



The White Horse
Team Ministry

Newsletter week commencing
5th November 2023
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
ALL SAINTS

COLLECT

Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty, that trusting in your word and obeying your will we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord.

SERVICES

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH 9.30am Holy Communion

4pm Reflective Service <https://youtube.com/@whitehorseteamministrywest6370?si=Xh31IT97oVIQxRrZ>

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH 9.30am Praise and Worship 3.30pm Time to Remember Service

READINGS 1 John 3:1-3 Matthew 5:1-12

WEDNESDAY 8th November

9.30am First Steps at All Saint's 11am Holy Communion at Chantry Court

PSALMS IN A YEAR Week 44: Psalms 132-134

AROUND THE TEAM

IN OUR PRAYERS We pray for the family of Brody and Oakley Williams who will be baptised this Sunday at Holy Trinity Church.

We pray for all our preparations for the coming seasons of Remembrance, Advent and Christmas and for all the opportunities we have to welcome new people through our doors, that they may find the love and peace of God and a true welcome to God's family.

FAIRTRADE ADVENT CALENDARS 2023 The 2023 calendar has a new design. There is a Fairtrade chocolate and a line of the Christmas story behind each of the 25 windows. The free book has a page for every day of Advent expanding on the Christmas story and includes some fun challenges.

The Real Advent Calendar was created in 2013 following surveys which showed that 36% of 5-7 year olds did not know whose birthday is celebrated at Christmas. In the same year 51% of adults said that the birth of Jesus was irrelevant to their Christmas. The calendar is a great way to reverse this tipping point and share the Christmas story. The Real Advent Calendar costs £4.50. **I shall be placing an order on 7th November.** Please contact me as soon as possible, and let me know how many Calendars you would like. You may consider buying one or more to give to the WAN food Bank for those children and families who may not be able to afford one this year. Thank you. *Rebecca Harris*

EXPERIENCE COMMUNION We are looking forward to welcoming year 5 children from our local schools to Experience Communion this month: Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th at Holy Trinity and on Thursday 9th at All Saints. There is room for a few more volunteers on the team. If you are available on any of these dates, please contact the Revd Helen Durant Stevensen as soon as possible to see how you can help. The more the better! hdurantstevensen@btinternet.com

NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS.

REFLECTIVE SERVICE AT ALL SAINTS Sunday 5th November at 4.00 pm We shall be having a special focus on prayer for the situation in the Middle East. We shall also be taking a collection towards the emergency appeal for the situation. All welcome. This service is usually live-streamed so you can watch it at home with us or later, as you wish. Afterwards, we gather for some wine/juice and nibbles. Please note the earlier time of 4.00 pm during the winter months.

ARMISTICE DAY SATURDAY 11TH NOVEMBER There will be a short Act of Remembrance at the war memorial on Armistice Day Saturday 11th November at 11.00 am with a time of silence.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 12th NOVEMBER The service at All Saints will be slightly shorter than usual, finishing about 10.15 am to allow plenty of time for us to clear up and get to the War Memorial in the town centre for the Act of Remembrance at 10.55 am. Look forward to seeing you!

There will be a service of Holy Communion at Holy Saviour starting a little earlier, at 10.45 am, so that the silence can be observed at 11.00 am. All welcome.

This month's Café Church at Westbury Juniors will also include a time of Remembrance. This service is also available via Zoom. Please ask for the joining details.

MUSIC AT ALL SAINTS The choir rehearsals have re-started and the choir is currently preparing for our Christmas Carol Service. If anyone is interested in joining the choir, either for the Carol service, or to sing at our services on Sunday morning, please be in touch with our Choir Leader and Church-warden, Ruth Hann on wcw2@whtministry.org.uk. Rehearsals take place on Thursday evenings at 7.30 pm at All Saints. Please pray about the development of music at All Saints. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL The All Saints Annual Christmas Tree Festival will be held from Friday 1st December until Monday 4th December. Volunteers are required to help at this event, do you have an hour or so that you could spare over this period. It is a lovely family event looked forward to and enjoyed by people far and wide. If you can help please contact Debbie McEntee on 07763323475 or at westburypccsecretary@whtministry.org.uk Thank you

WESTBURY PARISH PRAYER DIARY As we seek to bring in God's kingdom, Westbury parish is a confident, joyful and prayerful community.

5th We pray for a dedicated youth leader for our parish who will help us to build up relationships with young people in the town.

6th We give thanks that we can open All Saints church every day for the community: we pray for all who come in, that they may find the peace and love of God.

7th We pray that All Saints may be able to develop the musical and cultural events we can offer to the community, and draw in more people to enjoy the building.

8th We pray for our relationships with the local churches in Westbury Area Churches Together – for a growth in our partnership in mission in the town.

