



THE PARISH OF HOLY TRINITY

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CHRIST THE KING

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

8am BCP Holy Communion

9.30am Sung Eucharist

443 – God is our strength and refuge

589 – The King of love my shepherd is

166 – Crown Him with many crowns

563 – Rejoice! The Lord is King

Choir and Organ Music:

Before the service:

The Sovereign's Fanfare – *Arthur Bliss*

Prelude on 'Gopsal' – *Stanley Vann*

Trumpet Tune: Warlike Consort (King Arthur) – *Henry Purcell*

'Thy Kingdom come' (Pater Noster) – *Denis Bédard*

At the Communion:

Choir: Psalm 93 – *chant by GA MacFarren*

Organ: Prelude on 'Diademata' – *Barry Ferguson*

Idyll: Dominus Regit Me – *June Nixon*

Voluntary: Coronation March: 'The Crown Imperial' – *William Walton*

THE COLLECT

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 23. 1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

EPISTLE READING

Colossians 1. 11-20

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 23. 33-43

When they came to the place that is called The Skull,

they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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

HOLY TRINITY NOTICES

COPYING, PRINTING, POSTERS – please send to Netty on: beneficeoffice@htboa.org

HT FINANCE, PAYMENT REQUESTS ETC – please contact Klaus on treasurer@htboa.org

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.

THE REVEREND CANON DAVID DRISCOLL - A Service of Thanksgiving for David will take place on Friday, 28 November at 2pm at Holy Trinity, Bradford on Avon. All are warmly invited. Our prayers are with Lindsay and family.

MESSAGE FROM JENNY – **Christ the King** - A warm welcome to all worshipping on this Feast of Christ the King, the final Sunday of the Church's year, when we give thanks for Christ, the eternal shepherd and sovereign, through whom all things

were created, in whom all things hold together, and in whom God's reconciling work is revealed. Christ's reign is shown not in worldly power, but in mercy, justice, and self-giving love, fulfilled in the humility of the cross. During this morning's Eucharist, we will dedicate and bless our new vessels, presented by our churchwardens. Within bread and wine, Christ's presence gathers, heals, and reconciles. Their blessing is a joyful yet rightly humble sign of renewal, hope, and the Church's ongoing mission. We are now a whole year into a new season of parish life; and a moment to turn the page with next Sunday beginning Advent: the season of watching and waiting for Christ, the Word made flesh, the eternal shepherd and sovereign, who continues to gather God's people. On the evening of Advent Sunday, we will hold our Advent Carol Service, a beautiful way to begin the season of expectation with Bradford on Avon Churches Together. All are welcome. Please do stay for refreshments today. May we step together into this season of hope, trusting in Christ. Our prayers continue for David, for Lindsay and family; for Valerie; for all bereaved at this time.

LUNCH HOUR CONCERT SERIES AT HOLY TRINITY

- Regular readers of the bulletin will know that there is no concert in December. The pause allows us to take stock, to thank Jenny and Martin for generously sharing with us their musical talents; and to thank the audience and helpers for their considerable support. The total raised over the three concerts was £1,855.00 (including electronic contributions). We look forward to hearing pupils from Monkton Combe school in our next concert at 12.30pm on 29, January 2026.

THE ORGAN AT HOLY TRINITY - 2026 will be a significant year for the organ at Holy Trinity. We hope to bring it back into use after last year's flood damage, and its centenary will be marked with a series of special events. There will be opportunities to sponsor recitals and other activities, especially those encouraging young people to engage with the organ. Please contact Martin or Jenny for details. Looking further ahead, the hope of completing the organ's specification remains an inspiring longer-term plan. Thank you for your generous support. Our Advent and Christmas services will feature beautiful organ and choral music, and all are welcome. The Advent Carol Service will be on Sunday 30 November at 6pm, and the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols on Sunday 21 December at 6pm, with seasonal organ music from 5.30pm on both occasions. There will also be informal Christmas organ concerts on Thursday 11 December at 2.30pm (Martin Cooke) and Friday 12 December at 3pm (Marcus Sealy). The next lunch-hour concert, featuring musicians from Monkton Combe School, will take place on Thursday 29 January 2026 at 12.30pm.

