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TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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

11.15am - Morning Praise
All Creatures Great and Small

HYMNS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

All hymns and readings are detailed in the order of service



COLLECT

God of constant mercy,
who sent your Son to save us:
remind us of your goodness,
increase your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may grow,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

FIRST READING

Isaiah 51. 1 - 6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,
you that seek the Lord.
Look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.
Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.
For the Lord will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places,
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the Lord;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation;
for a teaching will go out from me,
and my justice for a light to the peoples.
I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,
my salvation has gone out
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.
Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats;
but my salvation will be for ever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 16. 13 - 20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this

to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

MESSAGE FROM JENNY –

All Creatures Great and Small

We're delighted to share in this All Creatures Great and Small service, part of a new series of fresh-expression services here. We're also grateful for the many activities, events and festivals that have recently taken place, including IF Opera with David and Fiona, and the Westwood Summer Show still to come, with thanks to Chris, Becca, Jonathan and Emily, as well as to everyone who has volunteered and helped to make these occasions so special. Genesis tells us that when God made the world, God looked upon it and saw that it was good. The birds of the air, the creatures of the sea, the animals of the earth, each has its place within the great tapestry of creation.

In Job, when human questions have reached their limit, God turns Job's gaze towards the creatures: "Ask the animals, and they will teach you." There is wisdom here: the world is not silent, but full of voices, rhythms and mysteries beyond our knowing.

Perhaps animals are part of God's way of drawing us back into awe and wonder. A dog's faithful presence, the chorus of birdsong at dawn singing of a sound world, the quiet companionship of any creature beside us, all can become small windows into the larger life of God's Creation.

Today we gather with our pets and animals and give thanks for all these fellow creatures whose lives touch ours, sometimes gently and sometimes profoundly.

Genesis gives us a world that is good, Job gives us creatures who can teach us, and God who made them still invites us to look, wonder and listen.

Perhaps, if we become still enough, we may hear something of the voice that spoke creation into being:

'It is good.'

Amen.

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.

Tickets are now available for our Summer Organ Concert with Timothy Parsons.

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.



WESTWOOD SUMMER SHOW

Monday 31st August, 2.30 - 4.30pm. Flower and Vegetable Show and Church Fete. Do go along for an afternoon of fun ... stalls, produce, flowers, live music, teas, ice creams, silent auction, raffle and plenty more ...



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

Saturday 12th September
– 5pm Hymns and Pimm's
- more info to follow next week

Thursday 24th September
– 12pm Lunch hour Organ Concert - Marcus Sealy, former Sub Organist at Bath Abbey



Monday 28th September –
7pm Autumn Concert, Salisbury Cathedral Choir

Sunday 4th October –
2pm 'Come and Sing Evensong' - directed by Simon Lole

HOLY COMMUNION ARRANGEMENTS –

WEEKLY WEDNESDAY HOLY COMMUNION –

The next Holy Communion will be on Wednesday 2nd September at Holy Trinity, 10am. Meanwhile we look forward to seeing you at the Community Café.

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.

SAXON CLUB - *Saxon Club takes a break in August, restarting on Tuesday 8th September @ 2.30pm*

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

CHILDREN'S AND FAMILY SUMMER HOLIDAY CRAFT AND PLAY MORNING

Thursday 27th August, 10.30am - 12noon. £3 per family. Parents must be present - ALL WELCOME!

SUMMER ORGAN CONCERT - Saturday, 29th August with Timothy Parsons - please see earlier notice.

FUTURE EVENTS AROUND THE BENEFICE

TRIO PARADIS CAFÉ CONCERT - Thursday 3rd September, 10.45am. This month's theme is - Tango! Tango! traces the development of the iconic South American dance, from its origins in the ports of Argentina and Uruguay during the last quarter of the 19th century to its transition to the twentieth century concert hall and music theatre.

CREATIVE MAKERS MARKET - Saturday, 5th September - 10am - 3pm

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: Maddie Cooper

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.
- Those getting married in our Benefice churches this month.
- Fire services and all working with rescue and emergency services dealing with wild fires everywhere and all who have lost their homes in fires.
- Our church family.
- Students preparing for change.
- Media in all its forms and its responsibilities relaying accurate news and information.

*'Don't shine so that others can see you. Shine so that through you, others can see God'.
(CS Lewis)*

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 – 30 AUGUST – THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

11.15am – Holy Communion

Readings:

Jeremiah 15. 15 - 21
Matthew 16. 21 - end



Westwood Summer Show
Flower & Vegetable Show & Church Fête

**Bank Holiday
Monday 31st August 2026**

**Westwood Manor Grounds
2.30pm - 4.30pm**

**Do come along for an afternoon of fun
...stalls, produce, flowers, live music, teas, ice
creams , silent auction, raffle and plenty
more... keep the date free**

Could you help?

We still need volunteers of any age to help with setting up, relieving stall holders and packing away! Please call Becca on 07843977725 or Chris on 07503875111

Contributions

All contributions greatly appreciated for the stalls as usual- cakes, plants, books, bric-a-brac, toys, bottles and soft drinks -please bring to the Manor grounds between 10 and 12:30 on the morning of the Show, or call a number above to de-liver before the day.

Thank you!