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26 JANUARY 2025 THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY



Welcome to our Service today

And welcome if you are reading this at home

HYMNS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

9.30am - Morning Prayer

362	O for a thousand tongues to sing
277	Jesus shall reign
198	Hark the glad sound the Saviour comes
464	Take my life and let it be

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness

sustain us by your mighty power; 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 Nehemiah 8.1-3;5-6;8-10

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly. the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God. with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.'

GOSPEL READING Luke 4.14-21

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.' And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

NOTICES

NOTICES FOR WEEKLY BULLETINS

 please send any messages by the end of a Wednesday to Netty on: beneficeoffice@htboa.org

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

A LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS -

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

MESSAGE FROM JENNY - LENT COURSE 2025: Today, I include news of this year's Lent Course which will be based around the Pilgrim Course, A Course for the Christian Journey, with our focal point for Lent being The Lord's Prayer. The course will run across the Benefice of Bradford on Avon Holy Trinity, Westwood and Wingfield, in six sessions during Lent, (one session every week, with locations and times to be confirmed). between 9th March, Ash Wednesday, and 13th April, Palm Sunday. The aim of this year's Lent Course is to help us to explore discipleship, and will include prayer, conversation starters, creative connected activities, reflection on readings, and reflective questions.

During Lent, I would usually also run a *Confirmation Course*, which in previous years I have based around themes of the Pilgrim Course for all age groups. If you would like to explore being confirmed this year, or know of anyone who may like to do so, please do be in touch via my email address which is noted at the top of this bulletin (please note the change to my email address).

I am excited to note that we now have nine baptisms currently being planned in this year.

Jesus calls us to follow, 'happy are those whose hearts are set on the pilgrim way' (Psalm 84.5).

Further details will follow next week.

Yours,

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.

SUE RYDER GRIEF KIND SPACE AT THE HUB runs weekly on Thursdays at **2-4pm.** It is a drop-in group so no need to register: just turn up on the day at any time during the 2-hour slot. You can find support and meet other people who are going through a similar experience.

THIS WEEK @ HT

MORNING PRAYER – Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday @ 8.30am – everyone welcome **MAINLY MUSIC** – Tuesday @ 10.30am – fun & friendship for preschool families (contact Marlene on 864412 if you'd like to come)

SAXON CLUB – Tuesday @ 2.30pm – fun & friendship for 'seniors'. Theme: Quotation Quiz

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

EVENING PRAYER – Wednesday @ 4pm

FUTURE EVENTS @ HT

EVENSONG – Sunday, 2 February @ 6pm

TRIO PARADIS CAFÉ CONCERT -

Thursday, 6 February @ 10.45am. February's concert is a collection of music by South American composers to bring some sun to dark winter days... including dances (Tango, Rumba and more), alongside classical and reflective pieces. Concerts last c45mins. There's no need to book, just turn up early for best seats as these concerts are popular!

WAVE OF PRAYER – Friday, 7 February @ 10am, 6 Folly Field, BOA

FORGET ME NOT CAFÉ – Thursday, 20 February @ 11am-12.30pm – lots of fun, music and good company.

FOR OUR PRAYERS

Please pray for all who are sick, remembering especially: Wendy Fuller, Roger Hutchings & Deb Pazikel.

Pray for all those who mourn and for those who have recently died, especially: The Rev Jim Hill

Please always let Jenny or Sarah know of any pastoral need – any kind of pain or loss, illness, hospitalisation, loneliness – or simply cause for prayer.

FOR PRAYER THIS WEEK

- Thanks for all we hold dear
- Hope for Christian Unity
- Hospitals, staff & volunteers
- Kindness and love
- The lonely and depressed
- Our own needs

SAFEGUARDING - If you have any



Safeguarding concerns please speak to the clergy or our Safeguarding Adviser for the Benefice: Andrea

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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 – 2 FEBRUARY CANDLEMAS

9.30am - Holy Communion

Readings:

Malachi 3. 1-5 Luke 2. 22-40