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22 DECEMBER 2024

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Welcome to our Service today

And welcome if you are reading this at home

HYMNS & MUSIC FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

9.30am Sung Eucharist



58 – Long ago, prophets knew

362 – Tell out my soul

505 – Lord Jesus Christ

63 – O little town of Bethlehem

Choir and Organ Music:

Before the service: 'Magnificat' Fugue, BWV 733 – *JS Bach*

Prelude on 'Quem Pastores' – *Paul Fey*

Prelude on 'Personent Hodie' – *Stephen Burtonwood*

Prière à Notre Dame – *Leon Boëllmann*

At the Communion:

Choir: The angel Gabriel – traditional Carol *arranged Edgar Pettman*

Organ: Prelude: 'Es ist ein' Ros' entsprungen – *Mary Beth Bennett*

Prelude: 'Living Lord' – *Malcolm Archer*

Voluntary: Prelude in E minor, BWV 548i – *JS Bach*

Do join us for our **6pm Nine Lessons and Carols**
this evening. All welcome!

THE COLLECT

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Micah 5. 2-5a

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Hebrews 10. 5-10

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, 'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, "See, God, I have come to do your will, O God" (in the scroll of the book it is written of me).' When he said above, 'You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-offerings' (these are offered according to the law), then he added, 'See, I have come to do your will.' He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 1. 39-45

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country,

where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; 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

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

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

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 – Friday, 27 December, 6pm-6.45pm – a warm welcome and hot drink: readings, music and reflection in the Saxon Church. Future dates: Wednesdays, 29 Jan, 26 Feb, 26 March.

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

Fabric – Clive Adamson - clive.adamson@me.com

Churchyard – Peter Yarker - 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

Worship, Sacristy & Music – Sarah, Martin & Mavis Linstrum - mavislinstrum@icloud.com

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

CHANGE OF TIME - Please note that the time of the **SUE RYDER GRIEF KIND SPACE AT THE HUB** which runs weekly on Thursdays will change **from 2 January to the new time of 2-4pm**. The group will then have exclusive use of the space. It is a drop-in group so there is no need to register: just turn up on the day at any time during the 2-hour slot. You can find support and also meet other people who are going through a similar experience.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL - Numbers attending were a staggering 6000 over the 6 days of the Festival, the largest number ever. The combined total raised from refreshments and donations at the door was £4880, coming close to the record of £5200 set in 2016, the year we re-opened. My personal thanks to all those who helped, sang, played and came along to soak up the amazing atmosphere that rekindled our community spirit. Thank you once again. John

MESSAGE FROM JENNY – Wishing you all a blessed Christmas with your loved ones and friends. We give thanks for everything that you share as partners in the Gospel.

Love came down at Christmas,
Love all lovely, Love Divine,
Love was born at Christmas,
Star and Angels gave the sign.

Worship we the Godhead,
Love Incarnate, Love Divine,
Worship we our Jesus,
But wherewith for sacred sign?

Love shall be our token,
Love be yours and love be mine,
Love to God and all men,
Love for plea and gift and sign.

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. You may also give via their website at <https://embraceme.org/> where you will also find more news about their current work.

THIS WEEK @ HT



CHRISTMAS SERVICES

NINE LESSONS & CAROLS – TODAY @ 6pm

CRIB & CHRISTINGLE SERVICE – Tuesday, 24 December @ 3pm - and do come dressed as your favourite Nativity character if you'd like to! Supporting the work of The Children's Society and Holy Trinity.

CANDLELIT MIDNIGHT MASS – Tuesday, 24 December @ 11.15pm - we celebrate the First Eucharist of Christmas together – come and share the wonder, the mystery of “Emmanuel – Christ with us”.

CHRISTMAS DAY - Wednesday, 25 December
8am – **EUCHARIST** (Traditional Language)
10am – **FAMILY EUCHARIST WITH CAROLS** – a joyful celebration for all the family.

FUTURE EVENTS @ HT

BENEFICE EUCHARIST – Sunday, 29 December @ 9.30am

EPIPHANY EVENSONG – Sunday, 5 January @ 6pm

MU EUCHARIST & AGM – Wednesday, 15 January @ 2.30pm

FOR OUR PRAYERS

Please pray for all who are sick, remembering especially: Barbara Adamson, Tony Bruun, Matthew Cox, Valerie Dyer, J Fuller, Anne Harris, Jim Hill, Alice Moody, Geneviève Roberts, Ken Roberts, Edward Shaw, Malcolm Walsh & Ayleen Waring-Nicholson

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: David Emerson, Pam Wickham, Bunty Johns, Elwyn Chapman, Margaret Dowling, Sheila Dunfield, Keith Robinson, Mary Wright, Tim Garland & John Benjamin.



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

FOR PRAYER THIS WEEK

- Thanksgiving for the birth of a Jesus.
- Mary, the mother of God
- The lonely and the bereaved
- Emergency services
- All retired clergy
- 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.unwinn@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 to speak to a caseworker, or the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor 01722 438651 and press option 3

NEXT WEEK – 29 DECEMBER THE FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

9.30am – Benefice Eucharist

Readings:
1 Samuel 2. 18-20, 26
1 Corinthians 1. 26-29
Matthew 2. 13-18