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23 FEBRUARY 2025 THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT



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

HYMNS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

11.15am – Morning Prayer

- 442** – Seek Ye first the Kingdom of God
- 120** – Father hear the prayer we offer
- 235** – I the Lord of Sea and Sky
- 467** – Tell out my soul

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Genesis 2.4b-9;15-end

In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground— then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'

Then the Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.' So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but

for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, 'This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.' Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 8.22-25

One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side of the lake.' So they put out, and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A gale swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. They went to him and woke him up, shouting, 'Master, Master, we are perishing!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. He said to them, 'Where is your faith?' They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?'

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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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.

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.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2025 – Friday, 7 March @ 10am, Christ Church. A service for everyone prepared by women from the Cook Islands – followed by refreshments.

A LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS – Wednesday, 26 February, 6pm-6.45pm – a warm welcome and hot drink: readings, music and reflection in the Saxon Church. Future dates: Wednesdays, 26 March.

LENT COURSES IN WINGFIELD AND WESTWOOD - Please do get in touch with Jenny if you would like to join one of the Lent Courses across the benefice, which run in every week of Lent between the week of March 9th - April 16th. You would be most welcome! There is a course at Holy Trinity on Wednesday mornings, at 10am; a course on Fridays at 2pm at Westwood (please email me for arrangements for that). There is room too for an evening course, for those who may find it challenging to make the daytime courses; please do be in touch with Jenny about this. If you would like to participate in a Lent group in Wingfield, please do let Jenny know. We look forward to seeing you.
Yours, Jenny

MESSAGE FROM JENNY: We welcome Bradford on Avon's Ukrainian community to Holy Trinity this morning. We remember this prayer written in February 2022. We remember and reflect, coming together as a community.

A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them.

Prayer for the Peace of the World

Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed: kindle, we pray, in the hearts of all, the true love of peace and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth that in tranquillity your kingdom may go forward, till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; 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.

ELECTORAL ROLL AND APCM - Thank you to our Electoral Roll Officers. Please do all sign up for the Electoral Roll. We look forward to your being with us. The Electoral Roll changes every six years, and those who are already on the Electoral renew and refresh their details at this time. If you are new to the community, please do sign up. Thank you. Our work towards the APCMs is underway and we look forward to sharing the details and news of the year to date, as well as looking forwards with everyone. Thank you. 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’. Theme: Further travels of a human rights lawyer Lindsay Driscoll

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

FUTURE EVENTS @ HT

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES – Wednesday, 5 March. 10am Said Eucharist & Ashing & 6pm Ash Wednesday Eucharist.

TRIO PARADIS CAFÉ CONCERT – Thursday, 6 March @ 10.45am. Our March concert is a collection of music by women composers to mark International Women’s Day (8th March). The programme includes the Phantasy Trio by Irish composer Joan Trimble, and works by Rosalind Ellicott, Elfrida Andrée, Adela Maddison, Dora Pejacevic, Fanny Mendelssohn and Clara Schumann. Concerts last c45mins. There’s no need to book, just turn up early for best seats as these concerts are popular!

ROLLING HARMONY SINGING WORKSHOP & CONCERT – Saturday, 22 March. Workshop 4-5.30pm, concert @ 7.30pm. Tickets: £16 concert / £28 workshop & concert from songways.co.uk/rolling-harmony

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.

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

- People of Ukraine
- Respect among World Leaders
- Those working to repair our church organ
- The lonely, depressed and addicted
- Parents of disabled children
- Ourselves and for which we are grateful

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 Adviser 01722 438651 and press option 3

NEXT WEEK – 2 MARCH THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

11.15am – Holy Communion

Readings:

Exodus 34. 29-end

Luke 9. 28-36