



# THE PARISH OF HOLY TRINITY

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## 14 SEPTEMBER 2025



## HOLY CROSS DAY

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

**8am BCP Holy Communion**

**MUSIC FOR TODAY'S SERVICE**

**9.30am Creation In the Round service  
with Holy Baptism of Poppy Boxwell**

**All hymns can be found in the printed Order of Service today**

### **Organ Music**

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

Minuet (Overture to Samson) – *GF Handel*

Duo and Basse et dessus de Trompette (Suite du Premier Tom) – *Louis-Nicolas Clérambault*

Two Danish hymn preludes for Holy Baptism: Herren strækker ud sin arm – *Christian Præstholm*

O, lad din And nu med os være – *Jesper Madsen*

**Voluntary:** Fanfare on 'Shine, Jesus, shine' – Christopher Tambling



**Do join us at 6pm today for a Choral  
Evensong with the Nordic Singers**



**All hymns & music can be found in the special Order of Service  
Readings: Isaiah 60 & John 6. 51-69**

## 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.**

*We include for wider reading, the readings for the Thirteenth Sunday After Trinity, (the service of Holy Communion according to the Book of Common Prayer at 8am).*

## EPISTLE READING (BCP)

### Philippians 2. 6-11

Jesus Christ, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

## GOSPEL READING (BCP)

### 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.

*The readings for the 9.30am at Holy Trinity are included in a special Order of Service: 'In the Round with Holy Baptism in A Time for Creation'.*

## FIRST READING (9.30am)

### Isaiah 42. 5-9

Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

## GOSPEL READING (9.30am)

### Luke 3. 15-17, 21, 22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptise you with water, but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire. Now when all the people were baptised, and when Jesus also had been baptised and was

praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Faithful God, whose Son bore our sins in his body on the tree and gave us this sacrament to show forth his death until he comes: give us grace to glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, for he is our salvation, our life and our hope, who reigns as Lord, now and for ever. **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

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**HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE**- 28 September @ 9.30am - Gathering and Giving Canned and Non-Perishable Foods: As part of our Harvest Thankgiving Service, we will be collecting tinned foods and non-perishable foods such as pasta and sauces to give to the local foodbank for those enduring challenging circumstances in this season. Please do invite all you know, family, friends and neighbours to join us for this service, so we can make this gift for the community.

**HARVEST LUNCH** – Sunday, 28 September in church, from 12.30pm for 1pm. 2 course meal £10. Tickets will be available from hospitality team in kitchen TODAY, if interested please put your name on the sign-up sheet at the "welcome" desk

## **CHORAL EVENSONG, TONIGHT @ 6PM WITH NORDIC VOICES**

- This will be a hugely enjoyable 'cathedral style' Choral Evensong and we're delighted to have Kevin Duggan and Nordic Voices back with us this year. Please come and support them as they sing Monteverdi, Herbert Howells and Buxtehude for us along with three great hymns for us in which, of course, we can all join – and you won't get that at many cathedral Evensongs!

Herbert Howells (1892-1983) was one of the foremost English composers of the last century with a very special feel for the spacious acoustic afforded the performers and listeners in our great churches and cathedrals. Of his many settings of the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis, those for St Paul's Cathedral, Gloucester Cathedral and for King's College, Cambridge – evocatively named Collegium Regale – are perhaps the best known and the most cherished by church music lovers. Come and hear the Collegium Regale setting at Holy Trinity this evening. Actually, it's going to be a bit of a Howells fest, because not only are we singing his glorious hymn tune 'Michael' – All my hope on God is founded – but Martin is playing two of his beautifully atmospheric 'Psalm Preludes' before the service – (so come in good time) – and then his hugely exciting 'Paeen' as the closing voluntary. All of this is leavened, of course, by going back in time to music by Dietrich Buxtehude and Claudio Monteverdi.

**MESSAGE FROM JENNY** - This Sunday, we rejoice with Poppy and her family as she is baptised. Isaiah speaks of God's renewal: light in darkness, freedom for captives, creation restored. Luke tells how Jesus' baptism revealed the Spirit of new creation. In baptism, we too are named beloved and called into God's renewing work. Today, we promise to walk with Poppy and her family as a community of faith, prayer, and belonging. Together, in this Creation season, we celebrate God's gift of new beginnings. It is a joy also to share 'tea and toast' with our younger people on Thursday afternoons, and I look forward to school collective worship at Fitzmaurice Primary and St Laurence, sharing faith, connecting with these school communities on behalf of Holy Trinity, Westwood and Wingfield. Our thoughts turn too to Holy Cross Day, when we pause before the mystery of the cross: not as a sign of defeat, but as the 'tree of life' in this Time for Creation, where God's love is revealed most fully in Jesus Christ. The cross is a paradox: to the world, it seems a symbol of suffering, yet it is also a sign of hope, healing, and salvation. Each time we gather at the cross, we place ourselves afresh within the love that holds, forgives, and sends us out in Christ's way of service and compassion. Thank you to all who serve and contribute in any way at all. Your dedication and commitment sustain our church family. *"Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim, till all the world adore his sacred name."*

