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

HYMNS & MUSIC FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

11.15am – Holy Communion

- 432** Rejoice the Lord is King
- 231** I heard the voice of Jesus say
- 246** In heavenly love abiding
- 56** Be thou my vision

THE COLLECT

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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.**

FIRST READING

James 2. 1-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please', while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there', or, 'Sit at my feet', have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the

whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. For the one who said, 'You shall not commit adultery', also said, 'You shall not murder.' Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgement will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgement.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill', and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 7. 24-37

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.' So she

went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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. **Amen.**

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

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



NEW! COMMUNITY CAFÉ – beginning on 11 September, from 10am-12noon, Holy Trinity will be holding a weekly community café –

coffee/tea and biscuits will be provided on a donation basis.

FURTHER INFORMATION:

LICENSING - The Bishop of Ramsbury has confirmed that he will license the Reverend Jenny Nelson as the new Rector of Bradford on Avon Holy Trinity, Westwood and Wingfield on **Thursday 7th November at 7.00pm**. Further information will follow. You may wish to make a note of the date. Please continue to pray for Jenny and her family as she prepares to leave her current benefice and take-up her post with us.

THIS WEEK @ HT

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: Sharing Poetry

COMMUNITY CAFÉ LAUNCH –
Wednesday, 10am-12noon

HOLY TRINITY DISCOVERY DAY –
Saturday, 10.30am-3pm.

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

FUTURE EVENTS @ HT

MOTHERS' UNION MEETING –
Wednesday, 18 September @ 2.30pm
– Communion & Talk

FORGET ME NOT CAFÉ – Thursday,
19 September @ 11am-12.30pm – lots
of fun, music and good company.



CLARITY CHOIR, SING FOR PEACE WORKSHOP – Saturday, 21 September, 2pm-5pm. Tickets £10. See posters/flyers in church.

HYMNS AND PIMMS – Saturday, 28 September @ 5pm

HARVEST FESTIVAL – Sunday, 6 October – more details to follow

FOR OUR PRAYERS

Please pray for all who are sick, remembering especially: Lesley & David Chalmers, Betty & Doug Hancock & Joan Windel

Pray for all those who mourn and for those who have recently died.

Please *always* let Sarah know of any pastoral need – any kind of pain or loss, illness, hospitalisation, loneliness – 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

- Our Archbishops
- Teachers and children returning to school
- The bereaved
- Social care
- All refugees
- The unemployed

NEXT WEEK – 15 SEPTEMBER 2024
THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF TRINITY
11.15am – Mattins

Readings:
Psalm 19
James 3. 1-12
Mark 8. 27-end