



# THE PARISH OF HOLY TRINITY

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## 29 JUNE 2025

## ST PETER THE APOSTLE

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

### 8am BCP Holy Communion

### HYMNS FOR TODAY'S 9.30am Sung Eucharist Service

**467** – How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

**236** – Thou art the Christ

**585** – The church's one foundation - omit v.3

**604** – Through all the changing scenes of life

#### **Choir and Organ Music:**

##### **Before the service:**

Voluntary in A minor – *John Robinson*

Chorale Prelude on 'St Peter' – *Harold Darke*

Aria in E flat major – *Noel Rawsthorne*

##### **At the Communion:**

**Choir:** Teach me, O Lord – *Thomas Attwood*

**Organ:** Trio on 'Aurelia' – *David Blackwell*

Meditation on 'Love Unknown' – *Matthew Corl*

**Voluntary:** Jubilant March – *John Stainer*

## COLLECT

Almighty God, whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified you in their death as in their life: grant that your Church, inspired by their teaching and example, and made one by your Spirit, may ever stand firm upon the one foundation, 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

### Ezekiel 3.4-11

He said to me: Mortal, go to the house of Israel and speak my very words to them. For you are not sent to a people of obscure speech and difficult language, but to the house of Israel—not to many peoples of obscure speech and difficult language, whose words you cannot understand. Surely, if I sent you to them, they would listen to you. But the house of Israel will not listen to you, for they are not willing to listen to me; because all the house of Israel have a hard forehead and a stubborn heart. See, I have made your face hard against their faces, and your forehead hard against their foreheads. Like the hardest stone, harder than flint, I have made your forehead; do not fear them or be dismayed at their looks, for they are a rebellious house. He said to me: Mortal, all my words that I shall speak to you receive in your heart and hear with your ears; then go to the exiles, to your people, and speak to them. Say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God'; whether they hear or refuse to hear.

## EPISTLE

### Galatians 1.13-2.8

You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it. I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors. But when God, who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with any human being, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were already apostles before me, but I went away at once into Arabia, and afterwards I returned to Damascus.

Then after three years I did go up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and stayed with him for fifteen days; but I did not see any other apostle except James the Lord's brother. In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie! Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia, and I was still unknown by sight to the churches of Judea that are in Christ; they only heard it said, 'The one who formerly was persecuting us is now proclaiming the faith he once tried to destroy.' And they glorified God because of me.

Then after fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking Titus along with me. I went up in response to a revelation. Then I laid before them (though only in a private meeting with the acknowledged leaders) the gospel that I proclaim among the Gentiles, in order to make sure that I was

not running, or had not run, in vain. But even Titus, who was with me, was not compelled to be circumcised, though he was a Greek. But because of false believers secretly brought in, who slipped in to spy on the freedom we have in Christ Jesus, so that they might enslave us—we did not submit to them even for a moment, so that the truth of the gospel might always remain with you. And from those who were supposed to be acknowledged leaders (what they actually were makes no difference to me; God shows no partiality)—those leaders contributed nothing to me. On the contrary, when they saw that I had been entrusted with the gospel for the uncircumcised, just as Peter had been entrusted with the gospel for the circumcised (for he who worked through Peter making him an apostle to the circumcised also worked through me in sending me to the Gentiles).

## GOSPEL READING

### Matthew 16.13-19

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.'

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in 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

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

**THANKS** to David Godwin, our Tower Captain at Holy Trinity, and the ringing team across the benefice. Thank you to Anne Willis, Tower Captain at Westwood. Thank you to David, who has written this article for bulletins this week

**SUE RYDER GRIEF KIND SPACE AT THE HUB** will no longer be meeting due to lack of attendees.

**HOLY TRINITY STREET MARKET – 5 July, 10am-4pm.** Can you help out on 5th July? A sign-up sheet is available in church at the Crossing. Please add your name, even if only for a couple of hours. We need help before, during and after the Street Market. If you can, please bring items for sale to Church on Sunday mornings. Please help with publicising the Street Market. If you can think of anywhere else to display a poster around town, please take one from the Crossing. And remember to tell all your friends to come along. Any questions, please contact David Hare [davidahare596@gmail.com](mailto:davidahare596@gmail.com).

**HOLY TRINITY STREET MARKET SET-UP** - The Church will be open all day Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 2, 3 and 4 July for you to leave your donations of books, bottles, bric-a-brac, cakes, toys, plants and gifts to sell. And we will need help on Thursday afternoon, 3 July from 3pm to move furniture in church and from 4pm on Saturday 5 to put it all back and tidy up.

**STREET MARKET - 5 JULY** - Huge thanks to David Hare, John Cox, and all those involved in the leadership of this event for Holy Trinity: setting up, coordinating, and supporting. We are indebted to David and John for championing this major fundraiser for our church and the HT Income Generation Group under Lindsay Driscoll. The advertising for the day is brilliant this year, with notices and posters around the town. Please spread the word, bring a friend, and invite all your neighbours. Donations for the church are also welcome at the event. Thank you for all the donations received in recent weeks. We appreciate the community's commitment to Holy Trinity. Prayers for a good day and for all to enjoy this special event.

