mary’s on Sunday 21 October**. Doors open at 6 pm.
- On Sunday 28 October St Mary’s congregation welcomes the congregation of the **Methodist church** for our annual joint service.
- **Care for the Family** are a Christian charity set up to help parents and children. They have an event in Yeovil on 13 November focussing on how to help our children grow up in the Christian faith. Speak to Richard for further details.
- **Remembrance and Thanksgiving services** on Sunday 28 October in Allerton and 4 November in St Mary’s both at 3.00 pm. Relatives of those whose funerals we have taken during the year will be invited but the service is open to anyone. Do let the Vicar know in writing if you might wish to come or if there is anyone whose name you wish to be remembered at the service. Afternoon tea will be served afterwards so it will be good to have an idea of how many people we need to cater for.
- The gathering of **Axbridge Deanery Synod** members on Tuesday 16 October at St Andrews Burnham on Sea at 7 pm will focus on “Setting God’s people free for ... Monday – Saturday”. It’s open to all.
- We will be taking a retiring collection at our churches this week again for the **Aid Relief for Sulawesi** following the devastating earthquake and tsunami.
- The next **Theale Community café** will take place on Saturday 20 October in Theale Village Hall.
- At the next St Mary’s Fairtrade coffee shop on Saturday 3rd November there will also be the annual **Charity Christmas Card** sale.
- Please remember in your prayers those on their journey towards **Confirmation** – Melissa Neill, Rebecca Moreman, Saskia Munyard and Max Brophy. The confirmation will be in Wells Cathedral on Saturday 3rd November at 2.00 p.m. and all are welcome.
- Please note that there will be no Midweek Communion or daily Morning Prayer this week.
- Churches Together in the Cheddar valley are holding an evening meeting looking at **Mental Health and Christian Responses**. It is an interactive session led by Susanna Morris, Mental Health Nurse and Pioneer Minister. Thursday 25th October at Bagley Baptist Church between 7.30 and 9.30 p.m. All welcome.

The Benefice of the Isle of Wedmore
SUNDAY 14 OCTOBER 2018 : TRINITY 20

Intercessions

We thank God	for the material blessings which we enjoy;
We pray	for the mission of our churches, that we may grow in numbers and in depth of spirituality;
	that we may not be seduced by the trappings of materialism;
	for those whose lives are scared by poverty;
	for those affected by Hurricane Michael;
	for the people of Sulawesi and those involved in the aid effort;
	that we may be able to live out the values of the kingdom daily.
The Sick:	Those from our community - Marion Tincknell, Isabel Lee, Rupert Stott, Angee Stott, Kathy Betts, Maxine Ingrouille-Kidd, Joyce Churches, Pauline Last and Doreen Watkins.
	Others for whom we have been asked to pray - Jamie Trotham, Millie Dyer, Anne Dyer, Ruth Dyer, Mark Edmonson, Alistair Cree, Austin Ludlow, Jocelyn Colenutt, Sue Darley and Janice Phipps.

What's On This Week?

Sunday 14 October : Trinity 20

Blackford Village Hall	9.00 am	Sunday Breakfast	<i>Paul Perry & Guy Davey</i>
Allerton	9.00 am	Parish Communion	<i>Hilary Thomas</i>
St Mary's	10.30 am	Parish Communion	<i>Revd Tim Hawkings</i>
Christchurch	11.00 am	Parish Communion	<i>Revd Ken Brown</i>
St Mary's	6.00 pm	Start the Week	<i>Claire Gelder</i>

Monday 15 October

Theale Farm	7.30 pm	Home Group
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Tuesday 16 October

Christchurch	All Day	Christchurch Quinquennial
Orchard Cottage	8.00 pm	Home Group
St Andrews, B-o-S	7.00 pm	Deanery Synod

Wednesday 17 October

The Vicarage	7.30 pm	Home Group
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Thursday 18 October

Wedmore Cemetery	2.00 pm	Burial of ashes - Freda Shelton
The Vicarage	6.30 pm	Confirmation Group

Saturday 20 October

Theale Village Hall	10.00 am	Theale Community Cafe
St Mary's	3.00 pm	Messy Church

Sunday 21 October : Trinity 21 / Dedication

St Mary's	8.00 am	BCP Holy Communion	<i>Revd Richard Neill</i>
Allerton	9.00 am	Dedication Festival	<i>Revds R Neill & J Hawes</i>
St Mary's	6.00 pm	Movement Youth Worship	

COLLECT

God, the giver of life,
whose Holy Spirit wells up within
your Church:
by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live
the gospel of Christ
and make us eager to do your will,
that we may share with the whole
creation
the joys of eternal life;
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. **Amen**

OLD TESTAMENT

AMOS 5: 6-7, 10-15

Seek the Lord and live,
or he will break out against the house
of Joseph like fire,
and it will devour Bethel, with no
one to quench it.
Ah, you that turn justice to
wormwood,
and bring righteousness to
the ground!
They hate the one who reproves
in the gate,
and they abhor the one who speaks
the truth.
Therefore, because you trample
on the poor
and take from them levies of grain,
you have built houses of hewn stone,
but you shall not live in them;
you have planted pleasant vineyards,
but you shall not drink their wine.
For I know how many are your
transgressions,
and how great are your sins—
you who afflict the righteous, who

take a bribe,
and push aside the needy in the gate.
Therefore the prudent will keep
silent in such a time;
for it is an evil time.
Seek good and not evil,
that you may live;
and so the Lord, the God of hosts,
will be with you,
just as you have said.
Hate evil and love good,
and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the Lord, the God
of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of
Joseph.

EPISTLE

HEBREWS 4: 12-16

Indeed, the word of God is living
and active, sharper than any two-
edged sword, piercing until it divides
soul from spirit, joints from marrow;
it is able to judge the thoughts and
intentions of the heart. And before
him no creature is hidden, but all are
naked and laid bare to the eyes of the
one to whom we must render an
account.
Since, then, we have a great high
priest who has passed through the
heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let
us hold fast to our confession. For
we do not have a high priest who is
unable to sympathize with our
weaknesses, but we have one who in
every respect has been tested as we
are, yet without sin. Let us therefore
approach the throne of grace with
boldness, so that we may receive
mercy and find grace to help in time
of need.

GOSPEL

MARK 10: 17-31

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother."' He said to him, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.' Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!' And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' They were greatly astounded and said to one another, 'Then who can be saved?' Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.'

Peter began to say to him, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'

POST COMMUNION

God our Father,
whose Son, the light unfailing,
has come from heaven to deliver the
world
from the darkness of ignorance:
let these holy mysteries open the
eyes of our understanding
that we may know the way of life,
and walk in it without stumbling;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Next Week's Readings:

Isaiah 53: 4-end

Psalm 91: 9-16

Hebrews 5: 1-10

Mark 10: 35-45