

# ST MARY THE VIRGIN, WESTWOOD

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## 26 APRIL 2026



## THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

### HYMNS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

#### 11.15am Morning Prayer

**490** – The Lord's my Shepherd  
**56** – Be thou my vision  
**220** – How sweet the name of  
Jesus sounds  
**186** – Great is thy Faithfulness

#### 5pm Evensong

**6** - Abide with me  
**475** – The Day thou  
gavest

## COLLECT

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and  
the life:  
raise us, who trust in him,  
from the death of sin to the life of  
righteousness,  
that we may seek those things which are  
above,  
where he reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

## PSALM 23

1 The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
2 He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;  
3 he restores my soul.  
He leads me in right paths  
for his name's sake.  
4 Even though I walk through the darkest  
valley,  
I fear no evil;  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff—  
they comfort me.  
5 You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.  
6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord  
my whole life long.

## FIRST READING

### Acts 2. 42 – end

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.  
Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

## GOSPEL READING

### John 10. 1 – 10

'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.  
So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

## MESSAGE FROM JENNY –

Recognising the Shepherd's Voice  
Acts 2.42–47; John 10.1–10

There is a difference between hearing a voice and recognising it. Recognition is formed through relationship, through trust, familiarity, and love. In the Gospel of John, Christ the Good Shepherd calls his sheep by name, and they follow because they know his voice. The life of faith is a life of discernment, of learning to distinguish the voice that leads to life from those that diminish and divide. In Acts of the Apostles, the early Christians devote themselves to the apostles' teaching, fellowship, the breaking of bread and prayer. Their shared life, marked by generosity and gladness, is a response to the voice they have come to trust. Jesus speaks of abundant life as fullness in relationship with God and one another. This life takes shape in communities that resist isolation and embody care. Through scripture, prayer, and the sacrament of the Eucharist, we learn to recognise Christ's voice more clearly, and in following it, are drawn into the life Jesus gives, which is abundant, shared and rooted in love.

Yours,  
Jenny

## **BAPTISMS AND CONFIRMATIONS –**

If you would like to explore baptism and confirmation as an adult for this season please could you get in touch directly with Jenny, who welcomes your enquiry and preparation towards what would be a special service – all welcome.

## **DIocese OF SALISBURY VOLUNTEERS**

**DAY** - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June. We would love for you to join the Diocese Volunteers Day which includes a celebratory lunch and sessions and resources for this context. Do look at the Diocesan website –

[www.salisbury.anglican.org/](http://www.salisbury.anglican.org/) and go along with your friends. Thank you to all who volunteer and serve in our Benefice. Revd. Jenny

## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## **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 for an hour or so of music -1200 noon.

Future concert dates –

14<sup>th</sup> May – Trumpet and Piano with Mike Daniels

### **TRIO PARADIS CAFÉ CONCERT –**

Thursday 7th May @ 10.45am. This month's programme is a varied collection of music based on or inspired by folk tunes and dances, and includes Irish composer Joan Trimble's Phantasy Trio, which beautifully conveys the Irish landscape and traditions, and George Butterworth's The Banks of Green Willow, essentially a fantasy on two English folk songs. Alongside these we play our arrangements of the beautiful Ashokan Farewell, Fantasia on Greensleeves and a lively Danish Peat Dance. 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](http://www.lumos-experiences.com) for tickets.

**CANTAMUS CHAMBER CHOIR** – A Voice from Heaven – Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> 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](http://cantamuschamberchoir.co.uk) and on the door.

**CHORAL CONCERT – MONKTON COMBE CHAPEL CHOIR** - Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May – 7pm – 9pm

**HOLY TRINITY'S CHILDREN'S HALF-TERM CRAFT AND PLAY MORNING – FLOWERS & CREATION** - Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May, 10.30 – 12 noon. £3 per family. Parents must be present – ALL WELCOME!

**'RE-OPENING' ORGAN CONCERT WITH DAVID HALLS, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AT SALSIBURY CATHEDRAL** – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June – 7.30pm. This will be a ticketed event, further details next week.

### 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

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

### FOR PRAYER THIS WEEK

- Our Benefice of Bradford on Avon Holy Trinity, Westwood and Wingfield and all who serve in the surrounding communities.
- St Laurence, Fitzmaurice Primary, The Mead School, Westwood and Iford Primary School, parents, pupils, teachers and all staff.
- Our local partners in mission. The Hub and all whom they support and serve.
- A Rocha and Eco Church.
- All local businesses and the Town Council.

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](mailto: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](mailto:safeguarding@salisbury.anglican.org) to speak to a caseworker, or the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser 01722 438651 and press option 3



### **NEXT WEEK – 3 MAY – THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**11.15am** – Holy Communion

#### **Readings:**

Acts 7. 55 - end  
John 14. 1 – 14

Volunteers Day – Be in the frame!

