

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, WESTWOOD

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30 MARCH 2025 MOTHERING SUNDAY



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

HYMNS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

11.15am – Mothering Sunday Service



90 – Come down O love divine
137 – For the beauty of the earth
206 – He's got the whole world in his hands
354 – Now thank we all our God

THE COLLECT

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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

Exodus 2. 1-10

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

GOSPEL READING

John 19. 25b-27

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

NOTICES

NOTICES FOR WEEKLY BULLETINS – please send any messages *by the end of a Wednesday* to Netty on: beneficeoffice@htboa.org

COPYING, PRINTING, POSTERS – please send to Netty on: beneficeoffice@htboa.org

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.

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

MESSAGE FROM JENNY - Following energetic and successful meetings at Holy Trinity last Sunday, I am delighted to share the good news that Hugh Wright and Christopher Segar were elected as Church Wardens, that we have two new Deanery Synod reps in David Hare and Jane Jones, and that John Cox, Andrea Unwin, Joanna Harries, Zabe Ashworth-James, Jane Jones were elected to the PCC. Continuing on the PCC are Clive Adamson (Treasurer and Vice Chair), Lindsay Driscoll, Martin Cooke, Elizabeth Forbes, and Mavis Linstrum. I give thanks for their dedication, commitment, and service as partners in the Gospel. We also thank Julia Steward and Peter Yarker for their significant contributions over the past few years. We particularly thank today, The Revd Sarah Jackson, for her generous and steadfast ministry in recent years as Associate Priest in this Benefice, and we wish her well for the new season ahead. Blessed are those whose hearts are filled with holy affection, for verily all good things come together, therewith. My recommended reading this week is *Of the Love of God*, by S. Francis de Sales. We look forward to the APCM at Westwood. Yours Jenny

DIGITAL MISSION - It is a privilege to have been invited to read the digital prayers for the Diocese of Salisbury. These can be found online from Monday - Passion Sunday, on the diocesan website and their social media platforms, including Facebook, Blue Sky Social, and Instagram. #MakingJesusKnown. If anyone would like to help with the digital mission for our benefice please get in touch with Jenny.

A WARM INVITATION FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY - for volunteers for the symbolic Washing of Feet in the Maundy Thursday Service at Holy Trinity on 17th

April. Please be in touch with Jenny or Netty for further details. Thank you.

WESTWOOD BELLS - Anne Willis has written a history of Westwood bells which can be found on <https://sdgr.org.uk/westwood-bells>

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.

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

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER - St Mary Tory. First Thursday of the month is 3 April. Everyone is welcome to join us at the pilgrim chapel 6-7pm.

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.

LENT COURSE – Wednesday, 10am-
11.30am

TRIO PARADIS CAFÉ CONCERT –
Thursday @ 10.45am. April's programme
is inspired by the season of spring and
includes the recently rediscovered Trio by
Austrian Jewish composer Carl Frühling,
Gaubert Spring Morning and works by
Cécile Chaminade, Ivor Gurney, Frank
Bridge and others. Concerts last c45mins.
There's no need to book, just turn up early
for best seats as these concerts are
popular!

FUTURE EVENTS @ HT

FORGET ME NOT CAFÉ – Thursday, 17
April @ 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.**

**Please *a/ways* 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

- Mothers everywhere
- Mothers whose children have died
- The Mothers' Union
- Churchwardens in our benefice
- Peace in our time
- Our environment

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: safeguarding@htboa.org

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 – 6 APRIL THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

11.15am – Holy Communion

Readings:

Isaiah 43. 16-21

John 12. 1-18