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9 NOVEMBER 2025 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY



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

HYMNS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

10.50am Remembrance Service

All hymns are in the printed Order of Service for today

All My Hope on God is Founded

I Vow to Thee My Country

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

The National Anthem

COLLECT

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

READING

Matthew 5. 1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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

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

THANK YOU to our Churchwardens and the PCC teams leading the Remembrance Sunday Services.

MESSAGE FROM JENNY - Remembrance

Sunday - On this Remembrance Sunday we gather in gratitude to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice, giving their lives so that we might live in freedom and democracy. We honour their courage and steadfast commitment, and hold before God the cost of war and the value of peace. We also remember those we love who have died recently. Their absence is felt deeply, yet we trust in God's care, and in the quiet hope that no act of love or life of goodness is ever lost.

Jesus reminds us: "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." May we honour the peace for which so many gave their all, and seek to live as peacemakers ourselves, showing justice, mercy, and compassion in our daily lives. We give thanks for our churchwardens, whose leadership enables our communities to gather safely to remember and reflect.

Prayer

Gracious God, we remember those who gave their lives in war and conflict, and entrust to you those we love who have died recently. We pray especially for The Revd Canon David Driscoll and for Lindsay and their family. Comfort all who mourn, and strengthen us to live faithfully in hope and love. Through Christ, the risen Lord, we pray.

HOLY TRINITY CONCERT SERIES - The

Music of Remembrance – Thursday, 13 November, 12pm at Holy Trinity We thank Martin for his inspiring organ concert this week, with its broad and enjoyable repertoire. We are delighted that he will be giving a special concert to mark the season of Remembrance, which we hope everyone will enjoy. Martin promises some of the foot-tapping marches familiar from the Royal Albert Hall's Festival of Remembrance, interwoven with gentle, poignant music offering comfort for those remembering loved ones. The programme includes works by Coates, Walford Davies, Elgar, Butterworth, Fauré, Barber, Vaughan Williams, and others. Martin writes: Over the last week or so, I have enjoyed putting the finishing touches to my programme for this concert which I much look forward to presenting next Thursday. I hope I

have struck a balance between the pomp and circumstance on the one hand, but also the simplicity of the beautiful national airs that we hear from the cenotaph each year, all of which help us commemorate and remember the fallen, and to be thankful for the service of the millions who gave their lives for all that know today. I am not focussing purely on Remembrance, but also on Remembering, and therefore, a slightly different theme is woven through the programme for those who are thinking of their own loved ones who are no longer with us.

After a short pause in December for seasonal music and carol services, the new concert series resumes on Thursday, 29 January, with the young musicians of Monkton Combe School, starting at 12.30pm. Refreshments are served 30 minutes before the concert. All are welcome!

REMEMBERING SERVICE - This year we will be offering a 'Remembering' service on **Sunday, 16 November at 3pm**; a Benefice services 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 Remembering Service.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES - On Saturday, 1 November, Chris, Jill, Mason, Sally, and Stevie were confirmed at Salisbury Cathedral, joining other candidates from across the Diocese of Salisbury. Please do speak with Mason, Stevie, Chris, Jill, Sally, Revd Jenny and the team to learn more about the Confirmation journey.

WEEKLY PRAYERS at noon every Thursday in the Saxon Church for Israel and Palestine using prayer for 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

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'.

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

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

SAVE THE CHILDREN AUTUMN FAIR – Saturday, 10am-12.30pm

FUTURE EVENTS @ HT

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

MOTHERS' UNION MEETING – Wednesday, 19 November @ 2.30pm

FORGET ME NOT CAFÉ – Thursday, 20 November @ 11am-12.30pm – lots of fun, music and good company.

PARAGON SINGERS – Saturday, 22 November @ 7.30pm. Presenting a captivating concert celebrating the vibrant vocal music of the early Italian Baroque. Discover the vibrant music of 17th century nun Chiara Margarita Cozzolani alongside Monteverdi Madrigals. Tickets available on the door £20.

BENEFICE ADVENT CAROLS – Sunday, 30 November @ 6pm, Holy Trinity

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CAROLS AROUND THE TREES – Sunday, 14 December @ 3pm, Holy Trinity

ADVENT EUCHARIST – Wednesday, 17 December @ 10am, Holy Trinity – we celebrate with Ian Stanes his 60 years anniversary of his Ordination

CAROL SERVICE – Sunday, 21 December @ 6pm, St Mary the Virgin, Westwood



CHRISTMAS SERVICES

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE – Christmas Eve, Wednesday, 24 December @ 3pm, Holy Trinity

MIDNIGHT MASS – Christmas Eve, Wednesday, 24 December, 11.15pm, St Mary the Virgin, Westwood

CHRISTMAS DAY – 11.15am Family Service with Eucharist @ St Mary, Westwood

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, especially: David Driscoll

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.
- Spiritual renewal
- Remembering all who have died in conflicts

- British Transport Police and all First Responders
- The vulnerable and suffering
- Thanks for a brand new day
- Love, kindness and respect to all

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 – 16 NOVEMBER – THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

11.15am – Matins

Readings:

Malachi 4. 1-2a

Luke 21. 5-19