



Newsletter for week commencing 17th August 2025

THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

COLLECT

Gracious Father, revive your Church in our day, and make her holy, strong and faithful, for your glory's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord.

SERVICES

ALL SAINTS CHURCH – 9.30am Holy Communion

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH – 9.45am Café Style Church in the Memorial Hall

HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH – 11am Holy Communion

READINGS Hebrews 11.29-12.2; Luke 12.49-56

TUESDAY, 19th August 2.30pm Westbury Area Churches Town Prayers will be held at the Methodist Church

WEDNESDAY, 20th August First Steps at All Saints are on their Summer Holidays. 11am Holy Communion at Chantry Court

AROUND THE TEAM

IN OUR PRAYERS We pray for the family of Liam and his family and friends on his baptism at All Saints on Sunday, 24th August at 10am.

ADVERTISING THE TEAM VICAR ROLE The advert for our new Team Vicar in the White Horse Team will be publicised from the end of August 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.

TEAM OFFICE Thank you to all those who came and helped sort out and paint the Team Office ready for when our new Team Administrator arrives. It's not quite finished yet, but we are aiming to have it ready by Monday, 1st September. More details about opening times in September but in the meantime, if you need access, please contact one of the key holders, ie Rebecca, Beth Thomas or Ruth Hann. For all enquiries, please get in touch with Rev'd Rebecca Harris (contact details at end of newsletter) OR see our church information on www.achurchnearyou.com Sonja will be producing the Team newsletters during August.

SUNDAY BRUNCHES IN WESTBURY Westbury Area Churches Together is having a stall at the Sunday brunch in the town centre on Sunday, 31st August between 10am and 2pm. We know this clashes with our church services, but if anyone is available to go and help for a while on the stall later on, giving out bottles of water and flyers with our different church events and activities on, that would be great! If anyone is able to help, please contact either myself or Isabel Osborne ASAP and we can let the relevant person know from WACT. You may also like to go and have a look at the stall and support those on duty.

EDINGTON MUSIC FESTIVAL 2025 THE WAYS OF THE LORD The Edington Music Festival will be taking place from the evening of Sunday 17th – Sunday, 24th August. A full programme of services every day with top class choirs from some of the great Cathedrals, colleges and parish churches in the country will be performing within the church liturgical services of Mattins, Eucharist, Evensong and Compline. Brochures are available at All Saints or see the website: www.edingtonfestival.org. Choral Evensong on Wednesday, 20th August, 4pm will be recorded live by BBC Radio 3. These are not ticketed events. You have to go early to get a seat and to park.

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.

LITTLE LIGHTS The next Little Lights session will be on Thursday, 4th September.

NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS

BELL-RINGING ALL SAINTS Bell ringers will be attempting a Quarter Peal on Wednesday, 20th August from 7.30pm at All Saints Church.

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.

18th For all who work in our communications team: for the good impact of Christian Way, Facebook pages, notice sheets and websites in delivering our publicity.

19th For our fresh expressions of church, especially Café Church at Westbury Junior School each month.

20th For an openness to new forms of worship which may reach new people and encourage different people to join us in worshipping God.

21st 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.

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

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

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

NEWS FROM THE PEWS AT HOLY TRINITY

VISIT OF ARCHDEACON OF WILTS On Sunday, 10th August, we welcomed our new Archdeacon, the Ven Louise Ellis, to Holy Trinity where she delivered the sermon. Despite having a long drive home to Lilliput, nr Poole, she stayed for coffee and cake and many people took the opportunity to chat with her on this, her first, visit to the White Horse Team. She is involved in the recruitment process for our new Team Vicar and we look forward to seeing her again at some point following her move to Salisbury in September.

CLOCK REPAIR UPDATE As you are probably aware, the clock at Holy Trinity has been out of action for a few months. Initially the timing was out, then the chime didn't coincide with the time ... and finally one of the motors burned out and it had to be turned off altogether as it was tripping the electrics in the church. This motor has now been taken away by Cumbria Clocks, with whom we have a contract, and we await their quote for installing a new motor. Interestingly, this clock was manufactured by highly regarded clockmaker Benjamin Lewis Vulliamy (1780-1854), who also made a clock in the Royal Mews, Buckingham Palace.

LOOKING AHEAD Some dates for your diary in the next couple of months.

Sunday, 31st August: Praise and Worship service on the theme of Creation.

Saturday, 6th September: Pachamama Sewing Day at Dilton Memorial Hall and monthly coffee morning and tabletop sale at Holy Trinity.

Saturday, 13th September: Quiz and supper at Dilton Memorial Hall. Maximum of 6 to a team. 7pm for quiz start at 7.30pm. Bar available. The £8 ticket includes a pasty supper, and **pre-booking is a must**.

Speak to Sonja or Garth to book your seat or ring them on 07974 236040 [Sonja] 01373 822414 [Garth].

Wednesday, 1st October: Brokerswood Harvest Supper.

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.

Sunday, 5th October: Harvest Lunch after Praise and Worship service.

Look out for more details in the Parish Magazine, our Facebook page www.facebook.com/htc.diltonmarsh/ and posters around the village.

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.

USED FLOWERS/CHURCHYARD WASTE Please can all dead flowers, greenery and churchyard waste now be disposed of in the compost bins which can be found along the hedge at the back of the churchyard. Not in the wheelie bin. Thank you very much.

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 Sue Stanley suestanley.whtministry@gmail.com

THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 24th August 2025

ALL SAINTS CHURCH – 8am Holy Communion; 10am – All Age Worship with baptism

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH – 9.30am Holy Communion

READINGS Hebrews 12.18-end; Luke 13: 10-17

WEDNESDAY, 27th August

First Steps at All Saints are on their Summer Holidays

11am Holy Communion at All Saints

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 Sonja for the weekly newsletter on: whtcomms@whtministry.org.uk

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