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21 APRIL 2024

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Welcome to our Service today
And welcome if you are reading this at home

9.30am Sung Eucharist HYMNS & MUSIC

208 (vv 5-8+Dox) – Christ is made the sure foundation **Bulletin** – I will sing the wondrous story

610 - To the name of our salvation

311 - Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour

Choir and Organ Music:

Before the service:

Prelude on 'Hyfrydol' – Henry Coleman Improvisation on 'Crimond' – Eric Thiman

Theme & Two Variations on 'Now the green blade riseth' - Marcel Dupré

At the Communion:

Choir: The Lord's my shepherd – arr Alan Bullard

This joyful Eastertide - Charles Wood

Voluntary: Postlude on 'Easter Carol' - Alan Bullard

NEXT WEEK – THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9.30am - Sung Eucharist

Readings

Acts 8, 26-40 & John 15, 1-8

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING - Acts 4, 5-12

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the highpriestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit. said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom vou crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders: it has become the cornerstone." There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

GOSPEL READING - John 10. 11-18

'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the

sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

I WILL SING THE WONDROUS STORY

of the Christ who died for me, how he left the realms of glory for the cross on Calvary.

Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story of the Christ who died for me – sing it with his saints in glory, gathered by the crystal sea.

I was lost but Jesus found me, found the sheep that went astray, raised me up and gently led me back into the narrow way.

Days of darkness still may meet me, sorrow's path I oft may tread; but his presence still is with me, by his guiding hand I'm led.

He will keep me till the river rolls its waters at my feet: then he'll bear me safely over, made by grace for glory meet. Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story of the Christ who died for me – sing it with his saints in glory, gathered by the crystal sea.

GLUTEN FREE WAFERS – these are available for those who need them. Please let the welcomers know when you arrive and inform the priest when you come to receive Communion

HOLY TRINITY NOTICES

COPYING, PRINTING, POSTERS – please send to Netty on: beneficeoffice@htboa.org NOTICES FOR WEEKLY BULLETINS – please send any messages by the end of a Wednesday to Netty on: beneficeoffice@htboa.org
HT FINANCE, PAYMENT REQUESTS
ETC – please contact Klaus on treasurer@htboa.org

BENEFICE CONFIRMATION - This will take place on 1 September at Holy Trinity at 9.30am. Please let Sarah or Robert know if you or someone you know is interested. Preparation meetings will be arranged to suit the timetables of the participants.

THY KINGDOM COME - Thy Kingdom Come is a global ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus. Started in 2016 as an invitation from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to the Church of England, it has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer. Between Ascension and Pentecost we will be thinking about this - more information soon.

CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL 2024 - This is open for revision for the next 2 weeks. The last date names can be added is Sunday 5th May. The 2023 roll is available for checking on the welcome desk and I should be grateful for your help in updating it. Please alert me to any necessary changes. Please complete a registration form if you wish to be included on the roll, and hand it to me, to one of the stewards, or post it in the church letterbox on the small north gate. Electronic forms are

available via the church office (beneficeoffice@htboa.org). There is no need to re-register if you are already on the roll. If you have moved since April last year, it would be helpful if you could please record your new address on a registration form. Thank you. Julia Steward, Electoral Roll Officer julia@jhsteward.com

CHURCHYARD NEWS

SNOWDROPS - Something to look forward to.... Thank you to Bishop Robert for donating a vast number of snowdrops and to Jane Jones who convened a team to plant them in swathes that we hope to enjoy next spring and for many years to come. Thank you all very much.

YEW - During the recent high winds, a long but not significant branch was shed by one of our yew trees. It was cleared by David Gladden, a wood turner who has shops (Timber Treasures) in Bath and Salisbury; who also made a donation. After a period of drying out, David will turn the wood into delightful items for sale in his shops. Each item will bear (underneath) a note of its provenance.

PCC RESPONSIBILITIES FOR 2024

Please look to these HT folk in future with any needs, observations, requests, questions, issues etc Fabric - Clive Adamson clive.adamson@me.com Churchyard - Peter Yarker pfyarker@gmail.com Mechanical & electrical - Tony Bruun tandibruun@talktalk.net 'Housekeeping' (looking after everything inside - including the PAYAZ machine) -Julia Steward - iulia@ihsteward.com Worship, Sacristy & Music - Sarah, Martin & Mavis Linstrum mavislinstrum@icloud.com 'Outward facing' - (benefice, deanery, diocese, Town Council, BACT etc) - Peter Y & Tony B

ASCENSION DAY 9 MAY - There will be a Benefice Sung Eucharist for Ascension Day at 6.30pm

COMPLINE IN THE SAXON CHURCH -

8pm on 24 April, 29 May, 26 June, 31 July, 28 August, 25 September

CONVERSATION & CRAFT CAFÉ –

Wednesday, 24 April, 1.15-2.45pm. Join us for refreshments, craft and conversation at Christ Church – an opportunity for young and old to come together. Free to attend – all welcome.

THIS WEEK @ HT

HOLY BAPTISM OF OTTILLE HULME-MCCALL – TODAY 3pm

MAINLY MUSIC – Tuesday @ 10.30am – fun & friendship for pre-school families (contact Marlene on 864412 if you'd like to come).

SAXON CLUB – Tuesday @ 2.30pm – fun & friendship for 'seniors'. Theme: Story of London's Underground

TOWN COUNCIL TWINNING CONCERT -

Saturday, 27 April @ 5pm. Local choirs, Wiltshire Wailers, Tow Path Singers and West Wiltshire Young Singers will be joined by St Laurence School's Random Band to celebrate the twin town link. Free event – seats allocated on first come, first served basis.

MORNING PRAYER will be said at 8.30am on Wednesday only.

FUTURE EVENTS @ HT

TRIO PARADIS CAFÉ CONCERT -

Thursday, 2 May @ 10.45am. May's programme is a collection of beautiful music by English composers of the late 19th and early 20th centuries, among them Charles Villiers Stanford, Rebecca Clark, Ernest Austin and Dora Bright. Concerts last c45mins. There's no need to book, just turn up early for best seats as these concerts are popular!

CONTEMPLATIVE HOUR @ ST MARY TORY - Thursday, 2 May @ 6pm

FOR OUR PRAYERS

Please pray for all who are sick, remembering especially: Matthew Cox, Valerie Dyer, Janet Emerson, Mollie Goodson, Anne Harris, Jim Hill, Sunil Kashyap, Alice Moody, Angela Onions, Gillian Paterson, Geneviève Roberts, Ken Roberts, Edward Shaw, Malcolm Walsh & Mary Worgan

Pray for all those who mourn and for those who have recently died and all those whose anniversary of death falls at this time, remembering especially: Greta Wiltshire, Sally Osborne & Norah Cookson

Please let Sarah know of any pastoral need – or simply cause for prayer.

BENEFICE PRAYER DURING THE

VACANCY - Heavenly Father, hear our prayer for our churches in Bradford on Avon Holy Trinity, Westwood and Wingfield at this time of Vacancy. Guide us in our deliberations and decisions as we look to the future. May we reach out to the community around us, spreading your message of love, care, hope and forgiveness to all generations. May your Holy Spirit be with us in all our endeavours and may our worship always glorify your name through Jesus Christ, your Son our Saviour. Amen

FOR PRAYER THIS WEEK

- All newly baptised
- Those preparing for confirmation
- The Sudan
- Churchwardens and PCC members in the benefice
- Our armed forces
- · Serving police officers