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THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Welcome to our Service today

And welcome if you are reading this at home

HYMNS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

11.15am – Morning Prayer

69 – Breathe on me breath of God

212 – Holy, Holy, Holy

235 – I the Lord of Sea and Sky

464 – Take my life and let it be

THE COLLECT

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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.**

PSALM 67

¹ May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, *Selah*

² that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.

³ Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

⁴ Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. *Selah*

⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

⁶ The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

⁷ May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

FIRST READING

Acts 16. 9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth.

The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

GOSPEL READING

John 14. 23-29

Jesus answered him, 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I am coming to you." If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

NOTICES

NOTICES FOR WEEKLY BULLETINS –

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PASTORAL NOTICE - Our prayers are with Mary Needham and her family following the news of David's death. Westwood extends pastoral prayers and support for Mary, family and loved ones. The family extends a warm invitation for Westwood friends to attend David's funeral, which will be held at St Mary's Westwood at 2.30 pm on

Tuesday, 27 May. This will be followed by hospitality in the Parish Rooms. Grace and peace in this community of the resurrection. *The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is his faithfulness.* (Lamentations 3.22,23).

MESSAGE FROM JENNY - Dear friends, We look forward to a joyful season of Eastertide, and we hope you'll join us for the wonderful services ahead. You are warmly invited to pick up one of our Eastertide pamphlets, which outlines our service pattern for Ascension Day, Pentecost, and Trinity Sunday, as well as details about Thy Kingdom Come. Each gathering is an opportunity to encounter God's immense love in fresh and uplifting ways!

Ascension Day – Thursday, 29 May
(Benefice Services)

Join us in celebrating Christ's exaltation and kingship - with Easter joy and hope!

- Pilgrimage: A steady walk, starting at 9.00am, from Holy Trinity to St Mary Tury, with a Said Eucharist there at 10.00am. Please feel welcome to meet us there if preferred.

- Sung Eucharist: 6.30pm at Holy Trinity, with Bishop Robert preaching.

Pentecost – Sunday, 8 June

Pentecost is often described as the birthday of the Church, a day of great joy and celebration!

- Our service of Holy Communion begins at 11.15am, and you're invited to bring friends and family along for this joyful occasion. There may even be a few surprises! I'm very much looking forward to celebrating with you.

Our church continues to grow, and we're thankful for your support and prayers. Please invite your loved ones, friends, and neighbours from Westwood and further afield. All are welcome as we journey together in faith.

With all prayers and blessings,
Yours,
Jenny

TEAS TODAY @ 2pm. Join this beautiful, companionable, and delicious event, raising funds for St Mary's Westwood. A fantastic opportunity for cake-tasting in stunning surroundings, to visit this historic church, situated next to Westwood Manor, as well as meeting friends from across our Benefice. We all look forward to seeing you there—Jenny, Jill, Jonathan, Chris, Rebecca, Jan, and the Westwood team.

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

HUGE THANKS – to all PCCs and Churchwardens, Treasurers and Secretaries across the Benefice for successful and prayerful meetings.

HUGE THANKS – to all organists, bellringers, singers and instrumentalists.

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.

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>

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY - On Friday, 30 May @ 7:30pm at Christ Church, Professor Aidan Dodson is giving a talk about Hatshepsut, Queen and Pharaoh of Egypt. £4:50 at door of south porch, children free if accompanied. All proceeds to The Children's Society.

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

SECRET GARDENS TEAS – TODAY, 2pm-6pm.

MORNING PRAYER – Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday @ 8.30am – everyone welcome

SAXON CLUB – Tuesday @ 2.30pm – fun & friendship for 'seniors' - Visit to art collection at Abbey Mill. Meet up at 2.30pm at Holy Trinity

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

ASCENSION DAY – Thursday, 10am Said Service of Holy Communion, St Mary TORY & 6pm Ascension Communion service, Holy Trinity

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.

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

- The communities of Westwood and Iford Primary School. Wishing all a happy Half Term
- The Environment. A Rocha Eco Church
- Peace, for Kadugli in Sudan; for the people of Gaza; Ukraine and for the Ukrainian community of Bradford on Avon
- For prayerful discernment in the appointment process for the next Archbishop of Canterbury; for the CNC
- Pope Leo XIV, "Let us walk towards God and love one another"

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 – 1 JUNE THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

11.15am – Holy Communion

Readings:

Acts 16.16-34

John 17.20-end