



THE PARISH OF HOLY TRINITY

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The Rector's usual weekly day off is a Monday

12 JULY 2026



SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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

8am - BCP Holy Communion

9.30am – In the Round - Taizé

HYMNS & MUSIC FOR TODAY'S SERVICES

All hymns and music for this service are detailed in the Order of Service

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.'

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; it brings life, growth, and ultimately
joy.

In Matthew, Jesus tells of a Sower scattering
seed across all kinds of ground. The seed is
the same everywhere, but the response
depends on the soil that it encounters; that
receives it.

Isaiah reminds us that God is always at work,
even when we can't perceive that. Matthew
invites us to become good soil, open and
ready for the word to take root. In the rhythm
of this Taizé service, we're given space to do
that: to listen, to participate, to receive, to let
the word sink in more deeply.

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.

WEEKLY WEDNESDAY HOLY COMMUNION

There will be no Wednesday Holy Communion on 15th July, 22nd July, 29th July

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

HOLY TRINITY NOTICES

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

HT FINANCE, PAYMENT REQUESTS ETC – please contact Klaus on treasurer@htboa.org

NOTICES FOR WEEKLY BULLETINS – please send all messages for the bulletin by *Wednesday 12pm* 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.

MAINLY MUSIC – Tuesday @ 10.30am – fun & friendship for pre-school families (contact Marlene on 864412 if you'd like to come).
marlene.haffenden@gmail.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.

MOTHERS' UNION MEETING - Wednesday 15th July, 2.30pm in Holy Trinity. Members will be reporting on 150th celebrations in St Paul's Cathedral and Salisbury Cathedral. All welcome!

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

FUTURE EVENTS @ HT

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

Tuesday 28th July, 10.30 - 12noon

Tuesday 11th August, 10.30 - 12n



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

TRIO PARADIS CAFÉ CONCERT - Thursday 6th August, 10.45 am. This month's theme is - Shall We Dance? A 45-minute

concert of mostly classical music, introduced by the performers. There is a pop-up cafe open from 10am where you can meet friends and make new ones over tea/coffee and home-made cakes.

LUNCHTIME CONCERT SERIES - With Jean-René André, Organiste Titulaire, Rennes Cathedral Thursday, 13th August - 12pm

SUMMER ORGAN CONCERT - Saturday 29th August, 5.00pm Timothy Parsons Director of Music, Wells Cathedral

FOR OUR PRAYERS

Please pray for all who are sick, remembering especially: Tony Bruun, Mary Dawson, Anne Harris, Celia Milne, Alison Penny, Geneviève Roberts, Edward Shaw, Malcolm Walsh, James Wright & Bex Cox

Pray for the recently departed and all who mourn them, especially: Alice Moody

Pray for all those whose anniversary of death falls at this time, especially: Rodney Lees

Please let Revd Jenny, Marlene (LPA) and Tony Haffenden (LPA) 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 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 Adviser 01722 438651, option 3

NEXT WEEK – 19 JULY – SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8am - BCP Holy Communion
9.30am – Sung Eucharist

Readings:

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