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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 & MUSIC FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

8am BCP Holy Communion

9.30am Sung Eucharist

87 – Hail to the Lord's anointed (omit v4)

532 – O for a closer walk with God

411 – Dear Lord and Father of mankind

311 – Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour

Choir and Organ Music:

Before the service:

Fanfare on 'St Helen' – *Christopher Tambling*

Prelude on 'Caithness' – *Craig Phillips*

Liturgical Preludes 1 & 2 – *George Oldroyd*

Song without words – Andrew Carter (d 5.1.26)

At the Communion:

Choir: January Carol – *Piae Cantiones*

Organ: Prelude on 'Repton' – *Ashley Grote*

Aria 'Greensleeves' – *James Biery*

Voluntary: Fuga on the letters of his name – *Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach*

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.'

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 1.1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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).

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of 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

NOTICES FOR WEEKLY BULLETINS – please send any messages *by the end of a Wednesday* to Netty on: beneficeoffice@htboa.org

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

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 REV'D 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.

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.

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.

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY - A huge thank you to everyone who helped make Christingles and support our service on Christmas Eve. Over £500 was donated in the buckets which will help vulnerable children and young people in this country. Very many thanks. E. Forbes

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

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)

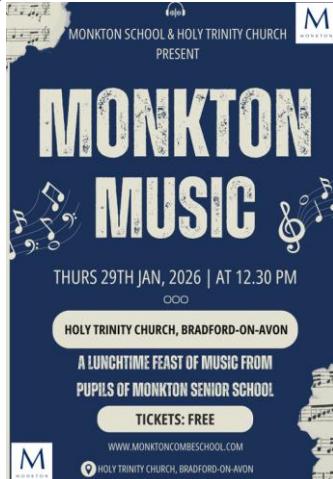
SAXON CLUB – Tuesday @ 2.30pm – fun & friendship for 'seniors'

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: Tony Bruun, Mary Dawson, Jennifer Fuller, Anne Harris, Viktor Klid, Celia Milne, Alice Moody, Lewis Moody, Alison Penny, Geneviève Roberts, Edward Shaw, Malcolm Walsh & James Wright.

Pray for all those who mourn and for those who have recently died, especially: Barbara Adamson, Ron Lowrie & Sylvia Stanes.

Pray for all those whose anniversary of death falls at this time.

Please let Revd Jenny, Marlene (LPA) and Tony Haffenden (LPA) 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 ad 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, option 3

**NEXT WEEK – 25 JANUARY
THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL**

8am – BCP Holy Communion

9.30am – Sung Eucharist

Readings:

Acts 9. 1-22

Galatians 1. 11-16

Matthew 19. 27-end