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THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

11.15am - Holy Communion

HYMNS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

464 - Take my life and let it be

231 - I heard the voice of Jesus say

565 - Ye servants of God

26 - Alleluia sing to Jesus

COLLECT

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ
is gone before,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 1. 6 - 14

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

GOSPEL READING

John 17. 1 – 11

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now,

Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER –

Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

MESSAGE FROM JENNY –

The Ascension reminds us that the Church is always being drawn upwards. Our Ascension Day walk, climbing from Holy Trinity to St Mary Tory, carried something of that meaning: a step-by-step pilgrimage, which gathered us into worship as we kept this great feast day. The disciples watched Jesus taken from their sight and naturally felt an absence. Yet the Ascension is not simply Christ going away. "Why do you stand looking up?" In Acts the disciples' attention shifts from staring into heaven to the life that will become Pentecost. Christ's Ascension is not absence, but a change in the meaning of presence. Christ does not leave humanity behind, but carries all into the life of God. Thank you to all who joined us on Ascension Day.
Yours, Jenny

APCM TODAY - after this morning's service of Holy Communion - all welcome.

**ORGAN CONCERT – Friday 12th June –
7.30pm - given by David Halls
Director of Music at Salisbury Cathedral**

We have all become accustomed to have the pipe organ back with us again and, as you know, we very much want to celebrate its return and its 100th birthday! Jenny will be re-dedicating the organ during the 9.30am Eucharist on Trinity Sunday, and then David Halls is coming to give the re-opening concert.

Do pop this into your diary and come! He is playing a super programme that will explore the instruments' colour and scope, beautifully.

Tickets are available now from Annie in the church office. Call in Monday to Wednesday between 10.00 and 2.00pm or Friday between 10.00 and 12noon. Or you can email her – beneficeoffice@htboa.org. and she will keep tickets for you... or buy them on the door on the night. Tickets are £15 to include a glass of wine or a soft drink, served from 6.30pm.



BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION -

Prayers and blessings for Kit Kline of the Parish of St Mary the Virgin, Westwood, who was baptised and confirmed at Salisbury Cathedral yesterday. If you would like to explore this please get in touch with the Rector or another member of the ministry team.

BOOKKEEPER JOB VACANCY -

Unfortunately, Klaus Huber our bookkeeper, has decided to leave us so he can concentrate his time with the Quakers where he is the Administrator. He has kindly given us notice and plans to leave at the end of June. We have therefore a vacancy. If you know of anyone who has accounting/bookkeeping skills and has 3

hours a week spare, please email a CV to David Hare at pccsecretary@htboa.org. The salary is negotiable, hours are flexible, you will be able to where necessary, work from home and training will be provided. Thank you.

DIOCESE OF SALISBURY VOLUNTEERS DAY

- Friday 5th 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/ and go along with your friends. Thank you to all who volunteer and serve in our Benefice. Revd. Jenny

HOLY COMMUNION ARRANGEMENTS –

WEEKLY WEDNESDAY HOLY COMMUNION – Holy Trinity, 10am - all welcome to this Benefice service.

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

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



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

MOTHERS' UNION MEETING -
Wednesday, 2.30pm in Holy Trinity. Speaker -
Pam Apsley (Alice Moody's daughter), telling us
about her mum's wartime experiences. Visitors
warmly welcome.

FUTURE EVENTS AROUND THE BENEFICE

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

TRIO PARADIS CAFÉ CONCERT – Thursday
4th June @ 10.45am.

COME AND EXPLORE INTERCESSIONS -
A Workshop - Wednesday 11th June at 11am -
Holy Trinity

We invite all who would like to explore
Intercessions further to a Workshop at Holy
Trinity on Wednesday, June 11th, at 11am.

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.
- Christian Aid and its Beacon of Hope.
- Our outreach to local community.
- All who are homeless.
- Farming and fishing communities.
- The housebound.
- The Mothers' Union.

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 – 24 MAY – PENTECOST

11.15am – Family Morning Prayer

Readings:
Acts 2. 1 - 11
John 20. 19 - 23