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9 MARCH 2025 THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



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

HYMNS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

11.15am – Morning Prayer

259 – Jerusalem the Golden

32a – And now O Father mindful of thy Love

500 – There is a Redeemer

90 – Come down O love divine

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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

Deuteronomy 26. 1-11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the

Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 4. 1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone."'

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."'

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

NOTICES

NOTICES FOR WEEKLY BULLETINS –

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beneficeoffice@htboa.org

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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.

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.

WESTWOOD BELLS - Anne Willis has

written a history of Westwood bells which can be found on

<https://sdgr.org.uk/westwood-bells>

A LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS –

Wednesday, 26 March, 6pm-6.45pm – a warm welcome and hot drink: readings, music and reflection in the Saxon Church.

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: Lent is upon us.

Extraordinarily Lent makes space for the hope of Christ, in our individual lives, in the life of the household, in the life of the Church and our local communities. Lent makes space for the hope of Christ in a way that draws us into fellowship. A good Lent starts within us and moves through those close to us. It comes into the Church and may be generously experienced overflowing into society. For that, we pray, 'may your kingdom come'.

We may consider personal Lent disciplines or observances as something to take up and something to give up. What might those be for you? I extend a warm invitation to our Lent Course, The Pilgrim Course, focused on The Lord's Prayer: Wednesdays at 10 am in Holy Trinity, or Fridays at 2 pm in Westwood. Please get in touch with me for further details. Please be assured of my prayers in this and every season. I pray that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith, as we are rooted and grounded in love; that we may be filled with all the fullness of God (Eph 3). I look forward to seeing you soon.

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



to come)

MAINLY MUSIC – Tuesday @ 10.30am – fun & friendship for pre-school families (contact Marlene on 864412 if you'd like

SAXON CLUB – Tuesday @ 2.30pm – fun & friendship for 'seniors'. More from the archives Mervyn Grist

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

LENT COURSE – Wednesday, 10am-11.30am

FUTURE EVENTS @ HT

FORGET ME NOT CAFÉ – Thursday, 20 March @ 11am-12.30pm – lots of fun, music and good company.

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

MOTHERS' UNION MEETING – Wednesday, 26 March @ 2.30pm with Bishop Robert Atwell

FOR OUR PRAYERS

Please pray for all who are sick, remembering especially: Bishop Robert, 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

- Discussions between World Leaders
- Leaders & volunteers in our Church
- Safety & well-being of teenagers
- Those suffering long term illnesses
- Thanks for Spring flowers & longer days
- Family time, fun & laughter

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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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 Advisor
01722 438651 and press option 3

NEXT WEEK – 16 MARCH THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

11.15am – Mattins

Readings:
Genesis 15.1-12.17-18
Luke 13.31-end