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5 OCTOBER 2025 HARVEST



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

HYMNS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

11.15am Harvest Communion



101 – Come ye thankful people come

534 – We plough the fields and scatter

138 – For the fruits of His creation

393 – O worship the King all glorious above

COLLECT

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; through 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

Deuteronomy 26. 1-11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; 9and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

GOSPEL READING

John 6. 25-35

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may

see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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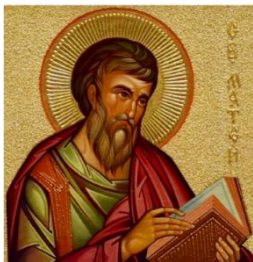
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HARVEST FESTIVAL – TODAY @ 11.15am:
Gathering and Giving Canned and Non-Perishable Foods. As part of our Harvest Thanksgiving Service, we will be collecting tinned foods and non-perishable foods such as pasta and sauces to give to the local foodbank in Bradford on Avon for those enduring challenging circumstances in this season. We look forward to seeing you.

CHORAL EVENSONG – Sunday 5 October,
TODAY @ 6pm - All welcome! If you haven't experienced a Choral Evensong at Holy Trinity before, do come along! This evening's service features the Choir singing Ernest Moeran's setting of the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis, music full of English character, rich in style, and with moments of real drama. Moeran died 75 years ago this December, and his work remains a striking part of the Anglican choral tradition. The evening anthem is a much-loved piece by Charles Steggall, setting words from Ecclesiastes 12: 'Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth.' Craftman's art and music's measure combine beautifully to create the perfect soundscape for an autumnal Evensong. Three fine hymns, splendid organ music by John Ireland, and prayers lifted to the heavens complete the evening. All are welcome - we look forward to seeing you! Martin Cooke, Director of Music, and the Choir of Holy Trinity

MESSAGE FROM JENNY - As Black History Month begins, we pause to pray:
Compassionate God, who sent Jesus Christ to deliver us from all manner of injustices and inequalities, create in us new hearts and enlarged visions, to see the image of God in every person irrespective of background, race and ethnicity. May we be generous in our love of others as we work towards ending misunderstanding, racism and injustice; creating communities of human flourishing, through 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.**
It is important that we do something this October in recognition of the significance of Black History Month, whether by reflection and prayer, or by celebrating the richness of our diversity over a cup of tea. Please feel welcome to be in touch with me to share your ideas as we look to celebrate our diversity and enrich our shared life of faith. It's a chance to work together, for inclusive communities where everyone feels welcomed, included and valued. Yours Jenny



FINDING JESUS THROUGH MATTHEW
- The Rt Revd Dr John Inge KCVQ,
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

HOLY TRINITY - NEW CONCERT & RECITAL SERIES - Next Recital – Thursday, 30 October @ 12.00pm After a successful opening recital last week, we are delighted to welcome Martin Cooke, Director of Music at Holy Trinity, for an organ recital on 30th October at 12pm. From Cornwall to St Paul's, Martin has enjoyed a distinguished career as organist, conductor, teacher, and composer, including serving as Headmaster of Clayesmore and currently as a governor of Wells Cathedral School. This is an exciting time for organ music at Holy Trinity as we look forward to the recommissioning and rededication of our magnificent Henry Willis III organ. Please join us for this inspiring lunchtime concert. Retiring collection with all proceeds to the church. All welcome!

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 email details to Netty in good time. Each service will be followed by refreshments and a chance to chat.

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 Willis, via the Benefice Office.

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

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

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.

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.

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

THIS WEEK @ HT

SUNG EVENSONG – 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'. Theme: What to see when visiting Bath

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

PARAGON SINGERS MONTEVERDI SINGING DAY – Saturday, 10am-4.30pm. Join us for an inspiring workshop exploring the rich world of Monteverdi madrigals. This is a wonderful opportunity for enthusiastic singers to delve into the expressive beauty and intricate harmonies of early Italian Baroque vocal music in a supportive and engaging setting. All voice parts welcome. The workshop will end with an informal performance at 4pm. Do invite friends along to hear us for free. Tickets from Bath Box Office tickets.

FUTURE EVENTS @ HT

MOTHERS' UNION MEETING – Wednesday, 15 October @ 2.30pm

FORGET ME NOT CAFÉ – Thursday, 16 October @ 11am-12.30pm – lots of fun, music and good company.

AKABELLA CONCERT – Saturday, 18 October @ 2.30pm

FOR OUR PRAYERS

Please pray for all who are sick, remembering especially: David Chalmers, 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.
- Those recently ordained
- The Deanery Synod
- All places of conflict
- Victims of domestic abuse
- Refugees and the homeless
- Our media, in all forms



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 – 12 OCTOBER – Trinity 17

11.15am – Holy Communion

Readings:

2 Kings 5. 1-3, 7-15

2 Timothy 2. 8-15

Luke 17.11-19