



ST MARY THE VIRGIN, WESTWOOD

www.htboa.org

Benefice Office Tel: 01225 864444 – Annie

Benefice Office Email: beneficeoffice@htboa.org

The Rector, Revd Jenny Nelson:

The Rector's Home Office Tel: 01225 680808

The Rector's Email: revjennynelson@outlook.com

The Rector's usual weekly day off is a Monday

26 JULY 2026



EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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

11.15am - Family Morning Prayer

HYMNS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

205 - He who would valiant be

394 - O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness

226 - I cannot tell

484 - The king of love my shepherd is

COLLECT

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern
both our hearts and bodies
in the ways of your laws and the works of your
commandments;
that through your most mighty protection, both
here and ever,
we may be preserved in body and soul;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

PSALM 128

- 1 Blessed are all those who fear the Lord,
and walk in his ways.
- 2 You shall eat the fruit of the toil of your hands;
it shall go well with you, and happy shall you
be.
- 3 Your wife within your house
shall be like a fruitful vine;
your children round your table,
like fresh olive branches.
- 4 Thus shall the one be blest
who fears the Lord.
- 5 The Lord from out of Zion bless you,
that you may see Jerusalem in prosperity
all the days of your life.
- 6 May you see your children's children,
and may there be peace upon Israel.

FIRST READING

1 Kings 3. 5 - 12

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?'

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.'

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 13. 31 - 33, 44 - 52

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.'

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.'

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

MESSAGE FROM JENNY

What would you ask of God if anything were possible? Solomon asks neither for riches nor power, but for a listening heart, a heart wise

enough to recognise God's will and to serve others with justice. It is a prayer that never grows old.

Jesus' parables invite us to see with that same wisdom. The kingdom of heaven begins like the smallest seed, works quietly like yeast in dough, and yet transforms everything it touches. It is a treasure hidden in a field, a pearl beyond price, worth surrendering everything else to possess. God's kingdom is often overlooked by those seeking the spectacular, yet it is discovered by those whose hearts are open to God's presence. Wisdom, then, is not simply knowledge. It is the grace to recognise what truly matters. It is the gift of seeing God's work in the ordinary, valuing eternal treasures above passing rewards and ordering our lives accordingly.

As we gather for worship today, may we make Solomon's prayer our own. May God give us listening hearts to recognise God's kingdom, and faithful lives that reveal its treasure to the world. 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 – 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 the Holy Trinity 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 from the Annie in the church office, or by email (beneficeoffice@htboa.org) or on the door.

HOLY COMMUNION ARRANGEMENTS

WEEKLY WEDNESDAY HOLY COMMUNION

Please note - there will be no Wednesday Holy Communion @ Holy Trinity on 29th 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

COPYING, PRINTING, POSTERS – please send to Annie on: beneficeoffice@htboa.org

BIRTHDAYS - Happy Birthday, prayers and blessings to all those with birthdays in this season.

THIS WEEK @ HT

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

CHILDREN'S AND FAMILY SUMMER HOLIDAY CRAFT AND PLAY MORNINGS - Tuesday 28th July @ 10.30am - noon. £3 per family - all welcome!

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. ***This week meeting at Timbrell's Yard.***

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!



**BENEFICE 'BRING AND SHARE' GARDEN
PARTY @ THE RECTORY -** Sunday 2nd August,
3 - 5pm. All welcome.

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

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

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

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 –
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:
Westwood and Iford Primary School, St
Laurence, Fitzmaurice Primary, The
Mead School, all parents, pupils,
teachers and staff.
- Peace in our beautiful world.
- Spreading love and our faith.
- Safety of all children and students
during holiday time.
- Farming communities everywhere.
- Our hospitality team.
- Our administration team, Annie and
Klaus.



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 – 2 AUGUST – NINETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

11.15am – Holy Communion

Readings:

Isaiah 55. 1 - 5

Matthew 14. 13 - 21