



The White Horse
Team Ministry

**Newsletter for week commencing
27th July 2025**

**THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
COLLECT**

Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

SERVICES

ALL SAINTS CHURCH 8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am All Age worship with baptism. 6.00pm Songs of Praise

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH – 9.30am Holy Communion 3.00pm Lego Church

READINGS Colossians 2. 6-15 Luke 11. 1-13

TUESDAY 29th July

2.30pm Westbury Area Churches Town Prayers will be held at West End Baptist.

WEDNESDAY 30th July

11am Holy Communion at All Saints

NB First Steps at All Saints are on their Summer Holidays

IN OUR PRAYERS We pray for the family of Rory who is being baptised at All Saints on 27th July at our All Age service at 10.00 am. Also for the family of Daisy who is being baptised at Holy Trinity church on Sunday 3rd August at 9.30 am.

LETTER FROM REV HOLLY NEWTON

Dear friends, As I come to the end of my time here in the White Horse Team, I write to you with mixed emotions. My time in Curacy has been a wonderful blessing. As many of you will be aware it has also come with challenges as myself and my family have navigated my decline in health. However, I am continually amazed at the faithfulness and goodness of God who has been, and continues to be, at work in and through it all - bringing to fruition His wonderful plans and purposes for us all. I am now beginning the next stage in ministry as I seek to follow the deep sense of calling which God has placed in my heart to pursue my research into Theology and Disability and to further my work in the area of disability, diversity and Church inclusion. This is an exciting new chapter. But there is also, of course, sadness in saying goodbye to you all. I, and my family, would like to take this opportunity to say a really huge and heartfelt thank you to you all. Your support, encouragement, prayers and friendship have been a source of great strength and blessing. I am so grateful also for the support of our Team Rector Rebecca, the ministry team, the Lay Pastoral Assistants, PCCs, church wardens, our Team administrator and many others who have been such a source of help and encouragement and who have so graciously put their trust in me as I have sought to serve among you. Thanks also to the wider community and to those from Westbury Area Churches Together for your fellowship and encouragement. It has been a privilege to serve my Curacy here and I will carry you all in my heart as I move into the next chapter of life. I will be continuing to hold you all in prayer and will be keen to hear your news as you also move forward into new adventures with God. In the words of Paul the Apostle in Philemon 1:4 - I thank my God always when I mention you in my prayers because of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus.

With many thanks, prayers and love in Christ. Revd Holly

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.

WESTBURY FESTIVAL OF MUSIC AND ARTS 2025 The Westbury Festival lunchtime concerts that took place last week were a great success. Thank you to all who helped the refreshments.

SONG OF PRAISE THIS SUNDAY The Festival concludes on Sunday 27th with Songs of Praise at 6.00 pm at All Saints. We have inviting people to select their favourite hymn or song to be sung at this service. It would be great to hear the choices from our different churches across Westbury Area Churches Together, as this is part of the WACT programme of Songs of Praise. We look forward to welcoming you to this very enjoyable event. *Rebecca*

LITTLE LIGHTS STAY AND PLAY SUMMER PARTY. It was wonderful to have so many families at the Little Lights Summer Party on Thursday 17th July. The children enjoyed the beach themed game, the sandcastle craft and the party snacks! It was a lovely way to round off the term and wish the families a very happy summer. We also said goodbye to the Little Lights who will be starting school in September. We wish them lots of success and happiness in the future. Many thanks to everyone who helped to make the party such a success. The next Little Lights session will be on Thursday 4th September.

NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS

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.

WESTBURY PCC SECRETARY Please note that since Debbie McEntee stepped down as PCC Secretary, we are currently looking for a new Secretary to support the PCC. If you are interested, and have good administrative and organisational skills, please enquire with either myself or our churchwarden, Ruth Hann.

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

28th For good stewardship of our finances, buildings, land and fabric; for all of us who share in this responsibility.

29th For all who support and administer the finances of our churches, our PCC Treasurer and donations secretary: that they may be conscientious in their duties.

30th For all who live in our local nursing and residential homes and those who visit and bring comfort and support.

31st For the work of the Holy Spirit to guide, inspire, enable and equip us in our ministry and mission in our parish.

1st For our growing confidence in our faith in Christ as we seek to make him known in our communities.

2nd For our partnership in the gospel within the White Horse Team, that we may grow in our love for one another and in our working together as a Team.

NEWS FROM THE PEWS AT HOLY TRINITY

MONTHLY COFFEE MORNING AND VILLAGE MARKET Saturday 3rd August 10am – 12 noon Please come along and enjoy coffee/tea, cakes and chat at this popular monthly event. Browse the wide variety of goods on sale in the village market. If you would like a stall or table they are available for free or a voluntary donation towards the ministry and mission of the Church. For more information or to book a table or stall please contact Garth 01373 822414

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.

LEGO CHURCH – 27th JULY We gather together on the fourth Sunday of the month. After a short opening prayer, we listen to a story from the Bible and then accept the challenge to re-create the story in Lego! It is wonderful how this produces some amazing models. The children also enjoy telling everyone what they have made and why; the children are great at using their imagination! With a short closing prayer, this ends the session. We must also mention the drinks and cake we share part way through the session!

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 July we are particularly praying for those living or working in Woodland View and Park Road. 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 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.

WHTM COMMS TEAM

If you have a church-related news item/event ie MU, Eco Church etc you can email the Comms Team as a whole. This reaches Isabel Osborne for the Christian Way and Beth Thomas for the e newsletter and Tess for the Holy Trinity Parish Magazine and the team office for the weekly newsletter on: whtcomms@whtministry.org.uk

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 3rd August 2025

ALL SAINTS CHURCH 9.30am Holy Communion

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH – 9.30am Praise and Worship with baptism

BROKERSWOOD TIN CHURCH – 6.0pm Lammas Day service

READINGS Colossians 3. 1-11 Luke 12.13-21

WEDNESDAY 6th August Transfiguration of Our Lord

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