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15 NOVEMBER 2026
The Grapevine



SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

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

11.15am - Matins

HYMNS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

17 - All people that on earth do dwell
405 - One more step along the world I go
46 - At the name of Jesus
6 - Abide with me

COLLECT

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

FIRST READING

Zephaniah 1.7, 12-end

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, 'The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm.' Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 25. 14-30

'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this

worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY
A Church Where Everyone Can Flourish

This Sunday we mark Safeguarding Sunday, an opportunity to reflect on how we care for and protect one another within our church community.

Church should be a place where everyone feels safe, welcomed and valued; where children, young people and adults can explore their faith and share in our life together without fear of harm or abuse.

Safeguarding is about making that vision a reality. It means having appropriate policies and procedures, knowing how to recognise and respond to concerns, and ensuring that everyone understands their responsibilities. But it is also about something much more fundamental: the way we treat one another.

We all have a part to play in building a church where relationships are healthy, boundaries are respected, concerns are taken seriously, and everyone is treated with dignity.

Safeguarding is not simply the responsibility of a particular individual or committee; it belongs to all of us.

Creating a safer church is not just about protecting people from harm. It is about enabling everyone to belong, flourish and discover the fullness of life that God desires for us.

Safeguarding is an essential expression of our Christian love for one another.

Revd Jenny, Rector

Please continue to be in touch with Andrea Unwin, Benefice Safeguarding Officer safeguarding@htboa.org

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 *will restart during Advent.*

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

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.

MOTHERS' UNION
Wednesday 18th November, 2.30pm. All welcome!

FORGET-ME-NOT-CAFÉ
Thursday 19th November, 11am –12.30pm. A fun, free and informal time for anyone with memory problems, their families and carers.

PARAGON SINGERS – BACH MASS IN B MINOR
Saturday 21st November, 7.30pm. TICKETS: £25 plus booking fees / Students and under 18s – £5 plus booking fees

FUTURE EVENTS AROUND THE BENEFICE

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

CREATIVE MAKERS MARKET
Saturday, 28th November, 10am – 3pm

PRAYER DIARY
Heavenly Father, whose love embraces all your children, we pray for those who have experienced abuse, neglect or harm. Surround them with your compassion, give them courage to seek help, and lead them towards healing, dignity and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Loving God, grant wisdom and courage to all who hold positions of responsibility within our churches. Help them to recognise concerns, listen with compassion and respond with care, so that our churches may be places of safety, trust and respect; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gracious God, help us to build a church where everyone feels safe, welcomed and valued. Teach us to respect one another, protect those who are vulnerable and share your love through all that we say and do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 – 22 NOVEMBER
THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT

11.15am - Morning Praise

Readings:
Ezekial 34. 11 - 16, 20 - 24
Matthew 25. 31 - end