With thanks, prayers, blessings, Jenny and Team

**FINANCE UPDATE** - As we are heading into Autumn, I wanted to give a brief update on the Parish's finances. In summary, we are making progress in reducing the annual deficit in the General Fund but we need to do more to get to breakeven in 2026 and then focus on raising funds for addressing the backlog in fabric work. You may recall that our deficit in 2024 was £25,682. Due to some generous gifts, increased regular congregation giving, healthy Church lettings and a successful Street Market, I anticipate that the 2025 deficit will be reduced to around £12,500. In order to reduce this further in 2026 to achieve breakeven in the General Fund, we need to build on the increased giving we have seen this year, continue a high level of Church lettings and work on further fund raising events as well as hopefully benefit from one-off gifts. On the fabric side, work is underway to obtain quotes for a small number of the most urgent repairs which will be financed by the current funds we have in our Fabric Fund. We also anticipate that the Church gates will be repaired and re-painted, funded by a generous offer, to match the new lantern fitted over the summer. As a reminder, our preferred method of receiving giving is through the Parish Giving Scheme - the website address for this, where you can set up a payment is: <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/bradford-on-avon-holy-trinity-bradford-on-avon/>. It is also straightforward to change a regular payment if you have already set up an account here. Clive Adamson

**NEW PSALMS – GRAPPLING WITH JONAH** - We are enjoying Bishop Robert's course, "Grappling with Jonah," with thanks to +Robert and all present. If you would like to share the psalm you have written during the course, please email it, either in the body of the email or as an attachment, to Jenny or Netty. We hope to informally collate these into a short booklet. If possible, please send your psalm by 16th September to help us with planning. Thank you again for your work on bulletins. We're grateful for everyone's contributions and look forward to continuing with some collaborative items from time to time.

## **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.

**BOOK : THE STORIED URNS** - Seeking the whereabouts of a cardboard box containing copies of the above-mentioned books please? Last seen under the welcome desk. A few recent visitors to the church would have been interested in the book. Thank you. Jane Jones

**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)

**MATTHEW COX** - Our prayers and love are with Matthew's family, for Beryl and John Cox at this time.

*Rest eternal grant to Matthew, O Lord  
And let light perpetual shine upon him  
May he rest in peace and rise in glory.*

Beryl and John would like to thank everyone for their kind words and sympathy. It means so much to know that we have the comfort of our church family around us.

**CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL** - The dates for this year's Christmas Tree Festival are Set up Sunday and Monday 7 & 8 December, Tree Fest open Tuesday to Sunday 9 to 14 December Clear away Monday 15 December John Cox would very much like to find a volunteer to organise this year's musical entertainment. Would budding impresarios please contact John

## **A TIME FOR CREATION, SEPTEMBER – 5 OCTOBER**

Our seasonal booklet, A Time for Creation, is now available in church. Please do take a copy. Printed on 100% recycled paper, this booklet highlights the special season of Creation, running to 5 October. Inside, you'll find key dates and themes for special services and events taking place across the benefice during this time. We warmly invite you to save the dates and join us in exploring the richness and diversity of worship during this season. Why not travel with friends and neighbours to experience the variety of services on offer across our churches? May this be a time to reflect, connect, and celebrate God's creation together.

**SPECIAL EVENSONGS** - TODAY we look forward to a visit by Nordic Voices. 5 October, the Holy Trinity choir have their own Choral Evensong planned and this will include a canticle setting by 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.

**BACT PRAYER MEETING**, Thursday, 18 September @ 7.30pm, Bearfield Church

**WEEKLY PRAYERS** every Thursday in the Saxon Church for Israel and Palestine using prayer from Sabeel based in Jerusalem, 11.50am - 12.10pm. Everyone warmly welcome

**GRAPPLING WITH JONAH COURSE** - Following the publication of his book *Bewilderment: A Spiritual Guide*, Bishop Robert continues this exciting and memorable course this week. The last session is on 17 September - Meeting the God of compassion and love. No previous knowledge is necessary, but if you have a Bible (any translation), please bring it with you.

We think of prophets as strong and confident figures, but Jonah is neither of these. In fact, he's barely taken seriously at all and is crowded out of his own story by the whale that swallowed him up. Alone among the prophets, Jesus describes Jonah as a 'sign'. But what does that mean, and does it have any relevance to us today? Come and find out. Jonah offers much wisdom for our bewildered generation - one that grapples with anxiety, isolation, protest, anger, fear, and depression, all under the shadow of divine presence in the midst of personal turmoil. For those who feel unmoored, Jonah's story becomes a surprising source of consolation. Ultimately, it maps the contours of grace. We thank Bishop Robert for sharing his wisdom with us.

**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.

**PCC APPEAL** - more helpers are sought to set up the church ready for the Eucharist. Currently, duty is once every 5 weeks or so. If you are able to help, please contact Mavis.

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

### **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.

**MOTHERS' UNION COMMUNION & TALK** – Wednesday @ 2.30pm with Revd Jenny Nelson presiding, followed by a short talk.

**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.

**FUNERAL SERVICE FOR DAVID BANCROFT** – Monday, 22 September @ 2.30pm

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

### **FOR OUR PRAYERS**

**Please pray for all who are sick, remembering especially:** Barbara Adamson, Tony Bruun, Mary Dawson, Valerie Dyer, Jennifer Fuller, Anne Harris, Viktor Klid, Celia Milne, Alice Moody, Geneviève Roberts, Edward Shaw, Malcolm Walsh & James Wright.

**Pray for all those who mourn and for those who have recently died, especially:** Matthew Cox & David Bancroft

**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, especially:** Bob Kitchen, Elsie Watkins & Pamela Brooking

### **FOR PRAYER THIS WEEK**

- St Laurence School community, Fitzmaurice Primary School families; for the 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.'**

**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 – 21 SEPTEMBER – MATTHEW**

**8am** – BCP Holy Communion

**9.30am** – Sung Eucharist

#### **Readings:**

Proverbs 3. 13-18

2 Corinthians 4. 1-6

Matthew 9. 9-13