



The White Horse
Team Ministry

Newsletter for week commencing 3rd August 2025

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY COLLECT

Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

SERVICES

ALL SAINTS CHURCH 9.30am Holy Communion

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH – 9.30am Praise and Worship with baptism

BROKERSWOOD TIN CHURCH – 6.0pm Lammass Day service

READINGS Colossians 3. 1-11 Luke 12.13-21

TUESDAY 5th August

2.30pm Westbury Area Churches Town Prayers will be held at the Methodist Church

WEDNESDAY 6th August

Transfiguration of Our Lord

First Steps at All Saints are on their Summer Holidays 11am Holy Communion at Chantry Court

AROUND THE TEAM

IN OUR PRAYERS

We were sorry to hear of the death of Lewis Thomas, a member of All Saints church and choir, in mid-July. We are praying for his family and all who mourn his loss. If we hear about funeral arrangements, we shall let you know.

We pray for the Daisy and her family and friends as she is baptised at Holy Trinity Dilton Marsh this Sunday 3rd August at 9.30 am.

We also pray for the family of Liam and his family and friends on his baptism at All Saints on Sunday 24 August at 10.00 am.

HOLLY'S DEPARTURE We said a big thank you and a fond farewell to our Curate Holly Newton on 27 July. We thanked her for all she has done and been among us over the last four years as our Team Curate. We have much appreciated all she's done to extend our mission and ministry in our parishes, including the setting up and establishing of the Little Lights Toddler group, Tea, Cake & Company, our Family fun events as well as the formation of the disability and church inclusion group. Not only that, but also for her thoughtful sermons and her sensitive leading of worship of all kinds, as well as her presence at many of our different events. We have appreciated her kind and gentle nature, her witness and commitment to her faith and her vocation as a priest through a challenging time with her health condition. We have seen the presence of God strengthening her through her weakness and setting an example to all of us of her grace and dignity through times of challenge and difficulty. We are sorry to see her go and want to wish her well in her new course of study in Theology and Disability from September. She goes with our love and prayers and blessing for the future. We look forward to welcoming her back to preach at two of our services in September at All Saints and Holy Trinity (which were booked before the announcement of her departure). Holly and the family have already moved to Staverton, so she won't have far to come.

RETIREMENT OF LYNNE VERCOE, TEAM ADMINISTRATOR Lynne Vercoe retired at the end of July and we thanked her for all she has done over the last nine years as our Team Administrator. Lynne has done a sterling job in the office over this time, and she will be greatly missed. She is looking forward to spending more time with her husband and family, and to pursuing her interests. She will be continuing with the Pachamama project and Eco Church at Dilton Marsh etc. Following Lynne's retirement, please note that the **Team Office will be closed** to the public. If you need access, please contact one of the key holders, ie Ruth Hann, Beth Thomas or myself. For enquiries about baptisms, weddings or funerals, or anything else, please contact myself and I will deal with it or sign post you in the right direction. A volunteer will be producing the Team notice sheets during August. I'm pleased to say that we have appointed a new Team Administrator, subject to satisfactory references. We expect her to start in early September. In the meantime, we would like to spruce up the office, to make it more attractive for our new employee. We have a working party arranged for Saturday 9th August at 9.30 am. Please come along and see how you can help out, or contact me for more information. Thank you. Rebecca

CROSSPOINT (WESTBURY) Crosspoint is currently having to consider options regarding its long-term future. We have recently advertised in the White Horse News and other media channels to recruit a Chair and new Trustees, but without success. We are now urgently seeking local people with experience in a leadership role who could join the Board of Trustees and help take the organisation forward. At the same time as the above recruitment is underway, we would be interested in having informal discussions, with like-minded local charitable organisations about the possibility of a form of business combination. Crosspoint is in a healthy financial position. In 2024, we had 850 client visits to our Welcome Centre for help and saw 80 clients for our counselling service.

If you, or a colleague, would be interested in joining us then please contact us at the email address: info@crosspoint-westbury.co.uk. Similarly, if any charitable organisation that you work with would be interested in informal discussions about a form of business combination, then please contact us at this same address.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING. Friday 12th September 1-4pm at Christ Church Warminster. The deanery is holding a face-to-face safeguarding training session for those required to do the basic training who find on-line training difficult. As places are limited. Please book directly with Christ Church Admin Office Linda Smith admin@christchurchwarminster.co.uk. If you attend, please bring your certificate back and show to your Parish Safeguarding Officer.

NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS

KEEP THE FLAG FLYING Can you help us to keep the flag flying? The flag on the tower is over 3 years old and is looking tatty. The cost of a new one is over £300. If you are able to make a donation, we would be very grateful. You can use this link <https://givealittle.co/c/hsH7EH7P5VMvwQcuIodWs>

WORKING PARTIES AT ALL SAINTS The next working parties will take place at All Saints church and churchyard on Saturday 9th August from 9.30 am – 1.00 pm approximately. Please bring any tools for gardening. Refreshments available.

