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The Rector's usual weekly day off is a Monday

20 APRIL 2025 EASTER SUNDAY



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

HYMNS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

11.15am – Family Eucharist

267 – Jesus Christ is risen today

474 – The day of Resurrection

509 – This joyful Eastertide

503 – Thine be the glory

THE COLLECT

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity.
Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 10. 34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

GOSPEL READING

John 20. 1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the

tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it



was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." ' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

NOTICES

NOTICES FOR WEEKLY BULLETINS –

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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.

MESSAGE FROM JENNY - Happy Easter!

Easter Reflection

The Gospel of John offers profound insight into the meaning of Jesus' resurrection. At its heart is a message of hope: knowing you are deeply loved, loved in your life, and loved through and beyond everything. This love looks to Jesus, who continually points us to the Father and shows us that love is his meaning.

We are commissioned to carry hope and love in our hearts and to carry that love out into the world. Hold fast to that this Easter and trust that God's order of peace, forgiveness, and wholeness will come to the earth, with all humanity living in harmony. All prayers and every blessing

Yours, Jenny

WESTWOOD BELLS - Anne Willis has written a history of Westwood bells which can be found on

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

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

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.

SAFEGUARDING - In setting minds at rest, a newspaper article last week about safeguarding (which concerned some who volunteer in the church) referred to those with 'positions of responsibility and to leaders in the church', with people already aware they need to complete training. This is already underway, and we will run sessions with those eligible soon and who would like support. However, we would also welcome anyone who feels they would like to know more about safeguarding to join us. If you have any concerns, or to express an interest, please feel welcome to get in touch. Andrea Unwin



CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER -

St Mary Tory. First Thursday of the month is 1 May. 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)

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

FUTURE EVENTS @ HT



TRIO PARADIS CAFÉ CONCERT – Thursday, 1 May @ 10.45am.

Northern Lights is a programme of music by Scandinavian composers, including Andante con Moto in C

minor by Edvard Grieg, May Night by Selim Palmgren, Inga Lartum-Liebig: June Night, Laura Netzel: Serenade, and works by Elfrida Andrée, Jan Sibelius and Niels Gade. Concerts last c45mins. There's no need to book, just turn up early for best seats as these concerts are popular!

ASCENSION DAY – Thursday 29 May. 10am Benefice Ascension Day service, St Mary Tory & 6.30pm Ascension Communion, Holy Trinity

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 let Revd Jenny, Marlene (LPA) and Tony Haffenden (LPA) know of any pastoral need, including prayer.

FOR PRAYER THIS WEEK

- Praise for the Risen Christ
- World peace & leaders
- Our Pilgrimage
- Terminally ill, refugees and the lonely
- Christian teaching to young people
- Thanks for the love of God, family and friends



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 – 27 APRIL
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

11.15am – Morning Prayer

Readings:

Acts 5.27-32

John 20.19-end