CHURCHYARD PRODUCE - You may recall that a yew tree in the churchyard shed a branch during a heavy storm in 2024. The branch from the tree has been 'turned' into a variety of interesting items, each marked with the origin of the wood (Trinity Church Yard, Bradford-on-Avon, Wilts.) *These are on sale at Timber Treasures in Abbey Green, Bath and in Salisbury. I have a sample with me today -16th Nov. Rosemary Yarker*

HELP WANTED - We would much appreciate your help on Saturday 29 November 9am-12noon to move furniture and clean the church floor. We hope to remove the worst stains, scrape off old candle wax, mince pie and chewing gum, re-seal the floor and sweep the rest with a special compound. Do come along if you can.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 9-14 DECEMBER

- In order to make this enjoyable community event a success, we need volunteers to:

- Help set up after church on Sunday, 7 December and to clear away on Monday afternoon 15 December
- Help with refreshments (a steady head is required to cope with mulled wine fumes)
- Act as welcome stewards

Do please add your name to lists on the Welcome Desk. Any questions or if you would like to stage a tree please contact John Cox (tel 864270 or jandbcx@hotmail.com) There are lists on the welcome desk

CHRISTMAS EVE - 3.30PM CHRISTINGLE - Please could you get in touch with us if you would be able to help make Christingles in advance of the afternoon Service on Christmas Eve. We also need help for this service in giving out the Christingles, welcoming and friendly stewarding support at various points around the building. Please be in touch with Liz Forbes via Netty in the Benefice Office. Thanks for your support. Liz and Jenny

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

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

THIS WEEK @ HT

FUNERAL SERVICE FOR VALERIE DYER – Monday @ 1pm

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 join the waiting list).

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

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

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING FOR DAVID DRISCOLL – Friday @ 2pm

FUTURE EVENTS @ HT

BENEFICE ADVENT CAROLS – Sunday, 30 November @ 6pm

CREATIVE MAKERS MARKET – Saturday, 6 December, 10am-3pm

BRADFORD ON AVON CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERT – Friday, 12 December, featuring a selection of carols and readings. Tickets £12 (children free) from Ex Libris or on the door.

CAROLS AROUND THE TREES – Sunday, 14 December @ 3.30pm

CANTAMUS CHRISTMAS CONCERT – Tuesday, 16 December @ 7.30pm

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

NINE LESSONS & CAROLS – Sunday, 21 December @ 6pm

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE – Christmas Eve, Wednesday, 24 December @ 3.30pm

MIDNIGHT MASS – Christmas Eve, Wednesday, 24 December @ 11.15pm

CHRISTMAS DAY – Thursday, 25 December:
8am BCP Holy Communion
9.30am Sung Eucharist on Christmas Day

FOR OUR PRAYERS

Please pray for all who are sick, remembering especially: Barbara Adamson, Tony Bruun, Mary Dawson, Jennifer Fuller, Anne Harris, Viktor Klid, Celia Milne, Alice Moody, Lewis Moody, Alison Penny, Genevieve Roberts, Edward Shaw, Malcolm Walsh, Jannine Wheatley & James Wright.

Pray for all those who mourn and for those who have recently died, especially: David Driscoll & Valerie Dyer

Pray for all those whose anniversary of death falls at this time, especially: Barbara Benjamin, Bill Matthews & Janet Emerson

Please let Revd Jenny, Marlene (LPA) and Tony Haffenden (LPA) know of any pastoral need, including prayer.

FOR PRAYER THIS WEEK

- St Laurence School community, Fitzmaurice Primary School families; for the school community.
- All worshippers of our loving and righteous God
- Mothers' Union 16 days of activism against gender based violence
- Victims of domestic and sexual abuse
- Readiness to act against all wrongdoings
- The vulnerable and those suffering long term illness
- Our Advent preparations

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, option 3

NEXT WEEK – 30 NOVEMBER – ADVENT SUNDAY

8am – BCP Holy Communion
9.30am – Sung Eucharist
6pm – Benefice Advent Carols

Readings:

Isaiah 2. 1-5
Romans 13. 11-end
Matthew 24. 36-44