



**Newsletter for week commencing
24th August 2025**

THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

COLLECT

Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

SERVICES

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

TUESDAY, 26th August 2.30pm Westbury Area Churches Town Prayers will be held at the Methodist Church

WEDNESDAY, 27th August First Steps at All Saints are on their Summer Holidays. 11am Holy Communion at All Saints

AROUND THE TEAM

IN OUR PRAYERS We pray for the family of Liam and his family and friends on his baptism at All Saints today, 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 at the end of this month 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.

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. It would be lovely to see people from across our Team who have enjoyed visits, events and services there over the last 25 years.

TEAM OFFICE If you need access to the Team Office this month, 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

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.

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

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.

25th For diligence and compassion for all those in leadership roles in our parish.

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

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

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.

NEWS FROM THE PEWS AT HOLY TRINITY

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE We have now purchased a Book of Remembrance for the church. This lovely item sits inside the new display case near the prayer area. We will be arranging for it to be inscribed with the names of loved ones. Further information to follow.

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

ECO CHURCH - SEWING DAY #9 Saturday, 6th September 10am-4pm, Memorial Hall For nearly five years that 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.

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, 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.

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 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

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, contact Rev'd Rebecca Harris. For prayers, contact Sue Stanley suestanley.whtministry@gmail.com

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

Contact details for the White Horse Team: Rev'd Rebecca Harris teamrector@whtministry.org.uk 01373 822209

THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 31st August 2025

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

WEDNESDAY, 3rd September

11am Holy Communion, Chantry Court

First Steps at All Saints are on Summer Holidays