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THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Welcome to our Service today

And welcome if you are reading this at home

HYMNS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

11.15am – Holy Communion

480 – The head that once was crowned

242 – Immortal invisible

103 – Crown him with many crowns

191 – Hail the day that sees Him rise

THE COLLECT

O God the king of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Acts 16. 16-34

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the

word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

GOSPEL READING

John 17. 20-end

'I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us,* so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. 'Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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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WESTWOOD SUMMER SHOW – Saturday, 14 June. All are warmly invited – do come and support and have some fun!

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.

MESSAGE FROM JENNY - Thy Kingdom

Come - Pray for Five. Thank you to Bishop John for presiding and preaching this morning. We are delighted you're here! Thank you also to Mavis Linstrom for sharing her story of faith for the Diocese of Salisbury Ascension to Pentecost to encourage others. This can be found through the Diocesan website or in the Grapevine publication. We are once again in the season of Thy Kingdom Come. For ten years, this global movement has united Christians across traditions in a simple, powerful act: praying that more people might come to know the love of Jesus Christ. Each year, we are invited to commit to praying for five people we know, daily between Ascension Day and Pentecost.

One of the reflections in this year's Thy Kingdom Come Novena strikes deeply. Just before teaching His disciples what we now call the Lord's Prayer, Jesus says, "Your Father knows what you need before you ask Him" (Matthew 6.8).

If so, why pray?

The answer lies in what prayer changes around us and what it transforms within us. The Lord's Prayer is more than a set of words; it's a reordering of hearts and minds; it draws us closer to God's heart and mission for the world.

This year, let's think of the Pray for Five commitment as a hopeful act of witness. We can offer our praise and trust to God and lift five people we long to see come to faith. In doing so, we join with others and participate in the movement of God's kingdom among us.

Many of you will already be familiar with Pray for Five. We have prayer booklets available in our churches and on the Thy Kingdom Come website. More than a resource, they are a tool to help us pray intentionally and creatively. This season brings opportunities to grow the prayer life of our Benefice. Whether in quiet moments of reflection or with friends and neighbours, we experience the extraordinary grace of God.

So, who will your five be?

Please join our Pentecost Services on Sunday, June 8th: joyful and Spirit-filled gatherings! Come ready to be encouraged and even surprised, wear something red if you'd like to! And bring someone along with you! With every blessing, 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.

SUNDAY WORSHIP! - Coffee and refreshments follow services on 1 June and 8 June! All welcome. Pentecost Sunday on 8 June this year is often called the birthday of the church. Be with us in Wingfield and Westwood as celebrate this joyful, Spirit-filled celebration, care of the Holy Spirit! Come and see! As our churches grow, we would love to see you. Please feel welcome to invite neighbours, friends and family. The call to follow Jesus is the call to gather disciples. We look forward to welcoming all! With thanks for your partnership in the Gospel!

CONFIRMATION - Confirmation is an integral part of a lifetime journey of faith as a follower of Jesus Christ.

The next diocesan Confirmation service is at Salisbury Cathedral on November 1st, 2025. We have candidates for Confirmation this year, and our Confirmation Preparation sessions will begin very soon. We are delighted about this Good News! Please get in touch with Jenny if you, too, would like to explore this further or know of others who may. Please be encouraged; you are welcome to express any thoughts about joining our preparation if you would like to be baptised and confirmed.

Thank you to Mavis of Holy Trinity, who inspires us to follow God's call. Mavis and her story of faith are featured in the Salisbury diocese's news story and campaign, 'Share Your Story,' which is included in the Church Times this week. You can read this online or on social media with the Diocese. Faith is extraordinary in every age!

Thank you for sharing your story!

Confirm, O Lord, your servant with your Holy Spirit. Amen

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

PASTORAL NOTICE - Our prayers continue for Mary Needham and her family.

CAPELLA NOVA – Sunday, 22 June from 2pm, Great Chalfield Manor. Free entry for National Trust members.

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.

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: Bringing along an object with a story to tell

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

TRIO PARADIS CAFÉ CONCERT – Thursday @ 10.45am. June's concert is inspired by summer and dreams, and includes an arrangement of Dream Children by Elgar, 'Jacob's Dream', the second movement of Trio Hob XV:31 in Eb by Haydn, and music by Mendelssohn, Lili Boulanger, Turina and Rachmaninov. Concerts last c45mins. There's no need to book, just turn up early for best seats as these concerts are popular!

FUTURE EVENTS @ HT

INFORMAL SONGWAYS PERFORMANCE – Friday, 13 June @ 11.15am. As part of the Wild Waters Festival. Free entry – retiring collection for Wiltshire Wildlife Trust.

LIONS COFFEE, CRAFTS & CAKE – Saturday, 14 June, 10-5pm

MOTHERS' UNION MEETING – Wednesday, 18 June @ 2.30pm

FORGET ME NOT CAFÉ – Thursday, 19 June @ 11am-12.30pm – lots of fun, music and good company.

STREET MARKET – Saturday, 5 July, 10am-4pm

FOR OUR PRAYERS

Please pray for all who are sick, remembering especially: Lesley & David Chalmers, Betty & Doug Hancock & Mary Needham.

Pray for all those who mourn and for those who have recently died, especially: David Needham & Joan Windel

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

FOR PRAYER THIS WEEK

- St Laurence School and pupils taking exams; for Fitzmaurice Primary.
- All local residential care homes
- Christians and families worldwide
- God's gifts to us all
- Police and First Responders
- Our communities especially Liverpool
- Children and young people preparing for change
- Those we love and those who we find it difficult to love
- For prayerful discernment in the appointment process for the next Archbishop of Canterbury; for the CNC

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 – 8 JUNE - PENTECOST

11.15am – Holy Communion

Readings:
Acts 2. 1-21
John 14. 8-17, 25-27

