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The Rector's usual weekly day off is a Monday

26 OCTOBER 2025 BIBLE SUNDAY



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

HYMNS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

11.15am Morning Prayer

277 – Jesus shall reign

484 – The King of love my shepherd is

56 – Be thou my vision

103 – Crown him with many crowns

COLLECT

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

PSALM 122

- 1 I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'
- 2 And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem;
- 3 Jerusalem, built as a city that is at unity in itself.
- 4 Thither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, as is decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord.
- 5 For there are set the thrones of judgement, the thrones of the house of David.
- 6 O pray for the peace of Jerusalem: 'May they prosper who love you.
- 7 'Peace be within your walls and tranquillity within your palaces.'
- 8 For my kindred and companions' sake, I will pray that peace be with you.
- 9 For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek to do you good.

FIRST READING

Romans 15. 1-6

We who are strong ought to put up with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Each of us must please our neighbour for the good purpose of building up the neighbour. For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, 'The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.' For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 4. 16-24

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to

read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.' And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.' All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, 'Is not this Joseph's son?' He said to them, 'Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, "Doctor, cure yourself!" And you will say, "Do here also in your home town the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum." And he said, 'Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's home town.

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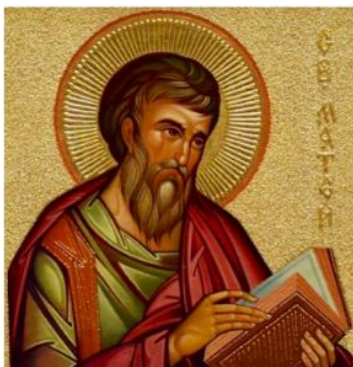
BIRTHDAYS - Happy Birthday, prayers and blessings to all those with birthdays in this season.

MESSAGE FOR BIBLE SUNDAY - In recent years many churches observe the 'Last Sunday after Trinity' as 'Bible Sunday' reflected in the words of the Collect, "Blessed Lord, who caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them... It is important that we read and study the words of scripture.

MESSAGE FROM JENNY – Jenny is in China visiting her son Joss and assures us that she is with us all in prayer whilst she is away, and especially today.

BACT ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL PEACE WALK – TODAY @ 1.30pm. Gather at Westbury Gardens to walk along the canal to Avoncliff to show support for those touched by war around the world. All welcome

FINDING JESUS THROUGH MATTHEW - The Rt Revd Dr John Inge KCVO, Wednesday, 5



November 10am – 11.15am, Holy Trinity
We are delighted that Bishop John will be leading us in a short course 'Finding Jesus through Matthew'.

The Revised Common Lectionary has become the framework by which Scripture is read on Sundays in many Anglican parishes and other denominations. It follows a three-year cycle, taking each of the synoptic Gospels in turn, and reading substantial portions of them within the rhythm of the liturgical year. While each year focuses on Matthew, Mark, or Luke, the Gospel of John also features prominently at particular times. This session helps us to see the Gospel narrative more clearly: explained, illuminated, and interpreted for our discipleship. Bishop John will guide us into Matthew's Gospel: exploring the setting in which it was first written, the way it is presented in the lectionary cycle, and the themes and concerns that shape its message. In this way, we will be invited to encounter afresh the story of Jesus - Matthew's Gospel being the focus for the coming year (Lectionary Year A). The Gospel of Matthew will also be the focus of our Lent Course in 2026.

If you would like to sign up for the session with Bishop John on 5 November, please email the benefice office email: beneficeoffice@htboa.org. Thank you, Revd Jenny

REMEMBERING SERVICES - This year we will be offering two special services again, an **All Souls Eucharist on Tuesday 4 November at 9.30am** and a **'Remembering' service on Sunday 16 November at 3pm**; both are Benefice services which will be held at Holy Trinity. There will be lists of names read out during the services so if you would like a name read out, please do send details to Netty and the office address. Refreshments will be served after the Service on Sunday 16 November.

HOLY TRINITY - NEW CONCERT & RECITAL SERIES - Next Recital – Thursday, 30 October @ 12.00pm

Martin writes: I am much looking forward to performing my first concert in our new Lunch Hour Concert series and hope that, in my chosen programme, there will truly be something for everyone. I am certainly not cracking any hard nuts, as it were, and even though I promised music from Bach to the present day, the new pieces are all from the harmonically traditional end of the aural spectrum. Indeed, if I say that two of them are by a celebrated British composer who is no stranger to Holy Trinity and who has just celebrated his 80th birthday, you will have a gentle clue as to what might be in store. Do come along on Thursday!

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.

ANNE WILLIS NEWS ON BELLS AND RINGING

- Do come along and try some 8-bell ringing! We'd love to see you. The bells at Westwood make our hearts sing! If you'd like to know more about the bells at Westwood please do get in touch with Anne via the Benefice Office.

COMMUNITY CAFÉ – Holy Trinity holds a weekly Community Café Wednesdays from 10am-12noon, to which all across the benefice are warmly welcome – coffee/tea and biscuits will be provided on a donation basis

CONFIRMATION AT SALISBURY

CATHEDRAL, 1 NOVEMBER - Do please keep Mason, Stevie, Chris, Sally, and Jill in your prayers as they prepare to be confirmed at Salisbury Cathedral on 1st November, 6pm. They will receive their first Holy Communion on Sunday November 2nd at the 9.30am All Saints Eucharist in. Do come along and support, and if you are considering baptism or confirmation, or simply want to explore what that might mean in God's church, please get in touch with Jenny, who is planning an Exploring Confirmation Course.

WESTWOOD BELLS - Anne Willis has written a history of Westwood bells which can be found on <https://sdgr.org.uk/westwood-bells>

THIS WEEK @ HT

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'. Theme: Michael Bardall 'My visit to Ireland

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

THURSDAY CONCERT SERIES – Thursday @ 12noon with Martin Cooke.

CREATIVE MAKERS MARKET – Saturday, 10am-3pm

FUTURE EVENTS @ HT

EVENSONG – Sunday, 2 November @ 6pm

EUCHARIST FOR ALL SOULS – Tuesday, 4 November @ 9.30am

TRIO PARADIS CAFÉ CONCERT – Thursday, 6 November @ 10.45am. November's theme is inspired by the traditional travelling people of Eastern Europe, with pieces including 'Songs My Mother Taught Me' by Dvořák, Haydn's Gypsy Rondo, and various Dumkas and other dances.. Concerts last c45mins. There's no need to book, just turn up early for best seats as these concerts are popular!

REMEMBERING SERVICE – Sunday, 16 November @ 3pm followed by refreshments

FOR OUR PRAYERS

Please pray for all who are sick, remembering especially: David Chalmers, David Driscoll, Betty & Doug Hancock & Mary Needham.

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 communities of Westwood and Iford Primary School, for the school community.
- Christian Unity
- Peace and protection for the world

- The teachings of the Gospels
- The gift of music
- Those recently bereaved
- Blessings for our families

God of justice and mercy,
we lift up the people of the Holy Land,
and all who seek peace.
Grant that voices, hopes, and concerns be heard,
and that a lasting peace may grow through
courage, wisdom, and love.
Strengthen all as peacemakers,
and guide those who work for reconciliation,
so that your justice and peace may flourish. Amen



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 – 2 NOVEMBER – ALL SAINTS DAY

11.15am – Holy Communion

Readings

Ephesians 1.11-end

Matthew 5. 1-12