



# THE PARISH OF HOLY TRINITY

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## 11 MAY 2025

## THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

### **HYMNS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE**

**9.30am 'In the Round' for Christian Aid**

All songs and music can be found in the special booklet for today.



## THE COLLECT

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

### Acts 9.36-end

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

## GOSPEL READING

### John 10.22-30

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah,\* tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand.\* The Father and I are one.'

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus

Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; 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](mailto:beneficeoffice@htboa.org)

**HT FINANCE, PAYMENT REQUESTS ETC** –

please contact Klaus on [treasurer@htboa.org](mailto:treasurer@htboa.org)

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

**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.

**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.

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 11 TO 17 MAY** - This year Christian Aid Week focuses on the poverty caused by climate change in Venezuela and the way Christian Aid's partner helps farmers to grow more food. Envelopes will be given out at the special In the Round Service at 9.30 on 11th May. They may also be returned on 18th May or you may prefer to give online at <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christian-aid-week>  
Please give generously.

**BACT PRAYER MEETING** – Thursday, 15 May, 7.30pm at Christ Church. Please join us for an evening of praying for each other, our town and our country. Everyone welcome. Future dates, 19 June at Community Church, 17 July at Bearfield Church.

**MESSAGE FROM JENNY** - At our APCM in March, I spoke about the theme of belonging—something I'll continue to reflect on in the months ahead. David Walker's book *God's Belongers* offers a helpful foundation for this, describing how the parish church often serves as a visible symbol of a community's identity. For many, a sense of belonging is deeply rooted in place, and this connection is frequently expressed through the church's services and events. In that spirit, I invite you to be part of our shared life through events such as concerts, the Wednesday community café, and other regular gatherings. From Pentecost onwards, we'll be adding to our rhythm of worship with a midweek Compline, a midweek Eucharist, and one or two new monthly Sunday evening services, including one which may touch upon the themes of Iona and Celtic worship! We're also planning an Open Day and a Cream Tea afternoon hopefully with the aid of young musicians in the community, and of course, the much-loved Street Market is very much in our sights. Please join in, help, and support these occasions as fully as possible, and encourage neighbours, friends, and family to do the same. Our Street Market is like a street party! Do extend the invitation to join in. Thank you for all you do as partners in the gospel.  
Yours, Jenny

**UPDATE FROM OUR TREASURER** - I wanted to thank the congregation for early signs from the first three months of 2025 that overall giving has started to increase after a long period when it has been static or declining - this is very welcome and hopefully this trend will be continued. We are also doing well on lettings income, partly due to the current closure of St Margaret's Hall and the new income generation group under Lindsey Driscoll has had its first meeting, so some encouraging developments. The context though remains challenging with a first quarter deficit of £11 thousand. The position should improve over the course of the year but we are still likely to have a deficit that is better than the £25 thousand last year but around £15-20 thousand. Ideally we should reduce the deficit to around £15 thousand this year and aim to eliminate it in 2026 to then free funds up for the backlog of fabric repairs. See Clive Adamson for information on how to give online or through standing order.

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

**TEAS AT WESTWOOD** – Sunday, 25 May @ 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 seeing friends from across our Benefice. We all look forward to seeing you there—Jenny, Jill, Jonathan, Chris, Rebecca, Jan, and the Westwood team.

**GOODWILL OFFERING ENVELOPES** - In response to requests from some, envelopes are available on the welcome desk for those who wish to use them. The PCC has agreed to trial their use for a period of 6 months, after which they will assess the cost effectiveness of continuing a weekly envelope scheme.

**THE STREET MARKET** – 5 July – David Hare (davidahare596@gmail.com) has kindly agreed to act as lead organiser for this year's Street Market. We will need plenty of help to set up, clear away and man the stalls during the day so please add your name to the lists on the Welcome Desk or speak to one of the stall holders.

And please let the individual stall holders know if you have items which you would like to donate. The church will be open to receive your items on 3 and 4 July

Plants - David Milne, Toys – Alison Cook, Raffle- Judith Holland, Bottles – June Harrison, Collectables – Richard Deacon, Books – Lindsay Driscoll, Gifts – Margaret Morris, Refreshments – Joan Finch, Cakes – Marlene Haffenden.

**CHURCH WARDENS** - Our new Churchwardens, Hugh Wright and Christopher Segar, have been invited to an Archdeacon's Visitation on June 11th at St Denys in Warminster. While the service is not open to visitors, we look forward to celebrating Hugh and Christopher in their roles as we continue through the season. I thank them, our new PCC members, and the Deanery representative for all they do as we begin this new season. We appreciate your commitment, support and sharing all we do as partners in the gospel here at Holy Trinity.

### **THIS WEEK @ HT**

**CANTAMUS CONCERT** – TODAY @ 4pm. The Passing of the Year - an afternoon of music reflecting on time, changing seasons and celestial bodies. Tickets £15 / £5 concession

**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: Quiz on events in May.

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

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

**BRATTON COMMUNITY BRASS BAND CONCERT** – Saturday @ 7.30pm (doors open 7pm) - Join Bratton Silver Band - recently crowned West of England 3rd Section Champions 2025, and the Warminster Military Wives Choir in the beautiful surroundings of Holy Trinity Church, Bradford-on-Avon for an unforgettable evening as we mark the 80th anniversary of VE-Day with music, memories, and reflection. Tickets available now from the Bratton Brass Band website.

#### **FUTURE EVENTS @ HT**

**SONGWAYS & CLARITY CONCERT** – Sunday, 18 May, 4-5pm. "Welcome in the May", vibrant songs of light, hope and joy. Free admission with retiring collection for DEC

**MOTHERS' UNION MEETING** – Wednesday, 21 May @ 2.30pm with Rev Jenny Nelson

**SECRET GARDENS TEAS** – Sunday, 25 May, 2pm-6pm.

**ASCENSION DAY** – Thursday, 29 May 10am Said Service of Holy Communion, St Mary Tory & 6pm Ascension Communion service, Holy Trinity

**PENTECOST SUNDAY** - 8 June. Services of 8am Said Eucharist & 9.30am Sung Eucharist

**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:** Nathan Baker, David Bancroft, Tony Bruun, Matthew Cox, Mary Dawson, Valerie Dyer, Jennifer Fuller, Anne Harris, Celia Milne,

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:**  
Christopher Banable

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

**Pray for all those whose anniversary of death falls at this time, remembering especially:**  
Anne Bostock, Carolyn Ching & Peter Wills

#### **FOR PRAYER THIS WEEK**

- the communities of St Laurence School and Fitzmaurice Primary
- Our outreach in our local community
- All who are housebound
- Family life
- The newly baptized
- The Mothers Union
- The Children's Society

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](mailto: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](mailto:safeguarding@salisbury.anglican.org)  
to speak to a caseworker, or the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor  
01722 438651 and press option 3

#### **NEXT WEEK – 18 MAY THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**8am** – Said Eucharist

**9.30am** – Sung Eucharist with Holy Baptism of Charlie Tate

**Readings:**

Acts 11.1-18 & John 13.31-35