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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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

11.15am - Harvest Festival

HYMNS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

*All Hymns and the reading for today's service
are in the Order of Service*

COLLECT

Eternal God,
you crown the year with your goodness
and you give us the fruits of the earth in their
season:
grant that we may use them to your glory,
for the relief of those in need and for our own
well-being;
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

2 Corinthians 9. 6 - end

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written,

‘He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor;
his righteousness endures for ever.’

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

GOSPEL READING

Luke 12.16-30

Then he told them a parable: ‘The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, “What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?” Then he said, “I will do this:

I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.” But God said to him, “You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?” So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.’

He said to his disciples, ‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?

If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.

MESSAGE FROM JENNY –

Harvest Message: Fuller Lives

Harvest is a time to give thanks, but it also invites us to ask what it means to have enough.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells the story of a man whose land produces an abundant harvest. His barns are not large enough, so he decides to build bigger ones. Yet Jesus calls him a fool. The problem is not that he has a good harvest, or that he has made provision for the future. The problem is that he has come to believe that having more can finally make him secure. His barns are full, but his life is not.

This is a challenge worth hearing at Harvest. We live in a world where fullness is often

measured by what we have. Yet the Christian story begins somewhere else: before anything is ours, it is a gift. The earth, the seed, the harvest and the food on our tables are gifts before they are commodities.

Paul reminds us that God gives us 'seed to the sower and bread for food', so that what we receive can become a blessing for others. The harvest is not finished when it reaches the barn. It is finished when it becomes bread: when it is shared, and becomes nourishment and life for someone else.

This Harvest, alongside our thanks-giving, we might ask ourselves: are the gifts we have received becoming gifts we can share?

The answer is not bigger barns, but fuller lives: rooted in Christ, open to others, and generous with what we have received.

BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION -

If you would like to be baptised and confirmed please could you get in touch directly with Jenny, who will begin preparations soon for the confirmation service on January 17th 2027. All welcome.

WEEKDAY BENEFICE SERVICES at Holy Trinity

MORNING PRAYER -

Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays, 8.30am

WEDNESDAY HOLY COMMUNION - At 10am

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.

NOTICES

NOTICES FOR WEEKLY BULLETINS – please send all messages for the bulletin by Wednesday 12pm to Annie on: beneficeoffice@htboa.org

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

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY FOR THE BENEFICE

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

SAXON CLUB - Tuesdays at 2.30pm - fellowship and various activities for seniors.

COMMUNITY CAFÉ – There is no Community Café this week.

LUNCHTIME ORGAN CONCERT - Thursday 24th September – 12.00pm Lunch hour Organ Concert - Marcus Sealy, former Sub Organist at Bath Abbey



FUTURE EVENTS AROUND THE BENEFICE

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

Monday 28th September -

7.00pm Autumn Concert, Salisbury Cathedral Choir

Sunday 4th October –

2.00pm 'Come and Sing Evensong' - directed by Simon Lole. Please be in touch with Annie for more information.

TRIO PARADIS CAFÉ CONCERT - Holy Trinity - Thursday 1st October, 10.45am

CREATIVE MAKERS MARKET - Holy Trinity - Saturday 3rd October, 10am - 3pm

TRINITY TOTS AT HOLY TRINITY-

Children's and family craft and play mornings - Thursday 8th October and Tuesday 27th October, 10.30am - 12 noon. £3 per family. Parents must be present - ALL WELCOME!

PRAYER DIARY

Compassionate God,
Who sent Jesus Christ to deliver us from all form of inequality, create in us compassionate hearts and enlarged visions, that we may see the image of God in every person, irrespective of background, race or ethnicity.

Gracious God,
We especially remember children facing daily challenges here in Bradford on Avon and also those affected by the conflict in Sudan. We pray for your protection upon them and their families. In our prayers for our link diocese, we pray for Bishop Hassan of Kadugli and the Nuba Mountains, Sudan.

Generous God,
May creative partnerships in local mission continue to be at the heart of all we do. We pray for our ministry with schools which foster intergenerational connection, and for volunteers and supporting teams as we make Christ known.

Loving God,
May we be generous in our love for others as we work towards ending injustice, growing community where all can flourish. 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.

FOR OUR PRAYERS

Please pray for all who are unwell, remembering especially: David Chalmers, Betty & Doug Hancock.

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

Please *always* let Revd Jenny know of any pastoral need, including prayer.

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.

If you have any Safeguarding concerns please speak to the clergy or our Benefice Safeguarding Officer:

Andrea Unwin – Tel: 07553161654

Email: safeguarding@htboa.org

Advice is also available from: safeguarding@salisbury.anglican.org. To speak to a caseworker, or the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor 01722 438651, option 3

NEXT WEEK – 27 SEPTEMBER – SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

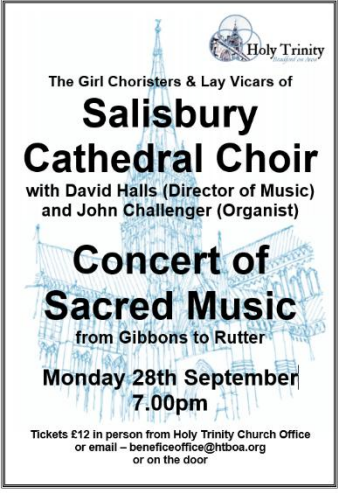
11.15am – Morning Praise

Readings:

Ezekial 18. 1 - 4, 25 - end

Matthew 21. 23 - 32

NOTICEBOARD



The poster features a background image of Salisbury Cathedral. At the top right is the Holy Trinity logo. The text is centered and reads: 'The Girl Choristers & Lay Vicars of Salisbury Cathedral Choir with David Halls (Director of Music) and John Challenger (Organist)'. Below this is 'Concert of Sacred Music from Gibbons to Rutter'. The date and time are 'Monday 28th September 7.00pm'. At the bottom, it says 'Tickets £12 in person from Holy Trinity Church Office or email - beneficeoffice@htboa.org or on the door'.

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