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## 14 SEPTEMBER 2025 HOLY CROSS DAY



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

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

### **9.30am Morning Prayer**

**303** – Lift high the cross

**46** – At the name of Jesus

**321** – Love divine all loves excelling

**354** – Now thank we all our God

## COLLECT

Almighty God, who in the passion of your blessed Son made an instrument of painful death to be for us the means of life and peace: grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer for his sake; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## PSALM 22. 23-28

**23** Praise the Lord, you that fear him; O seed of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, O seed of Israel.

**24** For he has not despised nor abhorred the suffering of the poor; neither has he hidden his face from them; but when they cried to him he heard them.

**25** From you comes my praise in the great congregation; I will perform my vows in the presence of those that fear you.

**26** The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek the Lord shall praise him; their hearts shall live for ever.

**27** All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

**28** For the kingdom is the Lord's and he rules over the nations.

## FIRST READING

### Numbers 21. 4-9

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

## GOSPEL READING

### John 3. 13-17

No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of

Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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**CHUPPA SUNDAY** – next week at 9.30am. All welcome - and don't forget to save room for the cake!

**HARVEST FESTIVAL** – 5 October @ 9.30am: Gathering and Gifting Canned and Non-Perishable Foods. As part of our Harvest Thanksgiving Service, we will be collecting tinned foods and non-perishable foods such as pasta and sauces, and other things, to give to the local foodbank in Bradford on Avon for those enduring challenging circumstances in this season. Please do invite all those you know; your family, friends and neighbours to join us for the Service, so we can make this gift for the community. Following the service, there will be refreshments served! Come and join us. We really look forward to seeing you.

**SPECIAL EVENSONGS** - TODAY we look forward to a visit by Nordic Voices. Then on 5 October, the Holy Trinity choir have their own Choral Evensong planned for us and this will include a canticle setting by another British composer, Ernest Moeran, and a wonderful anthem by Victorian composer, Charles Steggall, 'Remember now thy Creator', which we shouldn't miss! Martin will be conducting and our good friend, Marcus Sealy, will be accompanying. Do pop these dates into your diaries.

**MESSAGE FROM JENNY** - As we move through early September, our thoughts turn towards Holy Cross Day. We are invited to pause before the mystery of the cross: not as a sign of defeat, but as the 'tree of life', where God's love is revealed most fully in Jesus Christ. The cross is a paradox. To the world it may seem a symbol of suffering, yet it is also a sign of hope, healing, and salvation. St Paul reminds us, "we proclaim Christ crucified... the power of God and the wisdom of God." Each time we gather at the cross, we place ourselves afresh within the love that holds and forgives us, and sends us out in Christ's way of compassion. It has been a joy this term to lead assemblies at Westwood and Iford Primary and The Mead School, Wingfield, seeing pupils and teachers begin this new school year with such energy and enthusiasm. Huge thanks to Churchwardens, PCCs, ministry teams, and all who serve, from florists and bellringers to sacristans and cleaners. Your commitment sustains our church family. As one hymn encourages: 'Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim, till all the world adore his sacred name.' Thank you.  
Yours Jenny and Team

**HOLY TRINITY NEW CONCERT & RECITAL SERIES - Opening Recital - Thursday, 25 September @ 12pm.** We're delighted to announce the launch of a new series of concerts and recitals at Holy Trinity, featuring both local and visiting musicians. The opening recital will take place on Thursday, 25th September at 12.00pm, with a Clarinet and Piano Recital given by The Revd Jenny Nelson, Rector of Bradford on Avon Holy Trinity, Westwood and Wingfield, and pianist David Arkell. Their programme will include works by Elgar, Finzi, Rutter, and other British composers - an uplifting and reflective celebration of English music. Join us for this special lunchtime concert as we begin what promises to be an inspiring new musical tradition at Holy Trinity. Future dates include 30 October and 13 November with Martin Cooke, Director of Music at Holy Trinity.

**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.

**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.

**A TIME FOR CREATION** - 'O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.' *Psalm 96*. As we enter the Season of Creation (1 September - 4 October), please do pick up one of our leaflets for the season ahead. We join with the worldwide Church in giving thanks for the wonder of God's creation, and renewing our calling to care for it. This is a season to reflect, repent, and rejoice in our shared vocation as stewards of God's creation.

