



THE PARISH OF HOLY TRINITY

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The Rector's usual weekly day off is a Friday

23 AUGUST 2026

TWELFTH 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

604 - Through all the changing scenes of life

236 - Thou art the Christ

585 - The church's one foundation (*omit v3*)

514 - Lord, thy church on earth is seeking

Choir and Organ Music:

Before the service:

Voluntary In A minor, Op 7 No 8 – *John Stanley*

Andante in E flat – *James Lyon*

Voluntary in F major, Op 7 No 6 – *John Stanley*

At the Communion:

Pastorale – *Fela Sowande*

Prelude on 'Love Unknown' – *Francis Jackson*

Voluntary:

Trumpet Voluntary in D – *John Stanley*

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is
afraid
and giving us those good things which we are not
worthy to ask
but through the merits and mediation
of 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 12. 1 - 8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by
the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a
living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which
is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to
this world, but be transformed by the renewing of
your minds, so that you may discern what is the will
of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.
For by the grace given to me I say to everyone
among you not to think of yourself more highly than
you ought to think, but to think with sober
judgement, each according to the measure of faith
that God has assigned. For as in one body we have
many members, and not all the members have the
same function, so we, who are many, are one body
in Christ, and individually we are members one of
another. We have gifts that differ according to the
grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith;
ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the
exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the
leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in
cheerfulness.

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.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of all mercy,
in this eucharist you have set aside our sins
and given us your healing:
grant that we who are made whole in Christ
may bring that healing to this broken world,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

MESSAGE FROM +JOHN

In today's gospel Peter identifies Jesus as the
Messiah, the Son of the living God. It's often noted
that, though God's Chosen People were expecting
the Messiah, they were not looking for a Messiah
anything like Jesus, from Nazareth, of all places.
'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?',
Nathaniel asks when Andrew tells him he has
found the Messiah. It was not an unreasonable
question. Jesus completely confounded the
expectations of his contemporaries and many could
not make the leap to recognise his divinity.

The great Twentieth Century theologian,
missionary and musician Albert Schweitzer
wrote: 'He comes to us as One unknown, without a

name, as of old, by the lakeside, He came to those men who knew Him not. He speaks to us the same words: "Follow thou me!" and sets us to the tasks which He has to fulfill for our time. He commands. And to those who obey Him, whether they be wise or simple, He will reveal himself in the toils, the conflicts, the sufferings which they shall pass through in His fellowship, and, as an ineffable mystery, they shall learn in their own experience Who He is.'

My prayer for us today is that, like Peter, we shall be given grace to recognise the mysterious presence of Jesus and to obey his command to follow, so that we may learn in our own experience who he is.

SPECIAL THANKS

Special thanks to +John who preaches and presides 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.

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 ...



Tickets available now 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.



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 – see poster and flyers on Welcome
Desk

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.

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 @ HT

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

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

HARVEST LUNCH – Sunday, 27th September in church - save the date!

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

Pray for all those whose anniversary of death falls at this time, especially: Max Harkcom & Monica Gerrish

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.
- 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, option 3

NEXT WEEK – 30 AUGUST – THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8am - (There is no BCP Holy Communion this week)

9.30am – Sung Eucharist

Readings:

Jeremiah 15. 15 - 21

Matthew 16. 21 - end