



# THE PARISH OF HOLY TRINITY

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## 1 DECEMBER 2024

## ADVENT SUNDAY

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

### **HYMNS & MUSIC FOR TODAY'S SERVICE**

### **9.30am Benefice Eucharist**

**26** – Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding

**37** – The Lord will come and not be slow

**24** – Come, thou long-expected Jesus

**Sheet** – Hill of the North, rejoice



#### **Choir and Organ Music:**

##### **Before the service:**

Hymn Prelude on 'Little Cornard' — *Ian Hare*

Basse et dessus de Trompette — *Jean François Dandriou*

Hymn Prelude on 'Merton' — *David Thorne*

##### **At the Communion:**

**Choir:** Adam lay y-bounden — *Boris Ord*

**Organ:** Chorale Prelude, Freu dich sehr, O mein Seele, — *Sigfrid Karg-Elert*

Basse de Cromorne — *Jean François Dandriou*

**Voluntary:** Chorale Prelude: Wachet Auf! ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645 — *JS Bach*



## Do join us later today for our 6pm Advent Carol Service

## **THE COLLECT**

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

### **Jeremiah 33. 14-16**

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

## **NEW TESTAMENT READING**

### **1 Thessalonians 3. 9-nd**

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

## **GOSPEL READING**

### **Luke 21. 25-36**

'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that

summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of our Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **HILLS OF THE NORTH, REJOICE;**

river and mountain-spring,  
hark to the advent voice;  
valley and lowland, sing:  
though absent long, your Lord is nigh;  
He judgement brings and victory.

Isles of the southern seas,  
deep in your coral caves.  
Pent be each warring breeze,  
lulled be your restless waves;  
He comes to reign in boundless sway,  
and makes your wastes his great highway.

Lands of the east, awake,  
soon shall your sons be free;  
the sleep of ages break,  
and rise to liberty.  
On your far hills, long cold and grey,  
has dawned the everlasting day.

Shores of the utmost west,  
ye that have waited long,  
unvisited, unblest,  
break forth to swelling song;  
high raise the note that Jesus died,  
yet lives and reigns the Crucified.

Shout while ye journey home;  
songs be in every mouth;  
lo, from the north we come,  
from east and west and south.  
City of God, the bond are free,  
we come to live and reign in thee!

**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**

**NOTICES FOR WEEKLY BULLETINS** – please send any messages *by the end of a Wednesday* to Netty on: [beneficeoffice@htboa.org](mailto:beneficeoffice@htboa.org)

**HT FINANCE, PAYMENT REQUESTS ETC** –

please contact Klaus on [treasurer@htboa.org](mailto:treasurer@htboa.org)

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**COMMUNITY CAFÉ** – Wednesdays from 10am-12noon - weekly community café – coffee/tea and biscuits will be provided on a donation basis.

**MIDWEEK SAID SERVICES** - The next Wednesday Morning Prayer at Holy Trinity will be held on Wednesday, 11 December at 8.30am. Wednesday Evening Prayer: Evening Prayer in Advent will be said on Wednesday, 4 December at 4pm. If anyone would like to join in this quiet said service towards the end of the day you would be very welcome; thank you, Jenny.

**WEEKLY PRAYERS** at noon every Thursday in the Saxon Church for Israel and Palestine using prayer from Sabeel based in Jerusalem, 11.50 - 12.10. Everyone warmly welcome.

**A LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS** – Wednesday, 27 December, 6pm-6.45pm – a warm welcome and hot drink: readings, music and reflection in the Saxon Church.

**HOLY TRINITY CHARITY APPEAL FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS** - This year's Charity Appeal for Advent and Christmas will again be for Embrace the Middle East. This charity (which was formerly known as Biblelands) works with Christians in the middle East to transform lives and restore the dignity of the most excluded and marginalised. There will be a retiring collection at the Advent Carol Service on 1st December. You may also give via their website at <https://embraceme.org/> where you will also find more news about their current work.

**SUE RYDER GRIEF KIND SPACE AT THE HUB** - run weekly on Thursdays between 10am-12pm. A drop-in group so there is no need to register just turn up on the day. You can find support and also meet other people who are going through a similar experience.

**ST MARY TORY CONTEMPLATIVE HOUR** - Thursday, 5 December 6-7pm. Just silence and stillness surrounded by candles. All welcome.