9th We pray for the ways in which we engage with partners in the town to address the social needs and deprivation (Crosspoint, Westbury Area Network, Link etc)

10th We pray that we may grow our relationships with other community groups in the town, eg Town Council, local schools etc.

11th We pray that we may be able to offer a wide range of events and activities for all ages and stages in life, and give thanks for what we are already doing through eg Tea, Cake & Co, children's events, schools ministry, fundraising/outreach events etc.

12th We pray for our Eco Church group and for the ways in which we promote care for creation in our homes, our churches and local community.

NEWS FROM THE PEWS AT HOLY TRINITY

TIME TO REMEMBER SERVICE Sunday 5th November at 3pm. At this service we remember loved ones who have died and we give thanks for their lives. The names of those who have died during the past year are read out. You may also add others you wish to remember before the start of the service. Refreshments will be served after-wards. If you wish to speak to someone beforehand, please contact us. All are welcome. Revd Caroline Husband (01373 596104)

THE SOUL SPACE CAFÉ Monday 6th November. This will be our last Soul Space. With regret, we have decided we are unable to continue to run this during the winter months.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY Sunday 12 November, 10 am at Holy Trinity Church and 10.45 at the War Memorial. All are welcome to join us at Holy Trinity for our Remembrance Service and also at the War Memorial for the community's Act of Remembrance.

GIFTS FOR SALISBURY WOMEN'S REFUGE Our Mothers Union is collecting Christmas gifts for this local refuge. If you would like to contribute, please bring your gifts to Cafe Church at the Memorial Hall on Sunday 19 November, 9.45 to 11 am or give to a member of the MU. Gift vouchers (Boots or Tesco's), toiletries, hats & gloves, children's activity books etc are most welcome. MU members will take the gifts to a special service at Salisbury Cathedral on 21 November.

HOLY TRINITY CHRISTMAS RAFFLE. We will hold our usual Christmas Raffle, which will be drawn at our Christmas Coffee Morning/Village Market on Saturday 2nd December. Prizes include a festive hamper. Tickets from Jenny 826947, Garth 822414 or church members or to be bought on the day. Funds raised will be in support of Holy Trinity and mission partners in Maridi, South Sudan.

PARISH AWAY DAY St Philip & St James, Chapmanslade 9.30am-3.30pm

Due to the very hot weather, it was decided to postpone the Parish Away Day in September. Our apologies to those who were not notified of the change of plan. It has now been rescheduled for Saturday 11th November in our neighbouring village of Chapmanslade. If you wish to join us or would like more details about the day, would you get in touch with Sally at sa42es@aol.com. or 01373301687. We have made arrangements for a light lunch of soup and baguette at the Three Horseshoes at £6.50, a GF alternative is also available. When you book for the day, could you please inform us of any food allergies you might have. Looking forward to seeing you there.

NATIVITY FESTIVAL 8th, 9th and 10th December During the weekend of 8th, 9th and 10th December you are invited to come and display your nativity sets at the church for everyone to come and see. Nativity sets may be home-made or ones that you display at home. Setting Up Friday 7th 4.30 -5.30 -mulled wine and mince pies will be served. Open Day All Day Saturday- refreshments available Blessing of the Nativity Sets to take place during the service Sunday 9th at 9.30. *All are welcome.* Collection to Take Home 11.30-12.30 after the service.

COMMUNITY BLESSINGS At Holy Trinity Church we pray regularly for our local community. During November we are particularly praying for those living or working in the Hollow and Vicarage Gardens. If there is anything or anyone that you would like us to pray for, please let us know. R2G co-ordinator is LPA Tess Brocksopp on 01373 822414 or at tess.frayling@gmail.com

PRAYER DIARY FROM HOLY TRINITY CHURCH This is the weekly prayer diary that you may wish to use as a part of your own prayers or meditations. In this way we can pray together, as a parish, for our common concerns. This month we are focusing our prayers on health and social care. Please pray for:

Week 2: **Local business.**

We pray for our local businesses, which provide employment and offer services. We pray that our local high streets will thrive and that businesses will have the customers they need.

THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 12th November 2023

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH 9.30am Holy Communion

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH 10am Holy Communion

HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH 10.45am Holy Communion

CAFÉ CHURCH AT THE JUNIOR SCHOOL & ZOOM 9.45am Meeting ID: 874 9554 4488 Passcode: 654451

10.55am Act of Remembrance at Westbury Town War memorial

READINGS 1 Thessalonian 4:13-end Matthew 25:1-13

WEDNESDAY 15th November 9.30am First Steps at All Saints' 11am Holy Communion at Chantry Court

THURSDAY 16th November 11am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Church