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## 19 JULY 2026



## SEVENTH 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**

**337** - Morning has broken

**15** - All my hope in God is founded

**231** - I heard the voice of Jesus say

**76** - Christ is made the sure foundation

## COLLECT

Lord of all power and might,  
the author and giver of all good things:  
graft in our hearts the love of your name,  
increase in us true religion,  
nourish us with all goodness,  
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;  
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 139. 1 - 11

- <sup>1</sup> O Lord, you have searched me and known me.  
<sup>2</sup> You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from far away.  
<sup>3</sup> You search out my path and my lying down,  
and are acquainted with all my ways.  
<sup>4</sup> Even before a word is on my tongue,  
O Lord, you know it completely.  
<sup>5</sup> You hem me in, behind and before,  
and lay your hand upon me.  
<sup>6</sup> Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot attain it.  
<sup>7</sup> Where can I go from your spirit?  
Or where can I flee from your presence?  
<sup>8</sup> If I ascend to heaven, you are there;  
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.  
<sup>9</sup> If I take the wings of the morning  
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,  
<sup>10</sup> even there your hand shall lead me,  
and your right hand shall hold me fast.  
<sup>11</sup> If I say, 'Surely the darkness shall cover me,  
and the light around me become night',

## FIRST READING

### Isaiah 44. 6 - 8

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel  
and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:  
I am the first and I am the last;  
besides me there is no god.  
Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,  
let them declare and set it forth before me.  
Who has announced from of old the things to  
come?  
Let them tell us what is yet to be.  
Do not fear, or be afraid;  
have I not told you from of old and declared it?  
You are my witnesses!  
Is there any god besides me?  
There is no other rock; I know not one.

## GOSPEL READING

### Matthew 13. 24 - 30, 36 - 43

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn."

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

## MESSAGE FROM BISHOP ROBERT –

'An enemy has done this!' Whenever I hear the parable of the wheat and the tares (as it used to be called), with the farmer angry at an infestation of weeds growing in his fields, I think of my own back garden and my constant battle against weeds. Jesus uses the story as a picture of the inequities of life in which the good, the indifferent and the malicious live side by side. Jesus holds out the prospect of the Last Judgement when God will bring justice and sort the wheat from the dross. Until then, we strive for integrity in our lives and seek justice for the downtrodden. Today we are witnessing throughout the world the politics of anger. Morality has been

outsourced to the market. Too many people in positions of public trust think that if you can get away with it, you would be a fool not to do it. Words from the Old Testament are both a rebuke and a consolation: 'Although you are sovereign in strength, you judge with us with mildness O Lord and govern us with great forbearance. You have taught us that the righteous must be kind, and you have filled your children with good hope because you give repentance for sins.'

### **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.

### **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!

**BENEFICE 'BRING AND SHARE' GARDEN PARTY @ THE RECTORY** - Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 3 - 5pm. 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 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.
- All leaders in our Church.
- Peace & Stability for all People.
- Our Natural world & the Earth's  
Resources.
- The Criminal Justice System.
- The unemployed seeking work.
- Blessings on our homes, families &  
friends.



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  
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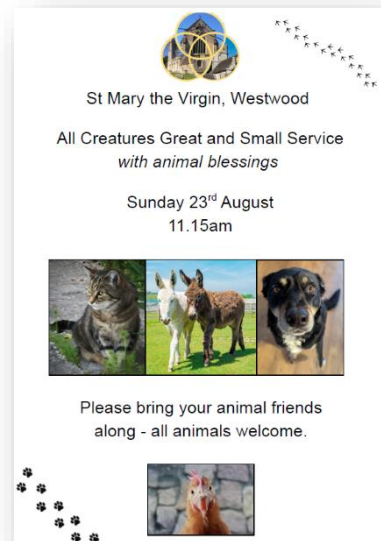
**NEXT WEEK – 26 JULY - EIGHTH SUNDAY  
AFTER TRINITY**

**11.15am – Family Morning Prayer**

**Readings:**

1 Kings 3. 5 - 12

Matthew 13. 31 - 33, 44 - 52



## 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.**