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18 JANUARY 2026 THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY



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

HYMNS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

11.15am – Matins

134 – For all the saints

372 – Jesus calls us o'er the tumult

106 – Dear Lord and Father of mankind

437 – Rock of ages

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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

Isaiah 49.1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.' But I said, 'I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God.' And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength—he says, 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.' Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, 'Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

GOSPEL READING

John 1.29-42

The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.' The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus

walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

NOTICES

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

MESSAGE FROM JENNY - Today, in the reading from John's gospel (John 1.29-42), Jesus comes to be baptised by his cousin John. John proclaims Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. John recognises and reveals Jesus as God's anointed one on whom the Spirit rests. John encourages his disciples to go and investigate, and Jesus asks them, 'What are you looking for?' These are the first words that Jesus speaks in John's Gospel. The Greek word, which can be translated as 'seek' or 'look for' is multi-layered. It can mean seek, search, try, attempt, strive for, desire, ask for, wait, demand, examine or investigate. Those first words are deep. "What are you looking for?" John's disciples are drawn to this question. They want to know more and ask Jesus where he is staying. And Jesus replies very simply, "Come and see". It is an invitation.

BARBARA ADAMSON - The Requiem Mass for Barbara Adamson will be held at 12noon on Wednesday, 21 January, at Holy Trinity, Bradford on Avon. Clive and his family warmly invite all to attend the service and to join them afterwards for refreshments at Woolley Grange. Please feel welcome.

THE REVD RON LOWRIE - The Funeral Service for The Revd Ron Lowrie will take place at 1pm on Thursday, 29 January, at West Wilts Crematorium, Semington. Anne warmly invites all to attend. Revd Ron Lowrie is fondly remembered by many in Westwood, Wingfield, and Christchurch for his pastoral ministry and his enthusiasm for involving children and young people in church life, including through the much-loved Nativity services. He believed that worship with a fresh expression helped people feel connected to the church, particularly in times of challenge. Ron is also remembered for his chaplaincy at County Hall

SYLVIA STANES - A 'Thanksgiving for Life' service will be held at 3pm on Friday, 30 January, at Holy Trinity, Bradford on Avon. Our beloved friend and ministry colleague, The Venerable Ian Stanes, together with his daughter Sally and all the family, warmly invite you to attend. Guests are kindly asked that black attire is not required for the service.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY - The 2026 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will take place from 18–25 January, bringing together Christian traditions worldwide in prayer and reflection on Jesus' call "that they may all be one" (John 17.21). This year's theme, inspired by Ephesians 4, affirms that 'there is one Body and one Spirit'.

The annual resources are developed through international ecumenical collaboration and, for 2026, have been prepared with significant input from the Armenian Churches. One of the earliest Christian traditions, the Armenian Apostolic Church offers a powerful witness to unity and shared faith. The materials include daily prayers and reflections, encouraging us to set aside divisions and work together in service of Christ. Across the Anglican Communion, the Week of Prayer reflects a wider, year-round commitment to ecumenism. We engage in all that promotes unity, cooperation, and common witness, in addressing global challenges and strengthening the life of the Church. A few resources can be found in our benefice churches, and also on the Anglican Communion website:
www.anglicancommunion.org

Heavenly Father, you have called us in the Body of your Son Jesus Christ to continue his work of reconciliation and reveal you to the world: forgive us the sins which tear us apart; give us the courage to overcome our fears and to seek that unity which is your gift and your will; 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.

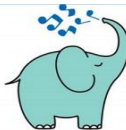
LUNCH HOUR CONCERT SERIES DATES - Join us for our uplifting Series of Thursday lunchtime concerts at Holy Trinity: **29 January, 12.30pm** – Young Musicians of Monkton Combe School. A showcase of exceptional young talent, promising a delightful and inspiring start to the year. **12 February, 12pm** – Peter Tanfield, Violin. **26 March, 12pm** – Beatrice Newman, Cello, accompanied by Bernard Newman. Come and enjoy these concerts during your lunch hour, and be part of our vibrant musical community. All welcome.

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

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.

THIS WEEK @ HT

MORNING PRAYER – Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursdays @ 8.30am



MAINLY MUSIC – Tuesday @ 10.30am – fun & friendship for pre-school families (contact Marlene on 864412 if you'd like to come)

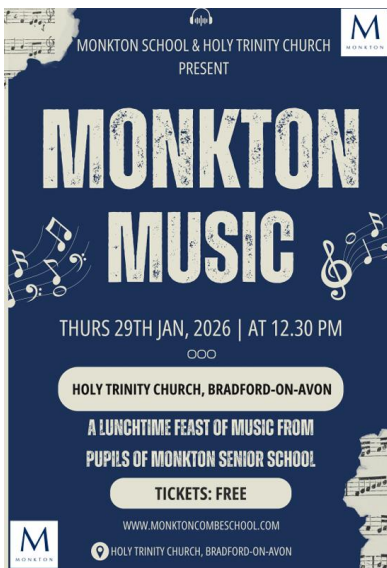
SAXON CLUB – Tuesday @ 2.30pm – fun & friendship for 'seniors'

REQUIEM MASS FOR BARBARA ADAMSON – Wednesday @ 12noon

MOTHERS UNION MEETING FOR AGM – Wednesday @ 2.30pm followed by refreshments, there will be no Communion first.

FUTURE EVENTS @ HT

COMMUNITY CAFE – Wednesday, 10am – 12noon. All welcome (not on 21 January, but back on 28 January)



LUNCH HOUR CONCERT – Thursday, 29 January @ 12.30pm

'THANKSGIVING FOR THE LIFE OF SYLVIA STANES' SERVICE – Friday, 30 January @ 3pm

LUMOS CONCERT – A COLDPLAY CANDLELIGHT EXPERIENCE – Saturday, 31 January, 5pm, 7pm & 9pm concerts. See website for ticket details

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: Barbara Adamson, Revd Ron Lowrie & Sylvia Stanes

Please *always* let Rev Jenny know of any pastoral need, including prayer.

FOR PRAYER THIS WEEK

- The children and communities of St Laurence School, Fitzmaurice Primary. The Mead, Westwood & Iford Primary

- Christian Unity throughout the world
- Strength, guidance & peace in our daily lives
- The husband, family & friends of Barbara Adamson
- All who mourn and remember the loss of a loved one
- Your presence and blessings on the sick
- A church where young and old can share love, wisdom, hope and fellowship together

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 – 25 JANUARY
THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL**

11.15am – Morning Prayer

Readings:
Acts 9. 1-22
Matthew 19. 27-end