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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

11.15am – Matins

500 – There is a Redeemer

432 – Rejoice the Lord is King

532 – We have a Gospel to proclaim

188 – Guide me O thou great Redeemer

COLLECT

Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his
risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and
truth;
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.

PSALM 116. 1 - 7

1 I love the Lord, for he heard my voice;
he heard my cry for mercy.
2 Because he turned his ear to me,
I will call on him as long as I live.
3 The cords of death entangled me,
the anguish of the grave came over me;
I was overcome by distress and sorrow.
4 Then I called on the name of the Lord:
"Lord, save me!"
5 The Lord is gracious and righteous;
our God is full of compassion.
6 The Lord protects the unwary;
when I was brought low, he saved me.
7 Return to your rest, my soul,
for the Lord has been good to you.

FIRST READING

Acts 2. 14a, 36 - 41

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.'

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 24. 13 - 35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

MESSAGE FROM JENNY –

In the days after Easter, something begins to change in the disciples. In Acts, Peter stands up and speaks with a new confidence: the Jesus who was crucified is the Lord and Messiah. God has been at work even in what looked like failure and loss. When the people hear this, they ask, "What should we do?" It is the beginning of a new way of life.

In the Gospel, two disciples are walking away from Jerusalem on the road to Emmaus. The disciples are burdened with disappointment. Everything they had hoped for has unravelled. And yet, as they walk, the risen Christ draws near and walks with them, unrecognised, but present. He listens, opens the scriptures to them, and keeps pace with them on the road.

It is only in the breaking of bread that their eyes are opened. They recognise Jesus, who immediately vanishes from their sight. During last week's pilgrimage, I stood before a tapestry of this scene in the Vatican Museums, where journey, confusion, and grace are held together in a single image, as though the moment of recognition is already quietly woven into the story itself. But their eyes have been opened; no longer lost, they return to Jerusalem with a new hope taking shape.

HOLY COMMUNION ARRANGEMENTS –

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.

BLESSINGS – you are welcome to come forward for a Blessing during the Communion part of the service.

NOTICES

NOTICES FOR WEEKLY BULLETINS – please send all messages for the bulletin by Wednesday 12pm to Annie on: beneficeoffice@htboa.org

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

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). marlene.haffenden@googlemail.com

SAXON CLUB – Tuesday @ 2.30pm – fellowship and various activities for seniors

WEEKLY WEDNESDAY HOLY COMMUNION – Holy Trinity, 10am

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

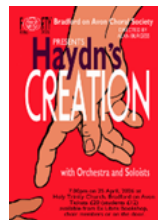
ORGAN CONCERT WITH MARTIN COOKE - Thursday 23rd April – 12 noon - This will be the first solo concert on our reinstated pipe organ as we begin to mark the instrument's remarkable 100 years this year. Martin will put our Henry Willis organ through its paces demonstrating all its sounds and features in a fascinating and enticing programme. As well as his playing, we all look forward to reading Martin's attractive programme notes just as much!

BRADFORD ON AVON CHORAL SOCIETY -

Saturday 25th April 2026 – 7pm

This concert will feature a performance of Haydn's oratorio *Creation*, with the choir and orchestra conducted by Alan Burgess. This will be a very special concert, as it marks the choir's 40th anniversary. Tickets are £20,

or £12 for students, and are available at Ex Libris bookshop in Bradford-on-Avon, from choir members, or on the door.



FUTURE EVENTS AROUND THE BENEFICE

HOLY TRINITY LUNCHTIME CONCERT SERIES -

All are welcome to join us for our lunchtime concert series in the beautiful setting of Holy Trinity Church. 12 noon – 1.30pm.

Future concert dates –

14th May – Trumpet and Piano with Mike Daniels

11th June – Monkton Combe Instrumentalists

25th June – Monkton Combe Instrumentalists

TRIO PARADIS CAFÉ CONCERT – Thursday 7

May @ 10.45am. The May concert consists of music with Folk Connections. Concerts last c45mins. There's no need to book, just turn up early for best seats as these concerts are popular!



LUMOS CONCERT – Friday 8th May -

A Hans Zimmer Candlelight Experience in Holy Trinity, 7pm – 8pm and 9pm – 10pm. See - www.lumos-experiences.com for tickets.

CANTAMUS CHAMBER CHOIR – A Voice from

Heaven – Sunday 10th May, 4pm – Inspiring choral music celebrating female composers including Imogen Holst, Kerensa Briggs, Lucy Walker and Florence Price. Tickets are available from cantamuschamberchoir.co.uk and on the door.

CHORAL CONCERT – MONKTON COMBE

CHAPEL CHOIR - Tuesday 19th May – 7pm – 9pm

RECITAL CONCERT WITH DAVID HALLS –

Friday 12th June – 7pm – 9pm

FOR OUR PRAYERS

Please pray for all who are sick, remembering especially: David Chalmers, Betty & Doug Hancock.

Pray for the recently departed and all who mourn them, especially: Tony Carter, Jennifer Fuller & Mary Needham

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

FOR PRAYER THIS WEEK

- The teachers, wider staff and communities of St Laurence School, Fitzmaurice Primary, The Mead, Westwood & Iford Primary
- Everyone in education starting a new term and facing exams
- Churchwardens and PCC members in our Benefice
- Our armed forces
- The King and his family
- Emergency workers
- Thanksgiving for the beauty of Spring

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 – 26 April – THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

11.15am – Morning Prayer

Readings:

Acts 2.42 - end

John 10. 1 - 10