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12 JANUARY 2025 THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST



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

HYMNS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

11.15am – Holy Communion

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| 395 | Of the Father's love begotten |
| 231 | I heard the voice of Jesus say |
| 56 | Be thou my vision |
| 193 | Hail to the Lord's anointed |

THE COLLECT

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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

Isaiah 43. 1-7

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life.

Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, 'Give them up', and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.'

GOSPEL READING

Luke 3. 15-17, 21-22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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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SUE RYDER GRIEF KIND SPACE

AT THE HUB runs weekly on Thursdays at **the new time of 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.

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.

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.

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.

OUR PRAYERS INCLUDE - The Revd Jim Hill who has recently died. Many will have known Jim, who ministered in this benefice and in Winsley in his retirement. May Jim rest in peace and rise in glory. Our prayers and deepest condolences are also with Jim's partner, Michael, their family and friends.

THIS WEEK @ HT

MORNING PRAYER – Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday @ 8.30am – everyone welcome

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'. Lindsay Driscoll 'From Belarus to Zanzibar - Experiences of a human rights lawyer' Part 1

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

MU EUCHARIST & AGM – Wednesday @ 2.30pm

EVENING PRAYER – Wednesday @ 4pm

FUTURE EVENTS @ HT

SAVE THE CHILDREN COFFEE MORNING – Saturday, 25 January, 10am-12.30pm. Do join us for coffee and delicious cake and, of course, a chat amongst friends!! We look forward to welcoming you!

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!

FOR OUR PRAYERS



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

Pray for all those who mourn and for those who have recently died, especially: The Revd 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

- The incoming & outgoing Bishops of Canterbury
- Victims of extreme weather conditions
- Supporting our NHS
- Those suffering from winter viruses
- Thanks for our families and all we love

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**



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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 – 19 JANUARY
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF
EPIPHANY**

11.15am – Holy Communion

Readings:

Isaiah 62: 1-5

John 2. 1-11