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PENTECOST SUNDAY

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

11.15am - Family Morning Prayer on Pentecost Sunday

HYMNS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

69 - Breathe on me, Breath of God

90 - Come Down, O Love Divine

235 - I the Lord of Sea and Sky

392 - O Thou who camest from above

COLLECT

God, who as at this time
taught the hearts of your faithful people
by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:
grant us by the same Spirit
to have a right judgement in all things
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

PSALM 104.26–36, 37b

26 O Lord, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.
27 There is the sea, spread far and wide,
and there move creatures beyond number, both
small and great.
28 There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan
which you have made to play in the deep.
29 All of these look to you
to give them their food in due season.
30 When you give it them, they gather it;
you open your hand and they are filled with good.
31 When you hide your face they are troubled;
when you take away their breath,
they die and return again to the dust.
32 When you send forth your spirit, they are created,
and you renew the face of the earth.
33 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever;
may the Lord rejoice in his works;
34 He looks on the earth and it trembles;
he touches the mountains and they smoke.
35 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will make music to my God while I have my being.
36 So shall my song please him
while I rejoice in the Lord.
37 Let sinners be consumed out of the earth
and the wicked be no more.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.
Alleluia.

FIRST READING

Acts 2. 1 - 21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking

Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' 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. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

"In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

GOSPEL READING

John 20. 19 - 23

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

MESSAGE FROM JENNY –

"Receive the Holy Spirit."

These words stand at the heart of the Church's life. The risen Christ breathes upon the disciples; fear gives way to peace, and the Church begins. The Holy Spirit is never seen, yet always known. Like wind moving through an open space, like breath passing through, like light falling as it will, the Spirit is known in what is awakened and enlivened. In Scripture, the Spirit moves over waters at the

beginning of creation, and in baptism, those same waters become a place of new birth. Nothing is inert where the Holy Spirit comes.

At Pentecost, that breath becomes fire. The scattered are gathered, and those who couldn't understand one another are drawn into a deeper communion than language alone can make. The Church lives from this mystery. Not by its own strength, but by the Spirit continually given. In Baptism, in Eucharist, in prayer, the same prayer rises again: "Come, Holy Spirit." And today we are especially glad to welcome Emily, her family and friends as she is baptised. We give thanks for her, and we pray that she may grow all her days within the life of God, held in the love that has brought her here today.

We pray that the breath of God would fall again upon the waters of baptism, upon us all, and make all things new. Amen.

Yours in Christ, Jenny

BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION -

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.

HALF TERM FUN! CALLING ALL FAMILIES: Please come to our CHILDREN'S HALF-TERM CRAFT AND PLAY

**MORNING AT HOLY
TRINITY based on the
theme FLOWERS &
CREATION - Tuesday
26th May, 10.30 – 12
noon. A donation of £3**

**per family. This is an invitation for
the whole benefice. Parents must be present –
ALL WELCOME!**



BENEFICE TEAS @ ST MARY THE VIRGIN, WESTWOOD - Sunday 31st May, 2 - 5pm.

You are warmly invited to enjoy afternoon teas, homemade cakes and scones at Westwood Parish Rooms, in aid of Westwood Church.

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

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.



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.

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

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

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 Revd Jenny know of any pastoral need, including prayer.

FOR PRAYER THIS WEEK

- Praise for God's gifts to us during this Pentecost and Trinity season.
- For peace and wisdom among politicians and world leaders.

- For all involved in Early Years education and childcare, for our ministry with families and young people.
- For our Emergency Services and all frontline departments.
- For those living with a terminal illness and those who care for them.
- In thanksgiving for the joyful times we share with family and friends.
- Our Benefice-affiliated schools: St Laurence, Fitzmaurice Primary, The Mead School, Westwood and Iford Primary School, all parents, pupils, teachers and staff.

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 – 31 MAY – TRINITY SUNDAY BENEFICE SERVICE AT HOLY TRINITY

9.30am – Benefice Sung Eucharist and Rededication of the Willis Organ

Readings:

Isaiah 40. 12 - 17, 27 - 31
Matthew 28. 16 - 20