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23 MARCH 2025

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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

HYMNS & MUSIC FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

9.30am – Sung Eucharist

385 – Be thou my guardian and my guide

211 – We love the place, O God

386 – Be thou my vision

556 – Praise the Lord, ye heavens adore him

Organ Music:

Before the service:

Fugue in F minor, BWV 534ii – *JS Bach*

Variations on 'Herzlich tut mich verlangen' – *Denis Bédard*

Chorale Prelude on 'Abridge' – *CS Lang*

At the Communion:

Chorale Prelude: 'Erbarm dich mein', BWV 721 – *JS Bach*

Aria – Homage to JSB – *John Jordan*

Voluntary:

Prelude in F minor, BWV 534i – *JS Bach*

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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 55. 1-9

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 13. 1-9

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.'

Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.' '

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; 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

HOLY TRINITY NOTICES

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

HT FINANCE, PAYMENT REQUESTS ETC – please contact Klaus on treasurer@htboa.org

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

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

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.

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.

MORNING PRAYER - Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 8.30 am in Holy Trinity, this week.

THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH

MEETING - This is a reminder that the Holy Trinity APCM will be held today, Sunday, 23 March, at 11am, after this morning's service. Thank you for your considerable support for Holy Trinity.

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.

GOODWILL OFFERING ENVELOPES In response to requests from some members of the congregation, these are now available on the welcome desk for those who wish to use them. Using envelopes is very labour intensive and is the least efficient way to benefit from gift aid. The PCC has agreed to trial their use for a period of 6 months, after which they will assess the cost effectiveness of setting up a continuing weekly envelope scheme.

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.



THE BIG SPRING CLEAN –

Saturday, 12 April @ 10am. Everyone is welcome to support his, and there will be coffee, tea and cake! Please, if you are able to spare any time, come and help us “shine for Easter”.

LENT COURSE AT HOLY TRINITY - Thank you to The Revd Canon David Driscoll for leading our second session for the Lent Course on Wednesday. Thank you to the twenty-six participants sharing in this time of reflection with the Pilgrim Course, Lord's Prayer. We look forward to this week's session on Wednesday at 10am.

Session 3 - March 26th *'Give us this Day our Daily Bread.'*

Session 4 - April 2nd *'Forgive us our Sins as we Forgive Those Who Sin Against Us.'*

Session 5 - April 9th *'Lead Us Not into Temptation But Deliver us From Evil.'*

Session 6: April 16th *'For the Kingdom, the Power and the Glory are yours now and Forever. Amen.'*

You are also welcome to get in touch with me if you have any queries about the course. Yours, Jenny.

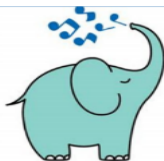
MESSAGE FROM JENNY - We continue in Lent. How is Lent going for you? Are you managing some space for reflection? I look forward to hearing about that in our conversations. We're enjoying the Lent course at Holy Trinity and the House Group at Westwood, collectively, with 32 from across the Benefice now enjoying our exploration of The Lord's Prayer, deepening our relationship with God in Christ. Thank you to The Revd Canon David Driscoll for leading this week's session at Holy Trinity and for Suzie's considerable support in liaising with resources and prayers. Thank you for your commitment to all our teams and to those who sustain our hospitality and ministry of welcome. Thank you to our teams of bellringers and our brilliant tower captains. All you do as partners in the gospel is much appreciated. Thank you to our generous parishioners who give their time and energy to further God's mission. As we move forward in this new season, may we continue to grow. We place ourselves in God's hands, praying for His grace to bless our work and guide our efforts in His service.

A blue poster celebrating the 10th birthday of The HUB Church Street. At the top, it says "10 year celebration" in white. Below this, a central graphic features a white church icon inside a blue circle, with the text "The Hub" above it. The graphic is surrounded by yellow sunburst rays. Curved text on either side of the graphic reads "Celebrate with us" and "Join In the Fun". Below the graphic, white text on a blue background says: "Please join us for coffee, cake and live music to commemorate our 10th birthday". Further down, it specifies "10.30am - 12.30pm" and "FRIDAY 28TH MARCH". At the bottom left, the address "The HUB Church Street BA15 1LS" is written in white. At the bottom right, there is a smaller version of the church icon graphic.

THIS WEEK @ HT

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM) – TODAY immediately following the morning service.

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

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



FUTURE EVENTS @ HT

TRIO PARADIS CAFÉ CONCERT – Thursday, 3 April @ 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!

FUNERAL SERVICE FOR SYLVIA DELL – Thursday, 3 April @ 2pm

FOR OUR PRAYERS

Please pray for all who are sick, remembering especially: Bishop Robert, Tony Bruun, Matthew Cox, Valerie Dyer, Jennifer Fuller, Tony Green, Anne Harris, Alice Moody, Geneviève Roberts, Edward Shaw, Malcolm Walsh & Ayleen Waring-Nicholson

Pray for all those who mourn and for those who have recently died, especially: Sylvia Dell

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

Pray for all those whose anniversary of death falls at this time, remembering especially: Joan Fletcher & John Ticehurst

FOR PRAYER THIS WEEK

- Fellowship around the world
- Annunciation of our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Hope for a sustainable future
- The homeless & victims of war
- Discipline of our Lenten journey
- Thanks for the love of mothers & families



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.unwin@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 – 30 MARCH MOTHERING SUNDAY

8 am – Said Eucharist
9.30am – Sung Eucharist

Sarah will be retiring on 30 March and we look forward to gathering together at 9.30am to give thanks for her ministry with us. All are welcome

Readings:
Exodus 2. 1-10
Luke 2. 33-35