



Grapevine

The Sunday bulletin for Holy Trinity, Bradford on Avon

Sunday 20 September 2026
Trinity 16

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 Sung Eucharist

HYMNS AND MUSIC

**The details of all the hymns and music are provided
within today's printed Order of Service.**

Organ Music before the Service

A Passing Vapour - *Richard Lloyd*

Cantilena - A new commandment - *David Blackwell*

Adagio molto (Sonata No 3, Op56 ii) - *Alexandre Guilmant*

Organ Voluntary

Grand Choeur in D major - *Alexandre Guilmant*

TODAY

continued

COLLECT for Trinity 16

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING - Jonah 3.10-4 end

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, 'O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.' And the Lord said, 'Is it right for you to be angry?' Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, 'It is better for me to die than to live.'

But God said to Jonah, 'Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?' And he said, 'Yes, angry enough to die.' Then the Lord said, 'You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?'

GOSPEL READING – Matthew 20. 1-16

‘For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, “You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.” So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, “Why are you standing here idle all day?” They said to him, “Because no one has hired us.” He said to them, “You also go into the vineyard.” When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, “Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.” When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, “These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.” But he replied to one of them, “Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?” So the last will be first, and the first will be last.’

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THIS WEEK: 20th – 27th SEPTEMBER

TUESDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER

08:30 Morning Prayer

WEDNESDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER

08:30 Morning Prayer
10:00 Holy Communion

THURSDAY 24th SEPTEMBER

08:30 Morning Prayer

Please bring back your questionnaires next week!

SUNDAY SERVICES SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

SUNDAY 27th SEPTEMBER (Trinity 17 – Harvest Festival)

08:00 Holy Communion (BCP)

09:30 Harvest Festival Eucharist

Please consider bringing non-perishable and tinned goods to Holy Trinity on September 27th, with produce to be gifted to The Hub. Please also bring baskets of harvest produce if you would like these to be carried to the altar in the service. Thank you.

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

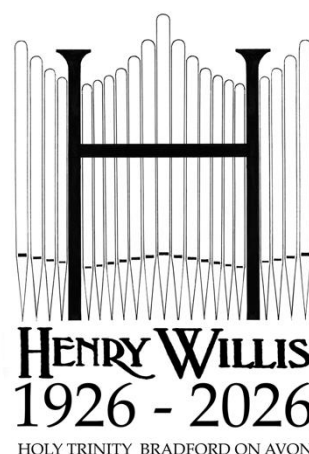
CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF HOLY TRINITY'S HENRY WILLIS ORGAN

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).

SAXON CLUB

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

COMMUNITY CAFÉ

Wednesdays from 10:00 –12:00

Weekly community café – coffee/tea and biscuits will be provided on a donation basis.

DEANERY LINK – Kadugli – Salisbury Sudans Partnership

Please pick up a Kadugli Newsletter from the Welcome Desk.

CLOCK APPEAL

Thank you to all our neighbours for your gifts towards the clock repairs. We are very grateful to you and confirm that work on the clock will begin soon.

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:

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 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 & Chris Booth

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: Isabel Douglas & Gordon Finch

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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