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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

11.15am – Mattins

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| 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

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SUE RYDER GRIEF KIND SPACE AT THE HUB runs weekly on Thursdays from

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.

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'* (*Psalms 84.5*).

Further details will follow next week.

Yours,

Jenny

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'.

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

MOTHERS' UNION MEETING – Wednesday, 19 February @ 2.30pm with a talk on 'My Faith Journey' with Rev Tessa Mann

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: 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

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

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:

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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 – 2 FEBRUARY CANDLEMAS

11.15am – Holy Communion

Readings:

Malachi 3. 1-5

Luke 2. 22-40