



THE PARISH OF HOLY TRINITY

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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

8am - BCP Holy Communion

9.30am – Sung Eucharist

HYMNS & MUSIC FOR TODAY'S SERVICES

401 - Come, let us join our cheerful songs

343 - O perfect love

386 - Be thou my vision

577 - Stand up and bless the Lord

Organ Music:

Before the service:

Quiet Air – *Norman Warren*

Voluntary in E minor (Op 7 No 7) – *John Stanley*

Prelude on 'Slane' – *Zsolt Gardonyi*

At the Communion:

Építaphe (24 Pièces en style libre) – *Louise Vierne*

A Prayer – *Malcolm Archer*

Voluntary:

Fugue in D minor (The 'Giant'), BWV 680 – *JS Bach*

Today marks the beginning of the choir's annual 'holiday.' They will next be joining us on Sunday 30th August. A big 'thank you' to them for all their hard work, loyalty and dedication throughout the year, and for leading and enhancing our worship in the splendid way that they do. And 'thank you' to Julia for playing the organ this Sunday and next, while Martin enjoys his summer break.

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.

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.'

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word
be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your praise
be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of
your love
shine with the light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been fed with
your body
be refreshed with the fullness of your life;
glory to you for ever. **Amen.**

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

SPECIAL THANKS

Special thanks to the Ven. Ian Stanes who presides and preaches at this morning's Sung Eucharist at Holy Trinity.

COMMUNITY CAFÉ CHANGE OF VENUE

Please note that for this week only the Community Café will be meeting in Timbrell's Yard.

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 from the Annie in the

church office, or by email (beneficeoffice@htboa.org) or on the door.

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 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

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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.

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 @ HT

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?

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 & Chris Giles

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: Otto Varga & Lilian Brown

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.
- 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, option 3

NEXT WEEK – 2 AUGUST – NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8am - BCP Holy Communion
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Readings:

Isaiah 55. 1 - 5
Matthew 14. 13 - 21