**PCC RESPONSIBILITIES FOR 2024** – Please see these HT folk with any needs, observations, requests, questions, issues:

**Fabric** – Clive Adamson - [clive.adamson@me.com](mailto:clive.adamson@me.com)

**Churchyard** – Peter Yarker - [pfyarker@gmail.com](mailto:pfyarker@gmail.com)

**Mechanical & electrical** – Please talk to a member of the welcome team in the first instance.

**'Housekeeping'** (looking after everything inside – including the PAYAZ machine) – Julia Steward - [julia@jhsteward.com](mailto:julia@jhsteward.com)

**Worship, Sacristy & Music** – Sarah, Martin & Mavis Linstrum - [mavislinstrum@icloud.com](mailto:mavislinstrum@icloud.com)

**'Outward facing'** – (benefice, deanery, diocese, Town Council, BACT etc) – Peter Y

### **CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 10 - 15**

**DECEMBER** - In order to make this enjoyable community event a success, we need volunteers to:

- Help set up after church NEXT Sunday 8th December and to clear away on Monday afternoon 16th December
- Help with refreshments (a steady head is required to cope with mulled wine fumes)
- Act as welcome stewards

Do please add your name to lists on the Welcome Desk. Any questions or if you would like to stage a tree please contact John Cox (tel 864270 or [jandbcox@hotmail.com](mailto:jandbcox@hotmail.com)) There are lists on the welcome desk

**NOT TO BE MISSED!** - The offer of a lift with Jenny to future Deanery Synod meetings. We have had no deanery rep for some time, so we are denied the wider perspective of the deanery and could become very inward looking. Jenny suggests 'It could be fun - and there's good tea and cake! ...' Please see Jenny if you want to put this to the test. Duties are not onerous and there is no obligation to attend a second time if it's not for you.

**MESSAGE FROM JENNY** - Advent is here and it can seem an uncomfortable time of waiting as the days shorten and as we experience greater challenges and physical darkness, morning and night. The floods in this last week are a cause of deep discomfort and disorientation for many; waiting for the water to subside, waiting for news for those facing significant challenges, waiting for the break in the weather. In all of this, please know that we are praying for you and with you. Please do be in touch if there is anything we can do as a team in prayer, or in support of you while we wait together.

### THIS WEEK @ HT

**ADVENT CAROL SERVICE** – TODAY @ 6pm.

The collection this year will again be for the charity *Embrace the Middle East*. Please give generously.

**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: Michael Bardell 'In Flanders Fields'

**COMMUNITY CAFE** – Wednesday, 10am – 12noon. All welcome.

**TRIO PARADIS CAFÉ CONCERT** – Thursday @ 10.45am. Concerts last c45mins. There's no need to book, just turn up early for best seats as these concerts are popular!

### FUTURE EVENTS @ HT

**CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL** – 10-15 December

**BOACS CHRISTMAS CONCERT** – Friday, 13 December @ 7.30pm. Music including Vivaldi, Pergolesi and a selection of carols, with an instrumental ensemble and some special soloists. Tickets £15 include a glass of wine/soft drink and a programme on the door or from Ex Libris bookshop.

**'CAROLS AROUND THE TREES'** - Sunday, 15 December @ 3.30pm - An opportunity to join together as a community for some light carol singing! All welcome'.

**CANTAMUS CHRISTMAS CONCERT** – Tuesday, 17 December @ 7.30pm. Evocative music and readings for Advent and Christmas including festive favorites to join in with. Tickets on the door £15 / £5 concession.

**MOTHERS' UNION MEETING** – Wednesday, 18 December @ 2.30pm – A Christmas celebration

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

**BATH MINERVA CHOIR CHRISTMAS CHORAL CONCERT** – Saturday, 21 December @ 7.30pm

### FOR OUR PRAYERS

**Please pray for all who are sick, remembering especially:** Barbara Adamson, Tony Bruun, Matthew Cox, Valerie Dyer, Janet Emerson, Phil

Godwin, Mollie Goodson, Anne Harris, Jim Hill, J Fuller, Alice Moody, Angela Onions, Geneviève Roberts, Ken Roberts, Edward Shaw, Malcolm Walsh & Mary Worgan

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

**Pray for all those whose anniversary of death falls at this time, remembering especially:** Jane Moore & Joye Saunders

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

### FOR PRAYER THIS WEEK

- A reflective Advent
- Those affected by the severe stormy weather
- Our farming communities
- The Royal Family
- Our media, in all forms
- The Archbishops council

We continue to work together in our shared commitment to Safeguarding: **'The Benefice of Bradford on Avon Holy Trinity, Westwood and Wingfield takes its responsibilities surrounding the safeguarding of children, young people, and adults who may be at risk, very seriously. We work in partnership with the Diocese of Salisbury to ensure that we work in accordance with best practices at all times.'**

**SAFEGUARDING** - If you have any Safeguarding concerns please speak to the clergy or our Safeguarding Adviser for the Benefice: **Andrea Unwin** 07553161654 Email: aandreab.unwin@outlook.com  
If you are concerned that someone you know is at risk of or is being abused, or presents a risk to others, please seek advice from: [safeguarding@salisbury.anglican.org](mailto:safeguarding@salisbury.anglican.org) to speak to a caseworker, or the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor 01722 438651 and press option 3

**NEXT WEEK – 8 DECEMBER  
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**8am** – Said Eucharist  
**9.30am** – 'In the Round'

**Readings:**  
Malachi 3. 1-4  
Philippians 1. 3-11  
Luke 3. 1-6