**SAVE THE DATE - 27 July 2025 Book Launch at Holy Trinity - Bewilderment: A Spiritual Guide by The Rt Revd Robert Atwell**

Holy Trinity is delighted to host the launch of Bishop Robert Atwell's new book, *Bewilderment: A Spiritual Guide*, on Sunday 27 July 2025. Copies will be available for purchase after the 9.30am Service at Holy Trinity (approximately £15 each), accompanied by a glass of bubbly and a short reflection from Bishop Robert himself. There will be a course based on the book on the first three Wednesdays in September, 3rd, 10th, 17th at 10am at Holy Trinity. Further details will be communicated in due course. Please save the dates and feel free to share this exciting news with friends. You might even like to purchase extra copies of *Bewilderment* at the Book Launch as gifts!

**GOODWILL OFFERING ENVELOPES** - 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.

**ST MARY TORY** – A cool welcoming sacred space in the summer months. All are welcome to join us next Thursday, 6-7pm for 45 minutes of stillness and silence at the pilgrim chapel.

**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.

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**NEWS FROM THE TOWER!** - To coincide with our monthly Evensong, we've been attempting a quarter peal (1,260 changes) of ringing. These have allowed our ringers to try new methods and given some of us the chance to practise calling quarter peals. We often include a footnote with each performance, dedicating it to a special event or in memory of someone. If any parish members would like to request a dedication, please let us know, and we'll do our best to accommodate it.

In April, we were delighted to host the Devizes Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers' eight-bell striking competition. On the same afternoon, the six-bell competition was held at Westwood. We're thrilled to share that we won the eight-bell competition and now hold the branch trophy in our tower until April next year. This also means we've qualified for the Guild Final, where bands from across the Salisbury Diocese will compete for the Guild Trophy. This event will take place in Amesbury on 27 September. Huge thanks to all our ringers, including new members of our team: Ant, Alan and Matthew. If you're curious about bellringing or interested in learning, please get in touch - or feel free to come to one of our Monday evening practices. David Godwin, Tower Captain

**MESSAGE FROM JENNY** - This week I had the privilege of attending the National Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast this week, held in Westminster Hall, at the invitation of Cllr Brian Mathew MP, along with colleagues from Devizes and Melksham. The theme for the morning was 'God in the Public Square?' and focused on the Church's vital role in fostering unity, promoting peace, and addressing societal divisions. In a world facing so much conflict and uncertainty, it was poignant to be together in prayer and reflection. The discussion around the Impact Report was particularly inspiring, raising the question: How can we 'do' God in today's world? We reflected across faiths and political divides. It was exciting to hear from Rachel Maskell MP, Dai Woolridge, and Professor John Lennox. The music, led by Keith and Kristyn Getty and their band, was gifted, God-given, and brilliantly uplifting. It was an extraordinary opportunity to reflect and connect with others committed to making a difference. I look forward to sharing some reflections from the event in the season ahead. Yours Jenny

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

**PASTORAL NOTICE** - Our prayers continue for Harriett Bremner and family; for the family of Anna Melliush; for the family of Nathan Baker.

**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.

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

**BACT PRAYER MEETING** – Thursday, 17 July, 7.30pm at Bearfield Church. Please join us for an evening of praying for each other, our town and our country. Everyone welcome.

#### **THIS WEEK @ HT**

**SECRET GARDENS TEAS** – TODAY, 2pm-5pm – Save the Children fundraiser

**MORNING PRAYER** – will be said only on Wednesday this week at 8.30am, being led by Michael Bardell while Jenny is on annual leave. Please do support this Service at 8.30am on Wednesday 2 July, not least because it is Michael's birthday! Thank you Michael. Morning Prayer will resume Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday the week after next: 8, 9, 10 July

**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.

**HOLY TRINITY STREET MARKET** – Saturday, 10am-4pm

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

**EVENSONG** – Sunday, 6 July @ 6pm

**FORGET ME NOT CAFÉ & AGM** – Thursday, 17 July @ 11am-12.30pm – lots of fun, music and good company.

**CREATIVE MAKERS MARKET** – Saturday, 19 July, 9am-5pm

#### **FOR OUR PRAYERS**

**Please pray for all who are sick, remembering especially:** David Bancroft, Tony Bruun, Matthew Cox, Mary Dawson, Valerie Dyer, Jennifer Fuller, Anne Harris, Celia Milne, Alice Moody, Geneviève Roberts, Edward Shaw, Malcolm Walsh & Hugh Wright

**Pray for all those who mourn and for those who have recently died, especially:** Nathan Baker, Grant Bremner & Anna Melliush

**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:** Phyllis Fitzhugh, Peggy Irving, Jean Maitland & Frances Taylor.

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

- St Laurence School community, Fitzmaurice Primary School families; The Mead School and Westwood & Iford School. For their teachers and school staff. For connections with families, children and young people and our church communities.
- For our flower arrangers, giving thanks for their artistry, commitment, and spiritual nourishment in this area of service.
- Mercy for the world's victims, for all who are oppressed, particularly the Middle East and the continued situation in Ukraine.
- For a positive and energetic approach and response to the missional work of Eco-church and A Rocha, which is known to have an impact on gathering young disciples.
- For all music, musicians, singers, the Choir, bellringers, our team of Benefice organists: Martin, Marcus, Julia, Hugh, Bernard, Howard. For our Director of Music, Martin.

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, option 3

**NEXT WEEK – 6 JULY – THE THIRD SUNDAY OF TRINITY**

**8am** – BCP Holy Communion

**9.30am** – Sung Eucharist

**6pm** – Evensong

**Readings:**

Isaiah 66.10-14

Galatians 6.7-16

Luke 10.1-11, 16-20