

# ST MARY THE VIRGIN, WESTWOOD

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## 12 JULY 2026



## SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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

11.15am - Holy Communion

### HYMNS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

- 235 - I, the Lord of sea and sky
- 293 - Lead us Heavenly Father lead us
- 26 - Alleluia, sing to Jesus
- 288 - King of Glory, King of Peace

## COLLECT

Merciful God,  
you have prepared for those who love you  
such good things as pass our understanding:  
pour into our hearts such love toward you  
that we, loving you in all things and above all  
things,  
may obtain your promises,  
which exceed all that we can desire;  
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.**

## FIRST READING

### Isaiah 55. 10 - 13

For as the rain and the snow come down from  
heaven, and do not return there until they  
have watered the earth, making it bring forth  
and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the  
eater,  
so shall my word be that goes out from my  
mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty, but it shall  
accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed  
in the thing for which I sent it.

For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in  
peace; the mountains and the hills before you  
shall burst into song, and all the trees of the  
field shall clap their hands. Instead of the  
thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of  
the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall  
be to the Lord for a memorial, for an  
everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

## GOSPEL READING

### Matthew 13. 1- 9, 18 - 23

That same day Jesus went out of the house  
and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds  
gathered around him that he got into a boat  
and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on  
the beach. And he told them many things in  
parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to  
sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on  
the path, and the birds came and ate them up.  
Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they  
did not have much soil, and they sprang up  
quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But  
when the sun rose, they were scorched; and  
since they had no root, they withered away.

Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns  
grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on  
good soil and brought forth grain, some a  
hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let  
anyone with ears listen!'

'Hear then the parable of the sower. When  
anyone hears the word of the kingdom and  
does not understand it, the evil one comes  
and snatches away what is sown in the heart;  
this is what was sown on the path. As for what  
was sown on rocky ground, this is the one  
who hears the word and immediately receives  
it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but  
endures only for a while, and when trouble or  
persecution arises on account of the word,  
that person immediately falls away. As for  
what was sown among thorns, this is the one  
who hears the word, but the cares of the world  
and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it  
yields nothing. But as for what was sown on  
good soil, this is the one who hears the word  
and understands it, who indeed bears fruit  
and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in  
another sixty, and in another thirty.'

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of our pilgrimage,  
you have led us to the living water:  
refresh and sustain us  
as we go forward on our journey,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

## MESSAGE FROM JENNY –

These readings from Isaiah and Matthew fit  
together in a really striking way. Not just  
because both mention seed, but because they  
show two sides of the same reality: what God  
does, and how we respond.

In Isaiah, God's word is like rain and snow  
falling on the earth. It doesn't come back  
empty, but brings life, growth, and eventually  
joy. Matthew, Jesus tells of the Sower,  
scattering seed across all kinds of ground.  
The seed is the same everywhere, but the  
response depends on the soil it encounters.  
Isaiah reminds us that God is always at work,  
even when we can't see it. Matthew invites us  
to become good soil, open and ready for the  
word to take root and grow.

Yours  
Jenny

## **SPECIAL THANKS -**

Special thanks to +John who presides and preaches at this morning's Holy Communion at St Mary the Virgin.

## **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 – all welcome.

## **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](mailto: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!)

## **HOLY COMMUNION ARRANGEMENTS –**

### **WEEKLY WEDNESDAY HOLY**

**COMMUNION** – Please note - there will be no Wednesday Holy Communion @ Holy Trinity on 15<sup>th</sup> July, 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 29<sup>th</sup> July

**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.

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

**FORGET ME NOT CAFÉ** - Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July, 11am - 12.30pm

## **FUTURE EVENTS AROUND THE BENEFICE**

### **CHILDREN'S AND FAMILY SUMMER HOLIDAY CRAFT AND PLAY MORNINGS -**

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July, 10.30 - 12noon.



Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> August, 10.30 - 12noon

£3 per family. Parents must be present - ALL WELCOME!

**TRIO PARADIS CAFÉ CONCERT** - Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August, 10.45 am.

### **CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF HOLY TRINITY'S HENRY WILLIS ORGAN -**

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August – 12.00pm Lunch hour Organ Concert - Jean-René André, Organiste Titulaire, Rennes Cathedral

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> August – 5.00pm Summer Organ Concert - Timothy Parsons Director of Music, Wells Cathedral

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September –  
5.00pm Hymns and Pimm's -  
more info to follow but not to be missed!

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September –  
12.00pm Lunch hour Organ Concert - Marcus  
Sealy, former Sub Organist at Bath Abbey

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September –  
7.00pm Autumn Concert, Salisbury Cathedral  
Choir

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October –  
time tba 'Come and Sing Evensong' -  
directed by Simon Lole – details to follow



### 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: St Laurence, Fitzmaurice Primary, The Mead School, Westwood and Iford Primary School, all parents, pupils, teachers and staff.
- The newly baptised.
- Churchwardens and PCCs in the benefice.

- Visitors and holiday makers to our church and town.
- All our Lay readers and LPAs .
- Charities supporting the vulnerable and homeless.
- Our church community and its outreach.



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 Advisor 01722 438651 and press option 3

### **NEXT WEEK – 19 JULY - SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

**11.15am – Mattins**

#### **Readings:**

Wisdom of Solomon 12. 13, 16 – 19  
Matthew 13.24 - 30, 36 - 43