



ST MARY THE VIRGIN, WESTWOOD

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The Rector's usual weekly day off is a Friday

2 AUGUST 2026



NINETH 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

427 - Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation

106 - Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

56 - Be Thou My Vision

15 - All My Hope on God is Founded

COLLECT

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
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. 1 - 5

Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is
not bread,
and your labour for that which does not
satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to
you,
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of
Israel,
for he has glorified you.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 14. 13 - 21

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from
there in a boat to a deserted place by himself.
But when the crowds heard it, they followed him
on foot from the towns. When he went ashore,
he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion
for them and cured their sick. When it was
evening, the disciples came to him and said,
'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now
late; send the crowds away so that they may go
into the villages and buy food for
themselves.' Jesus said to them, 'They need not
go away; you give them something to eat.' They
replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves
and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to
me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on

the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two
fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and
broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples,
and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And
all ate and were filled; and they took up what
was left over of the broken pieces, twelve
baskets full. And those who ate were about five
thousand men, besides women and children.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy Father,
who gathered us here around the table of your
Son
to share this meal with the whole household of
God:
in that new world where you reveal the fullness
of your peace,
gather people of every race and language
to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ
our Lord. **Amen.**

SPECIAL THANKS

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

MESSAGE FROM JENNY –

What are we truly hungry for?

Through the prophet Isaiah, God calls to all who
thirst: "Come to the waters." God's invitation is
not reserved for those who have everything, but
for those who know their need. God offers the
gift that cannot be bought: a love that satisfies
and a covenant that endures. In today's Gospel,
Jesus meets a hungry crowd in a deserted place.
The disciples see only what is lacking: five
loaves and two fish. Jesus sees what can be
offered. Taking the small gift placed before him,
he gives thanks, breaks the bread, and shares it
until everyone has enough, with twelve baskets
of fragments left over. The miracle reveals the
heart of God, whose generosity is not measured
by what we bring, but by what he can do with it.
Christ who took, blessed, broke and gave the
bread continues to receive the offerings of our
lives, our joys, our sorrows, our hopes and our
needs, and fills them with his grace. Today we
are invited to come to Christ, the one who truly
satisfies, trusting that nothing offered into
Christ's hands is ever wasted. What may seem
small or incomplete can, by his grace, become a
blessing for others.

May we be rooted in God's love, generous in
sharing what we have received and always
growing as disciples of Christ.
Yours, Jenny

CHANGE OF DAY OFF - Please note - the Rector's weekly day off is now a Friday.

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 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!)

SUMMER ORGAN CONCERT

As we continue to celebrate the centenary of our Henry Willis organ, on Saturday 29th August, we will welcome Timothy Parsons, to give a concert at 5.00pm. Tim is Director of Music at Wells Cathedral and is presenting a programme of great interest and variety. A major item will be one of Bach's greatest organ works, the Passacaglia and Fugue in C minor. Like David Halls, in June, Tim is including one of Mendelssohn's Organ Sonatas - this time, the uplifting one in A major. If the name of the French organist and composer Jehan Alain, is not familiar to you, then it will be because he was killed in WW2, in 1940. His name is commemorated in the wonderful and really exciting, 'Prélude et Fugue sur le nom d'Alain', by Maurice Duruflé. With shorter works by Edward Elgar, Ghislane Reece-Trapp and Nico Muhly interspersed, this will be a memorable and unmissable occasion at Holy Trinity of the very finest organ music and playing by Tim. Tickets are £15 and this includes a glass of wine or a soft drink during the interval. So, unlike David Halls' event, this begins at 5.00pm with a 20 minute interval. Tickets now available from Annie in the church office (10am - noon every morning, except Thursdays), or by email (beneficeoffice@htboa.org) or on the door.

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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

BENEFICE 'BRING AND SHARE' GARDEN PARTY @ THE RECTORY - TODAY - 3 - 5pm.
All welcome.

MORNING PRAYER – Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursdays @ 8.30am.

HOLY COMMUNION - Wednesdays, 10am

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

TRIO PARADIS CAFÉ CONCERT - Thursday 6th August, 10.45 am. This month's theme is - Shall We Dance?

FUTURE EVENTS AROUND THE BENEFICE

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

Tuesday 11th August, 10.30 - 12noon.

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



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

Thursday 13th August –
12.00pm Lunch hour Organ
Concert

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

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

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

Monday 28th September –
7.00pm Autumn Concert, Salisbury Cathedral
Choir

Sunday 4th October –
2.00pm 'Come and Sing Evensong' - directed by
Simon Lole – please see poster on notice board

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.
- Thanks, praise & wisdom for the new
month.
- Firefighters dealing with wild fires.
- The safety of all students & young
families as they enjoy their Summer
Break.
- Those suffering with long term
illnesses.



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 – 9 AUGUST – TENTH SUNDAY
AFTER TRINITY
11.15am – Holy Communion**

Readings:
1 Kings 19. 9 - 18
Matthew 14. 22 - 33



St Mary the Virgin, Westwood

All Creatures Great and Small Service
with animal blessings

Sunday 23rd August
11.15am



Please bring your animal friends
along - all animals welcome.

