



THE PARISH OF HOLY TRINITY

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16 AUGUST 2026

ELEVENTH 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

555 - Praise my soul, the King of heaven

589 - The King of love my shepherd is

411 - Dear Lord and Father of mankind

557 - Praise to the holiest in the height

Organ Music:

Before the service:

Prelude on 'Richmond' – *Alan Viner*

Minuet and Gigue (Water Music) – *GF Handel*

Prelude on 'East Acklam' – *Francis Jackson*

At the Communion:

Aria: 'He shall feed his flock' (Messiah) – *GF Handel*

Prelude in e flat major – *William Harris*

Voluntary:

Processional March – *William Harris*

COLLECT

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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.

THE EPISTLE - 8am

Romans 11. 1 - 2a, 29 - 32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel? for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 56.1, 6 - 8

Thus says the Lord:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.

And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord,
to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,
and hold fast my covenant—
these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

Thus says the Lord God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 15. (10 - 20), 21 - 28

Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, 'Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.' Then the disciples approached and said to him, 'Do you know that the Pharisees took offence when they heard what you

said?' He answered, 'Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.' But Peter said to him, 'Explain this parable to us.' Then he said, 'Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.'

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all.

And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord of all mercy,
we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice
which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace:
by our communion
keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel
and preserve us from all sin;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

MESSAGE FROM +ROBERT

The word holiday, long before it was attached to seaside jaunts, literally meant a 'holy-day'. In the Middle Ages this included attendance at church. The bonus of the medieval system was that people learned to stop and say their prayers on a regular basis. If truth be told, it was also an excuse for a bit of a party. Today we've lost that rhythm and with it the spiritual link between holidays and holiness. We've imprisoned holiness in shrines and stained-glass windows, but it's a link we need to reclaim because it is fundamental to human flourishing.

In the Bible the Hebrew word for holy is *qadosh*. It is first applied not to a place or a building, or even to a person, but to time: 'And God blessed the

seventh day and made it holy, because God rested from all the work that he had done in creation' (Gen. 2.3). Holiness is about how we use our time and it is not linked to work, but to rest. This is the ancient wisdom behind the Jewish Sabbath. We grow in holiness by learning to let go and rest. God does not delight in exhausted, burnt-out people. This August, whether we are going away or staying at home, let's make sure we take the opportunity simply to rest. Let go and let God draw close. It's what prayer is all about.

SPECIAL THANKS

Special thanks to +Robert who presides and preaches at this morning's Sung Eucharist at Holy Trinity.

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.



STREET MARKET 2026

The total income from our 4th July Street Market was £4,200 compared to £4,111 in 2025. Despite reduced footfall and the absence of some of our 'regulars', this was a fantastic result and all due to the work of the stallholders and support staff who John and I cannot thank enough. We have asked for feedback on possible changes to the market and received an excellent response which we're currently reviewing. If you have any suggestions please do let one of us know. Thank you. David Hare/John Cox.

KADUGLI NEWSLETTER

Printed copies of the August 2026 newsletter are on the Welcome Desk. Please take one if you would like to. The Salisbury Diocese supports the Diocese of Kadugli in South Sudan. Kadugli is affected by the war in Sudan and is in need support: practical and prayers.

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 –

5.00pm Hymns and Pimms - 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 –

2.00pm 'Come and Sing Evensong' - directed by Simon Lole – see poster and flyers on Welcome Desk

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

This will be an inspiring occasion at Holy Trinity with Tim Parsons. 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.



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 in the Community Café.

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

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

FORGET ME NOT CAFÉ - Thursday 20th August, 11am - 12.30pm

SAVE THE CHILDREN COFFEE MORNING -
Saturday 22nd August, 10am - 12.30pm

FUTURE EVENTS @ HT

CHILDREN'S AND FAMILY SUMMER HOLIDAY CRAFT AND PLAY MORNING

Thursday 27th August, 10.30 - 12noon.

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

TRIO PARADIS CAFÉ CONCERT - Thursday 3rd September, 10.45am. This month's theme is - Tango!

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

PARISH GIVING SCHEME -

Giving is an expression of Christian discipleship and a key part of our Parish culture. We sincerely thank everyone for their support. It is much appreciated and provides the help the church needs as we aim to break-even sustainably. This is essential to our being able to finance our ongoing work and drive the fabric repair programme forward.

To regularise and/or increase your giving and/or move from direct debit or standing order, please consider the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS). It is an independent charity now used by over 3,000 churches across more than 30 Dioceses and is free to use for churches and givers. Using PGS benefits Holy Trinity by reducing administrative work as PGS processes the Gift Aid tax recovery from HMRC and passes that to us monthly. For givers, it is easy to set up and amend. Full instructions on how to access the Parish Giving Scheme and set up your direct debit are available from Annie in the Church office and are also on the Welcome Desk by the church door. Please either take a copy or ask Annie to email one to you on beneficeoffice@htboa.org. Many thanks for all your support, you're very much appreciated. The PCC of Holy Trinity.

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, Tony Haffenden & Ken Holloway

Pray for the recently departed and all who mourn them, especially: Alice Moody & Mary Inge (who is Sally Bongiovanni's sister)

Pray for all those whose anniversary of death falls at this time, especially: Rosemary Carr, Alan Newman, Dennis Godwin, Mike Wilkins, Pat Candy & Donald Maitland

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.
- Those affected by the devastating earthquake in Columbia.
- The people of Sudan, especially Kadugli and all suffering conflict & displacement.
- The Justice System.
- The elderly, lonely & depressed.
- The safety of our children & young people during school & university holidays.



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 – 23 AUGUST – TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8am - BCP Holy Communion

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Readings:

Isaiah 51. 1 - 6

Matthew 16. 13 - 20