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The Rector's usual weekly day off is a Monday

5 JULY 2026



FIFTH 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

- 313 - Lord of all hopefulness
- 90 - Come down oh love divine
- 158 - Glorious things of thee are spoken
- 33 - Angel voices ever singing

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is
governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful
people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
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.

FIRST READING

Zechariah 9. 9 - 12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the warhorse from Jerusalem;
and the battle-bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.
As for you also, because of the blood of my
covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless
pit.
Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you
double.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 11.16 -19; 25 - end

'But to what will I compare this generation? It is
like children sitting in the market-places and
calling to one another,

"We played the flute for you, and you did not
dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn."

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and
they say, "He has a demon"; the Son of Man
came eating and drinking, and they say, "Look, a
glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors
and sinners!" Yet wisdom is vindicated by her
deeds.'

At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord
of heaven and earth, because you have hidden

these things from the wise and the intelligent and
have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for
such was your gracious will. All things have been
handed over to me by my Father; and no one
knows the Son except the Father, and no one
knows the Father except the Son and anyone to
whom the Son chooses to reveal him.
'Come to me, all you that are weary and are
carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.
Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I
am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find
rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my
burden is light.'

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you,
that the course of this world may be so
peaceably ordered by your governance,
that your Church may joyfully serve you in all
godly quietness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

MESSAGE FROM JENNY –

'Prisoners of hope' is one of the most beautiful
phrases in the Bible. In Zechariah, God's people
are described as held not by fear or despair, but
by the quiet conviction that God's promises are
stronger than whatever they're facing. That hope
finds its shape in the humble King who comes
riding on a donkey, bringing peace rather than
power, and putting an end to war instead of
stirring it up. In Matthew, Jesus shows that same
strength, welcoming the weary and inviting them
to find rest in him.

God's kingdom rarely looks the way we expect. It
isn't something we manage through success or
status; it's something we receive with open
hands. The King who comes in peace is also the
one who says, 'Come to me. In this, hope has
the final word.

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.

DR ALICE MOODY

1921 - 2026

Alice died peacefully on 9th June 2026, at the
wonderful age of 104. She will be dearly missed
by her family and friends. A Thanksgiving
Service which celebrates her long and

extraordinary life. will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Bradford on Avon, on Friday 10th July at 2:30pm. All welcome.

Family flowers only please, but donations to Wiltshire Sight and Holy Trinity Church Bradford on Avon would be appreciated. c/o C.S. Bowyer, Funeral Directors, Trowbridge.

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!)

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

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.

WEEKLY WEDNESDAY HOLY COMMUNION – Holy Trinity, 10am.

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

LUNCHTIME CONCERT SERIES - With Martin Cooke, Director of Music, Thursday, 9th July - 12pm

THANKSGIVING SERVICE FOR DR ALICE MOODY - Friday 10th July, 2.30pm

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

FUTURE EVENTS AROUND THE BENEFICE

FORGET ME NOT CAFÉ - Thursday 16th July, 11am - 12.30pm

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

Tuesday 28th July, 10.30 - 12noon.

Tuesday 11th August, 10.30 - 12noon.



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

TRIO PARADIS CAFÉ CONCERT - Thursday 6th August, 10.45 am.

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: St Laurence, Fitzmaurice Primary, The Mead School, Westwood and Iford Primary School, all parents, pupils, teachers and staff.
- Peace & Hope throughout the World.
- Gratitude for our Church Leaders for Spiritual Guidance.

- People of Venezuela suffering loss, homelessness & the rebuilding of their lives.
- The Gift of Music & Musicians.
- Our Emergency Services especially in dealing with those suffering from the extreme heat.
- Ourselves, Family, Friends & thanks for the gifts given to us all.



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 – 12 JULY - SIXTH SUNDAY
AFTER TRINITY**

11.15am – Holy Communion

Readings:

Isaiah 55. 10 - 13
Matthew 13. 1- 9, 18 - 23