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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 & MUSIC FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

9.30am - 'In the Round'

548 – One more step

383 – Be still for the presence of the Lord

Bulletin – Let us sing to the God of salvation

612 – We have a gospel to proclaim

Organ Music

Before the service:

Chorale Prelude: 'Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan kam', BWV 684 – *JS Bach*

Two Danish Chorale Preludes for Baptism:

Herren Straekker ud sim arm – *Christian Praestholm*

O lad din Ånd nu med os vaere – *Jesper Madsen*

Voluntary: Tuba Tune – *Craig Sellar Lang*

CS Lang was born in New Zealand in 1891 and died after a long career as a schoolmaster and composer in the UK, in 1971. For much of his career he was Director of Music at Christ's Hospital School, Horsham where there is a huge 5-manual organ in the chapel. When so many people, sadly, remember being told at school that they "can't sing" it is heartening to hear that Lang was deeply committed to awakening the musicianship in every pupil. He wrote arrangements of choral music with congregational parts so that all pupils could take part in what was being sung in the college chapel.

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His Tuba Tune is a popular piece, but it is helpful, perhaps, to understand that the Tuba stop on an organ is nothing like its orchestral namesake. Rather than being the tubby caricature of itself with its “oom-pah-pah” image, on the organ it is a very loud stop of trumpet variety, capable of being heard over the whole of the rest of the organ put together. There are two wonderful examples at Salisbury Cathedral which are truly that instrument’s crowning glory.

Whilst we look forward to our pipe organ being back in action later this year, we must try to keep in our minds the fact that it remains incomplete, even after the comprehensive work of 2016/17. Whilst it is certainly not in anyone’s mind to install a Tuba stop, we look forward to the day when the Tromba and Trombone stop knobs that ARE in place on our console now, are actually linked up to a set of pipes that would become our organ’s crowning glory, in their own way.

As it happens, our substitute Viscount organ *has* a Trumpet stop which is no Tuba, but it at least makes for a satisfactory substitute, which is all most churches of our size can hope for, and I hope you will enjoy this jaunty little piece played on it today.

Music scholars present will be aghast at all this attention drawn to what is, really, little more than a confection, at the expense of telling you all about the Bach chorale prelude which I am starting with today and which fits with today’s festival of the Baptism of Christ, and is one of the most intricate and sublime works of the master. “Christ, our Lord, came to the Jordan.” I’ll tell you all about it next year!

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.**

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

LET US SING TO THE GOD OF SALVATION

let us sing to the Lord our rock!
Let us come to his house with thanksgiving,
Let us come before the Lord and sing!

*Praise our maker, praise our Saviour,
Praise the Lord our everlasting King.
Every throne must bow before him,
God is Lord of everything!*

In his hand are the earth's deep places
and the strength of the hills is his!
All the sea is the Lord's, for he made it,
by his hands the dry land was formed.

Let us worship the Lord our maker,
let us kneel to the Lord our God;
for we all are the sheep of his pasture,
he will guide us by his powerful hand

Let today be the time when you hear him!
May our hearts not be hard or cold,
lest we stray from the Lord in rebellion,
as his people did in times of old.

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please contact Klaus on treasurer@htboa.org

MORNING PRAYER - now said every
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 8.30am
at Holy Trinity. All are warmly invited to join this
short weekday service.

PCC APPEAL - more helpers are sought to set
up the church ready for the Eucharist.
Currently, set-up duty is once every 5 weeks or
so. If you are willing to help, please contact
Mavis Linstrum.

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.

PCC RESPONSIBILITIES FOR 2025 – 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

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.

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 and HAS
changed to **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.

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

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

PCC MEETING – Thursday @ 1.30pm, Tower Room

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: Barbara Adamson, Tony Bruun, Matthew Cox, Valerie Dyer, Jennifer 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, especially: The Revd Jim Hill

Pray for all those whose anniversary of death falls at this time, remembering especially: Maurice Page & Enid German

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

FOR PRAYER THIS WEEK

- The Middle East
- 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 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 Adviser 01722 438651 and press option 3

**NEXT WEEK – 19 JANUARY
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY**

9.30am – Sung Eucharist

Readings:
Isaiah 62: 1-5
John 2. 1-11