The Bible opens with the majestic affirmation: "In the beginning, when God created the heavens and the earth..." (Genesis 1.1).

Creation is not ours to exploit, but a sacred trust, a gift of love, sustained by love, and entrusted to our care (Genesis 1.26-30).

This season invites us to live more simply, humbly, and reverently, recognising the signs of ecological crisis and responding with gratitude, justice, and hope.

✠ **Worship Highlights**

Our usual service pattern continues to early October shaped by this season:

- **TODAY** – Morning Prayer with David
- **Sun 21 Sept** – Chuppa, A Time for Creation theme
- **Sun 28 Sept** – Morning Prayer – The Kingdom of God
- **Sun 5 October** – Harvest Festival – join us as we raise the glorious harvest home, including prayers for the farming community – all welcome.

May this season ahead deepen our discipleship, and awaken us to the sacredness of all that God has made.

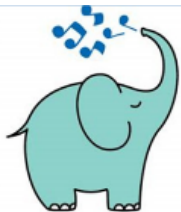
**LIVE AT SHAW** – Andrew Rumsey, Bishop of Ramsbury – an evening of poems, readings, songs and guitar playing. Thursday, 23 October @ 7.30pm, Christ Church, Shaw. Tickets £10 from [aswparish@gmail.com](mailto:aswparish@gmail.com)

**CONFIRMATION AT SALISBURY CATHEDRAL, 1 NOVEMBER** - We're delighted to share that preparation for Confirmation is well underway, with five candidates preparing for confirmation. Teenagers Mason and Stevie are preparing alongside Chris, Sally, and Jill, and all looking forward to being confirmed at Salisbury Cathedral on 1st November. Please do keep them in your prayers : "Confirm, O Lord, your servant with your Holy Spirit." If you are considering baptism or confirmation, or simply want to explore what that means, please get in touch with Jenny, who is planning an upcoming Exploring Confirmation Course. All are welcome.

## THIS WEEK @ HT

**CHORAL EVENSONG WITH NORDIC SINGERS** – TODAY @ 6pm

**MORNING PRAYER** – Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday @ 8.30am



**MAINLY MUSIC** – Tuesday @ 10.30am-12noon – fun & friendship for pre-school families (contact Marlene on 864412 if you'd like to come). We have vacancies at the moment so would love to welcome more families.

**SAXON CLUB** – Tuesday @ 2.30pm – fun & friendship for 'seniors'.

**GRAPPLING WITH JONAH COURSE, SESSION 3** – Wednesday @ 10am with Bishop Robert

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

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

## FUTURE EVENTS @ HT

**SING FOR PEACE WORKSHOP** – Sunday, 21 September, 2pm-5pm. On International Peace Day, sing songs for Peace, Hope and Justice at this workshop with Clara Atkins and Sophie Sterckx, plus Clara's Doves Peace Choir, in support of Medecins San Frontieres. Tickets can be purchased via <https://www.claraceciliaatkins.com>. All welcome – no singing experience required.

**THURSDAY CONCERT SERIES** – Thursday, 25 September @ 12noon

## FOR OUR PRAYERS

**Please pray for all who are sick, remembering especially:** Wendy Fuller, Roger Hutchings & Deb Pazikel.

**Pray for all those who mourn and for those who have recently died.**

**Please let Revd Jenny know of any pastoral need, including prayer.**

## FOR PRAYER THIS WEEK

- The school community of The Mead School community. Pray for those preparing to start university.
- All who are preparing for Baptism and Confirmation at this time
- For all Bishops, and for our Ministry Team
- Peace and safety amid all the world unrest
- All those caught up in tragedy and unrest
- Praise for the beauty of autumn and a fruitful harvest
- Our local surgeries and pharmacies
- Love, kindness and time for 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.'**

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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 – 21 SEPTEMBER – MATTHEW**

**9.30am** – Chuppa

### **Readings:**

2 Corinthians 4. 1-6  
Matthew 9. 9-13