

# Grapevine

**The Sunday bulletin for Holy Trinity, Bradford on Avon**

## Sunday 15 November 2026
## Second Sunday Before Advent

**Rooted – Growing – Fruitful**
**Life in all its fullness**

# TODAY

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

**HYMNS**

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| **Introit:** | **475** | **Immortal, invisible, God only wise** |
| **Gradual:** | **583** | **Teach me, my God and King** |
| **Offertory:** | **448** | **God of grace and God of glory** |
| **Post Communion:** | **430** | **Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go** |

### COLLECT for the Second Sunday before Advent

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.

## OLD TESTAMENT 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.

## THE EPISTLE — 1 Thessalonians 5.1–11 (8.00am)

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

## 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."

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
**Amen.**

## ORGAN MUSIC

**Before the service:**
Suite in D major – John Stanley
Cantique – Edward Elgar

**At the Communion:**
Prelude no 1 & Invocation – Alexandre Guilmant

**Voluntary:**
Sinfonia (Cantata 29) – JS Bach

# 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 Nelson, Rector

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# THIS WEEK: 15th – 22nd NOVEMBER

### TUESDAY 17th NOVEMBER

08:30 Morning Prayer

### WEDNESDAY 18th NOVEMBER

08:30 Morning Prayer

### THURSDAY 19th NOVEMBER

08:30 Morning Prayer

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# SUNDAY SERVICES – NOVEMBER

### SUNDAY 22nd NOVEMBER (Feast of Christ the King)

08:00 Holy Communion (BCP)
09:30 Sung Eucharist for the Feast of Christ the King

## SUNDAY 29th NOVEMBER (Advent Sunday)

08:00 Holy Communion (BCP)
09:30 Sung Eucharist for Advent Sunday
18:00 Advent Carol Service

## NOTICES FOR THE GRAPEVINE

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

## THANK YOU

Thank you to The Rt Revd Dr Alan Smith for presiding and preaching for the 8.00am Holy Communion, and to Marcus Sealy for playing for today's Sung Eucharist.

Thank you to the family of the late Revd Peter Hardman for their gift of a new desk.

## CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Many thanks to everyone who bought our Christmas cards. Funds raised are sent regularly to the Children's Society. All funding goes towards supporting families and vulnerable young people in the UK. We look forward to the Christmas Eve Follow the Star Nativity at Holy Trinity at 3.00pm, which will also be in support of the Children's Society.
Elizabeth Forbes.

## CALENDARS FOR SUDAN

Sudan Calendars are available from Dale Barton in Leeds Diocese at a cost of £1.66 and postage 91p. Please use the following contact details sudanlinkcontact@gmail.com to order. The calendar serves also as a reminder to pray for Sudan.

## PASTORAL NETWORK

Thank you to those who have expressed an interest in exploring pastoral ministry in visiting, pastoral reflection and the possibility of training as Lay Pastoral Assistants. It is much appreciated.

## CONFIRMATION AT HOLY TRINITY

If you would like to be confirmed by Bishop Robert at Holy Trinity on 17th January 2027, please be in touch with the Rector who has begun confirmation preparation. All welcome. Please pray for Anniemay, Brenda, Janet, Mark, Paul and Sophie, to be confirmed.

## NEW GREETINGS CARDS

We are very thankful for Allan Clifford sharing his newly painted greetings card and we thank him for gifting us with the first set of prints. The card can be purchased here in Holy Trinity at the Community Café, Wednesdays 10:00–12:00, and again on Sundays by the kitchen, costing £2.50 each or 5 for £10. All proceeds are for church funds.

## POLISHERS

Thank you to those who have generously stepped forward to form the brass cleaning team. It is very much appreciated.

## CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

This year's Tree Festival will run from Tuesday 8th until Sunday 13th December with set up on Sunday 6th and clear away on Monday 14th. I would be very grateful for volunteers to: Put up banners and posters, help collect stuff on Friday 4th, set up tables etc on Sunday 6th after church, act as stewards and help with refreshments during the week and help clear away on Monday 14th. I'll put some lists on the welcome desk and do hope that you will be able to help make our festival a success.
John Cox — 864270

## BIG ISSUES DISCUSSION LAUNCHING IN JANUARY

Keen to discuss the hot, contested issues of our day with other thoughtful Christians? Want to think more about the bible's view on big questions? Then the new BIG ISSUES discussion is for you. Big Issues is a new venture for Holy Trinity. We will meet six times a year to discuss topics like AI; Parenting in an age of social media; Nato, war and defence; Migration; Work and welfare; Generational inequality; The place of the NHS and more. Open to all, the first Big Issues meeting will be in the evening of January 12th at Holy Trinity. Hot drinks and hot discussion absolutely guaranteed.
Dr Simon Walker

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# 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 along).

## 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.

### MOTHERS' UNION
Wednesday 18th November, 14:30 — All welcome!

### FORGET-ME-NOT-CAFÉ
Thursday 19th November, 11:00 –12:30. 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, 19:30. TICKETS: £25 plus booking fees Students and under 18s – £5 plus booking fees

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## FUTURE EVENTS

### CLARINET & PIANO RECITAL with THE REVD JENNY NELSON (CLARINET) and DAVID ARKELL (PIANO)
Thursday 26th November at 12:00. Seasonal autumnal music. Retiring collection for the church. All welcome!

### CREATIVE MAKERS MARKET
Saturday, 28th November, 10:00–15:00

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## 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 sick, remembering especially:** Tony Bruun, Celia Milne, Alison Penny, Geneviève Roberts, Edward Shaw, Malcolm Walsh, James Wright, Tony Haffenden, Ken Holloway, Sue Lavis, Mavis Linstrum & Candice Wong

**We also pray for those who have recently died, and all who mourn them:** Chris Giles

**And we also pray for all those whose anniversary of death is at this time, especially**: Bill Taylor, Bette Riddle, Leslie Moody & Joy Stenning

**Please let Revd Jenny, Marlene Haffenden (LPA) and Graham Dove (LLM) know of any pastoral need, including prayer.**

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# 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.

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[The Rector's usual weekly day off is a Friday]