COLLECTION FOR MARIDI At All Saints we would like to support Maridi by taking a collection from donations for tea and coffee after our Sunday morning services on the second Sunday of the month. There will be a reminder at the service about this. Please be generous as we support the different projects in a vulnerable part of the world.

WESTBURY PARISH PRAYER DIARY We seek to make Jesus known in Westbury by being a confident, joyful and prayerful community.

3rd For the appointment of a new Pioneer Team Vicar to join our Team and join us as we reach out to our local communities in faith and love.

4th For all our Ministry Team members who lead worship, preach, teach and share the Gospel in many different ways across our communities.

5th For all who serve in our different schools across the parish with Collective worship, Open the Book, our Experience events and as school governors.

6th For all who work with children and families through our children's events during the year: Little Lights, First Steps to Worship, the Light Party, summer and Easter Fun mornings.

8th For our Director of Music, organists, choir, musicians and all who lead us in the musical life of our churches.

9th For our growing relationship with our brothers and sisters in Christ in Westbury Area Churches Together: that we may collaborate in our mission and ministry in our town.

10th For all who care for and maintain our church buildings at All Saints, Holy Saviour, the parish hall and Westbury Leigh Community hall.

NEWS FROM THE PEWS AT HOLY TRINITY

LAMMAS DAY SERVICE Brokerswood Tin Church Sunday 3rd August at 6.00 pm *Lammas* comes from the Old English word for "loaf mass" and celebrates the first fruits of the Harvest. Traditionally, a loaf of bread is made from the first grain of the Harvest and brought to church to be blessed, symbolising gratitude to God for the harvest and for the sustenance it provides. There will be a special service at the Tin Church this Sunday at 6.00 pm. Everyone is welcome. We shall be bringing a loaf of bread to this service and there will be some refreshments afterwards. This is part of a series of services celebrating Rural Festivals in our most rural setting. We hope you will come and join us.

VISIT OF ARCHDEACON OF WILTS We have invited our new Archdeacon, the Ven Louise Ellis, to come and preach at Holy Trinity Dilton Marsh on Sunday 10th August at the service at 9.30 am. This will be her first visit to the White Horse Team. We hope this will be a good opportunity for her to get to know some people, as we shall soon be advertising the Team Vicar role. I hope we can give her a warm welcome and introduce her to the church and help her to get a feel for the parish and our Team Ministry during her visit.

MOTHERS UNION GARDEN PARTY If you fancy a lovely afternoon cream tea, the Mothers Union are holding a Garden Party on Thursday 7th, from 3pm to 5pm, at Holy Trinity Church, so please do come along! £5 for adults – Children free

COFFEE AT THE WEAVERS Members of Holy Trinity Church and friends meet at The Weavers for tea, coffee, cake and chat Do come along and join us, all welcome! **Every Wednesday 10.30 to 12.00** We look forward to seeing you.

HOLY TRINITY HOUSE GROUP We have a House Group that meets on a Monday afternoon. If you would like to know more or would like to come along, details are below. All are very welcome. For more information, please contact Rev Helen Durant-Stevensen: 824743

COMMUNITY BLESSINGS At Holy Trinity Church we pray regularly for our local community. During August we are particularly praying for those living or working in The Circle, The Crescent and The Avenue. If there is anything or anyone that you would like us to pray for, please contact please contact Sue Stanley suestanley.whtministry@gmail.com

HOLY TRINITY PASTORAL CARE AND SUPPORT

Do you need some support? If you would like a chat, prayers, spiritual, pastoral or practical support, please do call someone from the Holy Trinity Ministry Team or Pastoral Care Team. Our Lay Pastoral Assistants can visit you and, if requested, give Home Communion. We also have a Prayer Chain, which is completely confidential. You can ask for prayers for yourself or, with their permission, for your family and friends. For a visit, please contact: Revd Rebecca Harris. For prayers, please contact Sue Stanley suestanley.whtministry@gmail.com

WHT WEBSITE Please note that our website whtministry.org.uk has ceased to exist. We are now using the free platform AChurchNearYou which is supported by the CofE. Please take a look at the useful calendar and the other pages. There is a Team Page and one for each of our four churches. We will be posting the weekly notice sheet there together with news articles. You will also be able to find out about our news and events there. If you have any questions please speak to Beth Thomas or Steve Pope.

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 10th August 2025

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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH – 9.30am Holy Communion **HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH** – 11am Holy Communion

READINGS Hebrews 1. 1-3,8-16 Luke 12.32-40

WEDNESDAY 13th August

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