

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, WESTWOOD

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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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

11.15am - Mattins

HYMNS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

- 9 - All creatures of our God and King
- 153 - Give me joy in my heart
- 106 - Dear Lord and Father of mankind
- 372 - O Jesus I have promised (v1,2,4,5)

COLLECT

Almighty God,
you have broken the tyranny of sin
and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts
whereby we call you Father:
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your
service,
that we and all creation may be brought
to the glorious liberty of the children of God;
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 69. 8 - 11

8 For your sake have I suffered reproach;
shame has covered my face.
9 I have become a stranger to my kindred,
an alien to my mother's children.
10 Zeal for your house has eaten me up;
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon
me.
11 I humbled myself with fasting,
but that was turned to my reproach.

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 20. 7 - 13

O Lord, you have enticed me,
and I was enticed;
you have overpowered me,
and you have prevailed.
I have become a laughing-stock all day long;
everyone mocks me.
For whenever I speak, I must cry out,
I must shout, 'Violence and destruction!'
For the word of the Lord has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.
If I say, 'I will not mention him,
or speak any more in his name',
then within me there is something like a burning fire
shut up in my bones;
I am weary with holding it in,
and I cannot.
For I hear many whispering:
'Terror is all around!
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!'
All my close friends
are watching for me to stumble.
'Perhaps he can be enticed,
and we can prevail against him,
and take our revenge on him.'
But the Lord is with me like a dread warrior;
therefore my persecutors will stumble,
and they will not prevail.
They will be greatly shamed,
for they will not succeed.
Their eternal dishonour
will never be forgotten.

O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous,
you see the heart and the mind;
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

Sing to the Lord;
praise the Lord!
For he has delivered the life of the needy
from the hands of evildoers.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 10. 24 - 39

'A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave
above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be
like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If
they have called the master of the house Beelzebul,
how much more will they malign those of his
household!

'So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up
that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that
will not become known. What I say to you in the
dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered,
proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who
kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him
who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not
two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them
will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father.
And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So
do not be afraid; you are of more value than many
sparrows.

'Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before
others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in
heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I
also will deny before my Father in heaven.

'Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the
earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a
sword. For I have come to set a man against his
father, and a daughter against her mother, and a
daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and
one's foes will be members of one's own
household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is
not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or
daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and
whoever does not take up the cross and follow me
is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will
lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will
find it.

MESSAGE FROM JENNY –

Exploring Fresh Expressions of Church at St Mary the Virgin, Westwood

As a parish, in conjunction with the newly mission
and expanded PCC, we are beginning to explore
some fresh expressions of liturgy and services as

part of our mission to share the love of Christ in ways that connect with people today. Over the coming months, we will be taking a fresh look at Morning Prayer, reflecting on how it is reshaping, and discerning what members of that congregation find most meaningful and life-giving. We will be trialling a new Order of Service, Mission Praise, which will replace Morning Prayer. We also have a range of other mission-shaped services and events in planning. We warmly invite everyone to come along, join in, experience these services, and share your thoughts. Your feedback will help us discern how God may be leading us as we seek to grow in worship, welcome, and mission. You might well be thinking, "What are Fresh Expressions"?

Fresh Expressions is a movement within the Church of England that encourages the development of new Christian communities and new ways of being Church, particularly among people who may not connect easily with all traditional forms of worship. Inspired by Jesus' Great Commission (Matthew 28.19–20), Fresh Expressions seeks to share the good news of Christ in ways that are rooted in local communities and contexts. While these expressions of church may look different from traditional services, they remain centred on worship, prayer, discipleship, and service. We recognise that different people encounter God in different ways, and a healthy church can embrace a rich and wide variety of worshipping communities. This has been described as a 'mixed ecology' of church life, where traditional and newer forms of church flourish alongside one another. This is Westwood!

As Archbishop Stephen Cottrell has said:

"I believe that God is calling us to be a church of glorious and profligate diversity."

And so, we look forward to exploring these opportunities together and discovering how God may be calling us to serve our community in new and creative ways. Please find details of our services very soon: for instance, Summer Church - 'All Creatures Great and Small' is on August 23rd at 11.15am, please bring your pets along! We look forward to launching an uplifting and revitalised service Morning Praise, and a new form of Morning Prayer to go alongside this. Join in the adventure! We look forward to seeing you.

Yours, Jenny

BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION -

If you would like to be baptised and confirmed as an adult please could you get in touch directly with Jenny, who welcomes your enquiry and preparation towards what would be a special service at Holy Trinity.

HOLY COMMUNION @ HOLY TRINITY, WEDNESDAY 24TH JUNE -

Please feel welcome to come to the 10am Holy Communion on Wednesday 24th June when Bishop Robert will preside and preach on the anniversary of his consecration and also conduct Compline in the Saxon Church at 8pm.

BENEFICE TEAS - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED -

We had successful benefice teas at the Parish Rooms and raised good funds for the church. It would be great if we had a few volunteers to run a second team next summer and even maybe another session this year if possible in August! Chris can tell you more.

LIFTS TO CHURCH - A MESSAGE FROM KIT -

We are setting up a small pool of volunteer drivers who will help out with lifts to and from Westwood church for people who are not able to drive themselves. If you would like to help, please contact Kit on 07769 224896 or kit.kline@gmail.com to find out more. Once we've got everything arranged, we'll put another notice in the bulletin explaining how to make use of us (don't worry – it'll be simple and straightforward!)

CANTARE EVENSONG -

All welcome to Cantare Evensong from 5pm on **Sunday, 5th July.**

KIT'S 5 MILE CHARITY SWIM -

On the 20th of June Kit is swimming 5.25 miles (8.4 km) open water from one end of Coniston Water to the other.

The swim is roughly the equivalent of running a marathon and he's doing this to raise money for a local charity (Bath Welcomes Refugees) who harness the power of local relationships and the goodwill of the Bath community to help refugees and asylum seekers feel welcome, access resources and find a new home and community.



It would be amazing if you would contribute to his fundraising, help refugees and motivate Kit to get over that finish line: <https://localgiving.org/fundraising/5-mile-swim-for-refugees>

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.

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.

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 STREET MARKET - Saturday, 4th July, 10am - 4pm

CREATIVE MAKERS MARKET - Saturday, 11th July - 10am - 3pm

LUNCH HOUR CONCERT SERIES DATES - Join us for our uplifting Series of Thursday lunchtime concerts at Holy Trinity:

9th July - 12noon - Organ Concert - Martin Cooke (Director of Music, Holy Trinity)

13th August - 12noon - Organ Concert - Jean-René André (Organist Titulaire, Rennes Cathedral)

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:

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

FOR PRAYER THIS WEEK

- Our Benefice-affiliated schools: Westwood and Iford Primary School, St Laurence, Fitzmaurice Primary, The Mead School, all parents, pupils, teachers and staff.
- Our ministry team: The Rector, Bishop John, Bishop Robert, The Ven Ian Stanes and our team of Lay Ministers - Marlene and Tony, Graham Dove, Alain, Andrea and Matt.
- The continuing situations of conflict around the world: the Middle East, Ukraine, Sudan.
- The Parish 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

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 – 28 JUNE - FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

11.15am – Holy Communion

Readings:

Jeremiah 28. 5 - 9

Matthew 10. 40 - end