



Grapevine

The Sunday bulletin for Holy Trinity, Bradford on Avon

Sunday 13 September 2026
Trinity 15

Rooted – Growing – Fruitful
Life in all its fullness

*I have come that you may have life
and have it in all its fullness*

John 10.10

TODAY

08:00 Holy Communion (BCP)

**09:30 In the Round ‘All Creatures Great and
Small’**

Readings and Hymns are in the Order of Service

Please remember to collect your questionnaire based on our Vision – Rooted in Christ, Growing in Faith, Fruitful in Love – which will support us in mapping our future together. Questionnaires will be gathered in at the Harvest Festival on 27th September.

TODAY

continued

COLLECT for Trinity 15

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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.

READINGS FOR 08:00

HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)

EPISTLE – Romans 14. 1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves.

If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.

For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.' So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

GOSPEL – Matthew 18. 21-35

Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. 'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

THIS WEEK: 13th – 20th SEPTEMBER

TUESDAY 15th SEPTEMBER

08:30 Morning Prayer

WEDNESDAY 16th SEPTEMBER

08:30 Morning Prayer

THURSDAY 17th SEPTEMBER

08:30 Morning Prayer

SUNDAY SERVICES SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

SUNDAY 20th SEPTEMBER (Trinity 16)

08:00 Holy Communion (BCP)
09:30 Sung Eucharist

SUNDAY 27th SEPTEMBER (Trinity 17 – Harvest Festival)

08:00 Holy Communion (BCP)
09:30 Harvest Festival Eucharist

SUNDAY 4th OCTOBER (Trinity 18)

08:00 Holy Communion (BCP)
09:30 Sung Eucharist
17:00 Evensong 'Come and Sing'

SUNDAY 11th OCTOBER (Trinity 19)

08:00 Holy Communion (BCP)
09:30 In the Round – 'Mapping our Future Together'
10:30-11:30 After the service group session on
'Mapping the Future Together'

SUNDAY 18th OCTOBER (Luke, Apostle & Evangelist)

08:00 Holy Communion (BCP)
09:30 Sung Eucharist

SUNDAY 25th OCTOBER (Dedication Festival)

08:00 Holy Communion (BCP)
09:30 Sung Eucharist with offering of our new MAP (Mission Action Plan)

NOTICES FOR THE GRAPEVINE

Please send requests for the new Grapevine *by Wednesday 12:00* to Annie at: beneficeoffice@htboa.org

SPECIAL EVENTS – SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

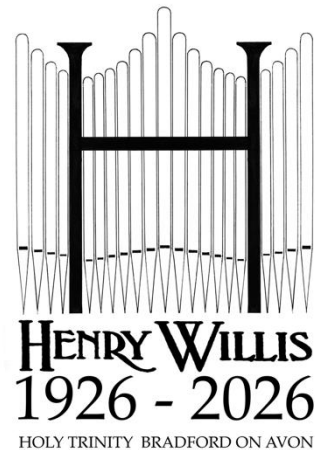
CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF HOLY TRINITY'S HENRY WILLIS ORGAN

THURSDAY 24th SEPTEMBER

12:00 Lunch hour Organ Concert
 Marcus Sealy, formerly
 Sub-Organist at Bath Abbey

MONDAY 28th SEPTEMBER

19:00 A Concert of Sacred Music
 Salisbury Cathedral Choir with
 David Halls & John Challenger



SUNDAY 4th OCTOBER (Trinity 18)

14:00 ‘Come and Sing’ Evensong – rehearsal
 directed by Simon Lole
 Final call for any CHOIR PARTICIPANTS – see leaflets on
 welcome desk

17:00 ‘Come and Sing’ Evensong – Please come and join
 the CONGREGATION for a wonderful Cathedral-style
 Evensong

CHURCH COMMUNITY

MAINLY MUSIC

Tuesdays at 10:30 – fun & friendship for pre-school families (contact Marlene on 864412 / marlene.haffenden@googlemail.com if you'd like to come). We received a lovely card about Mainly Music and its extraordinary service for families. Please do ask Marlene about it.

SAXON CLUB

Tuesdays at 14:30
Fellowship and various activities for seniors.

COMMUNITY CAFÉ

Please note, there is no Community Café this Wednesday.
The Community Café resumes next Wednesday from 10:00 –12:00.

MOTHERS' UNION MEETING

Wednesday 16th September 14:30 with Holy Communion in Holy Trinity.

CONCERT AT THE UNITED CHURCH THIS WEEK

Award-winning Ukrainian violinist Tetiana Hnilytska joins pianist Sara Harris for an inspiring concert at the United Church on Thursday 17th September at 19:00

DEANERY LINK – Kadugli – Salisbury Sudans Partnership

Please pick up a Kadugli Newsletter from the Welcome Desk.

FUTURE EVENTS

HARVEST LUNCH

Sunday 27th September in church – please sign up on the list on the Welcome Desk.

TRINITY TOTS

Next dates – 8th and 27th October

PRAYER DIARY:

Loving God, we give thanks for and pray for schools and academies on Education Sunday, including St Laurence, Fitzmaurice, The Mead and Westwood and Iford Schools. We pray for children and families, all volunteers and recognise all those working in education.

Gracious God, in our link with Kadugli in Sudan, we pray for those who live and minister there and while the harvest may seem distant may they be granted resilience and hope in Christ.

Creator God, during this Season of Creation, we give thanks for the extraordinary world you have created. We give thanks for the Christian charity A Rocha and pray that our churches would be bearers of hope.

FOR OUR PRAYERS

Please pray for all who are sick, remembering especially: Tony Bruun, Mary Dawson, Celia Milne, Alison Penny, Geneviève Roberts, Edward Shaw, Malcolm Walsh, James Wright, Bex Cox, Chris Giles, Tony Haffenden, Ken Holloway, Janet Lywood & Sue Lavis.

We also pray for those who have recently died, and all who mourn them: Mervyn James Page

And we also pray for all those whose anniversary of death is at this time, especially: Margaret Purves, Bob Kitchen, Elsie Watkins, Pamela Brooking

Please let Revd Jenny, Marlene Haffenden (LPA) and Graham Dove (LLM) 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

A Vision for Holy Trinity

Rooted in Christ

Jesus says: I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. Abide in me as I abide in you.

John 15.1

As a Christian community, we are rooted in the love of Jesus Christ and in his saving death and resurrection. Nourished by the scriptures and the sacraments, we want to grow in prayer, living our lives close to God. We want to be more faithful in our discipleship and allow God to shape our

priorities and values. We pray that we may know Christ better and that Christ may be better known.

Growing in Faith

Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me.

John 15.4

As we grow in faith and love, we seek to become an intergenerational church in which everyone is valued, encouraged and equipped to flourish.

We long to see children, young people and families move from the sidelines to the heart of our common life, growing in their knowledge and love of God. We want to be a church where ministry is shared, where every age group belongs, every person has a place, and every disciple is encouraged to discover and use their God-given gifts.

Fruitful in Love

My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

John 15.8

We want to make a difference in the world and witness to God's love and justice, especially here in Bradford on Avon. Working in partnership with others who are transforming people's lives, we seek to serve our local community with joy so that all may flourish. With Jesus as our companion and guide we believe we can travel through life differently. We hope that others will want to share the adventure with us and discover life in all its fullness.

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