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1 NOVEMBER 2026
The Grapevine



ALL SAINTS DAY

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

11.15am - Holy Communion

HYMNS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

134 - For all the Saints
564 - Ye Holy Angels Bright
342 - My God, and is thy table spread
567 - Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

COLLECT
Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living,
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
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
Revelation 7. 9 - end
After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!'

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

GOSPEL READING
Matthew 5. 1 - 12
When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.
'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.'

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
Lord of heaven,
in this eucharist you have brought us near to an innumerable company of angels

and to the spirits of the saints made perfect:
as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage we have shared their fellowship,
so may we come to share their joy in heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

ALL SAINTS
What do we make of the Beatitudes, Jesus' blessings on the poor in spirit, those who mourn, the meek and those who hunger for justice? They turn the wisdom of the world upside down: our culture celebrates strength, success, and self-assertion, yet Jesus blesses those the world often overlooks.

Today, All Saints, we remember these blessings are the language of sainthood. Not all those we know as saints were perfect. Some weren't particularly nice people; some were awkward; some were quite ordinary! But they shared an awareness that, even amid the struggles of earthly life, the light of heaven sustained them.

The Beatitudes don't offer easy comfort: those who seek justice meet opposition; those who mourn know real sorrow. And we may see suffering in the world and ask what becomes of the meek, the wrongly accused, and those who long for peace. The answer is not always a happy one, yet we are called to listen, speak the truth, and examine our own failures as honestly as we condemn others.

We are all sinners, and yet we are called to be saints. May our hearts daily be open to the love of God, and may we pray that Christ's blessings become real among us. For Christ, with the company of saints, surrounding our steps, and with his light as our guide on the road to heaven.

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

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 GRAPEVINE – please send all messages for the Grapevine 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

ALL SOULS EUCHARIST
Monday 2nd November at 10am

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

SAXON CLUB
Tuesdays at 2.30pm – Fellowship and various activities for seniors.

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

TRIO PARADIS CAFÉ CONCERT
Thursday 5th November at 10.45am

ST MARY TORY
Contemplative Prayer, St Mary Tory, 6 - 7pm, on Thursday 5th November. Everyone welcome.

FUTURE EVENTS AROUND THE BENEFICE

TRINITY TOTS
Thursday 12th November, 10.30am - 12noon. Craft and play morning for children. £3 per family. Parents must be present – ALL WELCOME!

SAVE THE CHILDREN FAIR
Saturday 14th November, 10am - 1pm

CLARINET & PIANO RECITAL with THE REVD JENNY NELSON (CLARINET) and DAVID ARKELL (PIANO)
Thursday 26th November at 12noon. A free lunchtime concert featuring music by Elgar, Fauré, Rachmaninov, Saint-Saëns, Pierné and Vaughan Williams. ALL WELCOME!

PRAYER DIARY

Prayers for All Saints and All Souls:

God of justice and peace, we remember all who suffer through war, persecution and injustice. May the light of Christ shine in the darkest places, and may the example of the saints inspire us to work for a world where all may live in peace.

God of holiness and mercy, we give thanks for all the saints who have gone before us. Keep your Church faithful to the way of Christ, humble in its failures, courageous in speaking truth, and generous in love. May we follow the saints in bringing your light to the world.

God of eternal life, we pray for our community, for all who are lonely or grieving, and for those whose death we remember today. Comfort those who mourn, hold the departed in your mercy, and bring us all, with the company of saints, to the joy of your eternal kingdom. 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 – 8 NOVEMBER – REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

10.45am - Service of Remembrance

Readings:
Matthew 5. 1 - 12