



The White Horse
Team Ministry

**Newsletter for week commencing
31st August 2025**

THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

COLLECT

God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

SERVICES

ALL SAINTS CHURCH – 9.30am Holy Communion

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH – 9.30am Creation Service

HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH – 11am Holy Communion

READINGS Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16; Luke 14: 1, 7-14 [At Holy Trinity: Genesis 1:26-31; Psalm 8]

TUESDAY, 2nd September 2.30pm Westbury Area Churches Town Prayers will be held at All Saints Church

WEDNESDAY, 3rd September First Steps are on their Summer Holidays. 11am Holy Communion at Chantry Court

AROUND THE TEAM

IN OUR PRAYERS Please pray for our new Team Administrator, Sharon Waggott, as she begins her role with us.

We also pray for Helen who is getting baptised at All Saints on 14th September, and for her family and friends as they join us that Sunday.

We also pray for Zara as she is baptised at Holy Saviour on Sunday, 21st September at 11am, for her family and godparents as they join us.

For all our Harvest services taking place this month and for our farmers and all who work on the land.

For two couples getting married at All Saints, on Thursday 4th and Saturday 6th.

We pray for our schools and pre-schools as they return this week. Please pray especially for Lindsay Clough, the new Headteacher at Westbury Junior School, that she may make a good start to her new role in our church school.

SUNDAY BRUNCHES IN WESTBURY Westbury Area Churches Together is having a stall at the Sunday brunch in the town centre today, Sunday, 31st August, 10am-2pm.

ADVERTISING THE TEAM VICAR ROLE The advert for our new Team Vicar in the White Horse Team has now been publicised in the church press as well as on our website and on Facebook. Please have a look at it and read the profile, if you would like to. You are welcome to advertise this amongst any clergy family or friends whom you know. We would like this to be widely advertised, as we pray for the right person to apply.

Prayer during the vacancy

Gracious God, you are with us always.

We thank you for guiding us by your Spirit

Through our life together as church.

We thank you for the ministry of Caroline,

And pray for your blessing on her.

We pray that we may hear your voice in this time of vacancy.

Give us patience, vision and courage as we seek a new priest and as we seek to make Jesus known in our communities, so that all may flourish and grow, seeking God's kingdom in the here and now.

In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING All those who hold any role in our churches such as sidespersons, welcomers, serving refreshments after services, working with children or vulnerable adults, are required to undertake basic and foundation levels safeguarding training. This can be done online through the Church of England training portal and if you are able to access this, please speak to Yvette Croft, Dilton parish safeguarding officer and she can provide you with the details. If you are not able to access this online, there is some in person training taking place on Friday, 12th September, from 1pm to 4pm at Christ Church, Warminster. You are required to book your place on this, so please contact Linda Smith on 01985 212138 or admin@christchurchwarminster.co.uk If you do this training, you will receive a certificate at the end which you are required to show to Yvette.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING IN OUR CHURCHES We shall be collecting items of non-perishable food to give to the Westbury Food Bank, so please bring along something to contribute.

Holy Saviour – Sunday, 14th September, 11am, including Holy Communion followed by refreshments.

All Saints – Sunday, 28th September, 10am. We are inviting our local uniformed organisations to join us for this service.

The Tin Church, Brokerswood – Wednesday, 1st October, 5pm with Bishop Andrew. The Bishop will be blessing the new work on the tower and the bell during this service. Followed by light refreshments.

Holy Trinity Dilton Marsh – Sunday, 5th October, 9.30am. This will be followed by a bring and share lunch.

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS Can you believe it is 25 years since Westbury Leigh Community Hall was established following the reordering of Holy Saviour church in 2000? There will be a celebration taking place at the hall, on Saturday, 20th September where cream teas will be served 2pm-5pm. This is being organised by Lily Munday and friends and is open to everyone.

TEAM OFFICE AND NEW ADMINISTRATOR Our new Administrator, Sharon, will start work Monday, 1st September. She comes from a background in housing management and has a great deal of experience in administration and IT. She is keen to start a new role supporting our mission and ministry in the White Horse Team. We have decorated the office during August to make it more welcoming and attractive. The office contact details will come back into use on 1st September: office@whtministry.org.uk 01373 859450. Please contact Sharon directly with any enquiries for baptisms,

weddings, funerals, burial of ashes, parish hall bookings etc. Sharon will need time to get used to her new role, so please be patient and give her your full support.

LITTLE LIGHTS Little Lights Stay and Play will resume after the summer break on Thursday, 4th September. West End Baptist Church, Westbury, 1pm-2.30pm for babies, toddlers and pre-school with their parents/carers/childminders.

NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS

TOWER TOURS As part of the Chilli Fest taking place in Westbury on Saturday, 20th September, All Saints is organising Tower Tours from 1pm to 4pm. If you have never been to the top of the tower at All Saints, then I would recommend it: on a clear day you can see for miles. We shall be serving some refreshments, there will be some craft activities for children, while you wait, and you can also explore our beautiful Grade 1 listed building at the same time! All welcome.

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. Thank you! <https://givealittle.co/c/hsH7EH7P5VMvwQcuIodWs>

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

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.

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.

7th For the steering group and all who are looking to develop our parish hall, that it may be an attractive and vibrant centre for community life.

NEWS FROM THE PEWS AT HOLY TRINITY

MONTHLY COFFEE MORNING AND VILLAGE MARKET Saturday, 6th September 10am – noon, HT 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.

ECO CHURCH - SEWING DAY #9 Saturday, 6th September 10am-4pm, Memorial Hall For nearly five years we have been supporting the work of the Pachamama Project. There are many ways you can help: you don't have to be able to sew; fabric needs cutting and pinning. If you have a sewing machine, bring it along and help with one of the assembly stages, instruction and help will be given. Refreshments will be available; if you are stopping all day, you might like to bring your lunch. Contact Lynne on vercoelynn@gmail.com for details.

QUIZ NIGHT & SUPPER Saturday, 13th September 7pm, Memorial Hall Join us for a sociable evening of questions and supper in aid of church funds. Doors open at 7pm and the quiz will start at 7.30pm. There will be a bar. Up to six people per table. Tickets £8 including a pasty. **Booking essential**, please phone for details: Sonja 07974 236040 or Garth 01373 822414

LOOKING AHEAD Some dates for your diary ...

Thursday, 18th September: Coffee Morning and Art Exhibition, 22 Petticoat Lane, DM, 10am-12.30. Fundraising for Holy Trinity and Westbury Food Bank.

Saturday, 4th and Sunday, 5th October: Holy Trinity Flower Festival over this weekend.

Saturday, 4th October: Monthly coffee morning and tabletop sale at Holy Trinity.

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 10.30am to noon.** We look forward to seeing you.

COMMUNITY BLESSINGS At Holy Trinity Church we pray regularly for our local community. During September we are particularly praying for those living or working in Lansdown Close and Fairways.

HOLY TRINITY PASTORAL CARE AND SUPPORT Do you need some support? If you would like a chat, prayers, spiritual, pastoral or practical support, please 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. For a visit, please contact Rev'd Rebecca Harris. We also have a completely confidential Prayer Chain. You can ask for prayers for yourself or, with their permission, for your family and friends. For prayers, please contact Sue Stanley suestanley.whtministry@gmail.com

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 7th September 2025

ALL SAINTS CHURCH – 9.30am Holy Communion

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH – 9.30am Praise and Worship

READINGS Philemon 1-2: Luke 14: 25-33

WEDNESDAY, 10th September

9.30am First Steps at All Saints

11am Holy Communion at All Saints

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