



The White Horse  
Team Ministry

**Newsletter for week commencing  
20<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

**THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY  
COLLECT**

Almighty God, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**SERVICES**

**ALL SAINTS CHURCH** 9.30am Holy Communion

**HOLY TRINITY CHURCH** – 9.45am Café Church at the Memorial Hall

**HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH** 11.00am Holy Communion

**READINGS** Colossians 1:15-28 Luke 10. 38 - end

**WEDNESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> July**

9.30am First Steps at All Saints 11am Holy Communion at All Saints

**IN OUR PRAYERS** We pray for the family of Rory who is being baptised at All Saints on 27<sup>th</sup> July at our All Age service at 10.00 am.

We pray for the interviews for a new Team Administrator taking place next Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>, praying that we may make a good appointment.

**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

**REVD HOLLY'S LAST SUNDAY** Holly's last Sunday is next Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>. She will be preaching at All Saints at AAW at 10.00 am and afterwards we are having drinks and a farewell at 11.30 am for the whole Team.

**TOWN PRAYERS** During July Town Prayers will be held at West End Baptist. Every Tuesday at 2.30pm people from Westbury Area Churches get together to pray for the ministry and mission to our town and villages.

**SAFEGUARDING IN THE WHITE HORSE TEAM** This is to remind everyone that if you have a role in your church eg, as sidesperson or welcomer, serving refreshments, or supporting activities involving children and young people or vulnerable adults, you are required to undertake Safeguarding training at basic and foundation level. This has to be refreshed every three years as the training is updated. It is available to do online and to gain access to the course, please consult with your Parish Safeguarding Officer. Occasionally, courses are also available to do in person, either locally or in the Deanery and we will advertise these when they are available. If you're not sure, please ask your Parish Safeguarding Officer: Jenny Wray-Bliss in Westbury and Yvette Croft in Dilton Marsh. Their contact details are available in your local church. Thank you very much.

**Safeguarding Training. Friday 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:admin@christchurchwarminster.co.uk). If you attend, please bring your certificate back and show to your Parish Safeguarding Officer.

**DISABILITY AND INCLUSION AWARENESS DEAF AWARENESS SESSION**

Sadly, the Deaf Awareness Event which was planned for 12<sup>th</sup> September has needed to be cancelled due to Revd Neil being unable to book an interpreter for the event. We are very sorry not to be able to go ahead with the event at this time, but we hope there may be another opportunity to run this event in the future.

**WESTBURY FESTIVAL OF MUSIC AND ARTS 2025** The Westbury Festival has started [ from 14-27 July.] We have a number of events going on at All Saints church, including a concert on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> at 7.00 pm and lunchtime concerts taking place from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> from 12.30 – 2.00 pm. The concerts will be advertised locally. All are welcome. The lunchtime concerts are free (donations are welcome) and tea, coffee and cakes are available from 12.30 pm with the concert starting at 1.00 pm. If anyone is able to help at these events, please make yourselves known to us.

**SONG OF PRAISE** The Festival concludes on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> 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*

### NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS

**TEA CAKE and COMPANY** You are invited to join us on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July from 3pm to 4pm in All Saints for social time, support, chat and tea/coffee and homemade cake! All welcome! We'd love to see you. No need to book, just come along. Activities for children will be available. *\*Please note children and vulnerable adults must be accompanied by a parent/family member/carer at all times.*

**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.

21<sup>st</sup> For good use of all our gifts and resources: that everyone would be encouraged to explore their calling and how they may use their gifts, time and love to build up the community of faith.

22<sup>nd</sup> That God may call new people to share in our mission, outreach and ministry in our parish: that they may grow and flourish.

23<sup>rd</sup> For all who serve as sidespersons in our parish: that they may offer a warm welcome and hospitality to all who come among us.

24<sup>th</sup> For the growing sense of community in our churches: that we may love one another as Christ loves us.

25<sup>th</sup> For diligence and compassion for all those in leadership roles in our parish.

26<sup>th</sup> For our prayer network, all who lead prayers of intercession and all who pray with us and for us.

27<sup>th</sup> For the Mothers Union and all our church groups, that they may grow and flourish.

### NEWS FROM THE PEWS AT HOLY TRINITY

**LAMMAS DAY SERVICE Brokerswood Tin Church Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 – 27<sup>th</sup> 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!

**CLEANING TEAM REQUIRED** We are looking for more people to join the very small cleaning and brass cleaning team at Holy Trinity. If you feel able to help with this please chat to Veronica. Alternatively, contact Tess or Sonja. Thank you

**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](mailto: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](mailto:suestanley.whtministry@gmail.com)

### THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 27<sup>th</sup> July 2025

**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

#### WEDNESDAY 30<sup>th</sup> July

11am Holy Communion at All Saints

First Steps at All Saints are on their Summer Holidays