



**Newsletter for week commencing  
10<sup>th</sup> August 2025**

## **THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

### **COLLECT**

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **SERVICES**

**ALL SAINTS CHURCH** – 9.30am Holy Communion  
**HOLY TRINITY CHURCH** – 9.30am Holy Communion  
**HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH** – 11am Holy Communion

**READINGS** Hebrews 1. 1-3,8-16; Luke 12.32-40

**TUESDAY, 12<sup>th</sup> August** 2.30pm Westbury Area Churches Town Prayers will be held at the Methodist Church

**WEDNESDAY, 13<sup>th</sup> August** First Steps at All Saints are on Summer Holidays 11am Holy Communion at All Saints

## **AROUND THE TEAM**

**IN OUR PRAYERS** We were sorry to hear of the death of Lewis Thomas, a member of All Saints church and choir, in mid-July. We are praying for his family and all who mourn his loss. If we hear about funeral arrangements, we shall let you know.

We pray for the family of Liam and his family and friends on his baptism at All Saints on Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> August, 10.00am.

**NEW TEAM ADMINISTRATOR** We are pleased to announce that we have appointed Sharon Waggott as our new Team Administrator for the WH Team. Sharon comes to us with much experience of administration in housing management. She has excellent skills in administration and IT. She lives in Calne but frequently visits family in Westbury. Sharon will be starting with us on Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> September and we hope you will give her a warm welcome.

**RETIREMENT OF LYNNE VERCOE: Change of office hours** Following Lynne's retirement as our Team Administrator, please note that the **Team Office will be closed** to the public while it undergoes cleaning and sprucing up. 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](http://www.achurchnearyou.com) Sonja will be producing the Team newsletters during August.

**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.**

**MOTHERS' UNION MARY SUMNER TEA PARTY** This will be held in Westbury Parish hall at 3.00pm on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> August. All welcome.

**LITTLE LIGHTS** The next Little Lights session will be on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> September.

**EDINGTON MUSIC FESTIVAL 2025: THE WAYS OF THE LORD** The Edington Music Festival will be taking place from the evening of Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.edingtonfestival.org). 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](mailto: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.

## NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS

**BELL-RINGING ALL SAINTS** We have some visiting ringers who will be ringing the bells at All Saints Church tower on Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> August, 2.00-3.00pm. There will also be a Quarter Peal attempted on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> August, 7.30pm.

**COLLECTION FOR MARIDI** We shall be having a collection over coffee at All Saints this morning, Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> August, for our link with Maridi in South Sudan. There will be a reminder at the servery about this. Please be generous as we support the different projects in a vulnerable part of the world.

**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.

11<sup>th</sup> For our love for and care for God's creation and the environment in which we are set and for our involvement in Eco Church: that we may consider the environment as we plan our different activities.

12<sup>th</sup> For our Bishops, senior staff and all who serve us in the diocese of Salisbury and our Cathedral church.

13<sup>th</sup> For all who hold offices in our church: churchwardens, safeguarding officer, PCC members: that they may be faithful and diligent in their responsibilities.

14<sup>th</sup> For the local organisations with whom we work as we seek to reach out to the vulnerable and those in need in our town: the Town Council, Westbury Area Network, Food Bank and Crosspoint.

15<sup>th</sup> For the work of our disability and church inclusion group as we seek to make our services, buildings and activities accessible for a wide range of different needs and abilities.

16<sup>th</sup> For all who work in administration in our parish: our Team Administrator, PA, PCC secretary, PCC Treasurer and others, giving thanks for their efficiency and support.

17<sup>th</sup> For all our funding and grant applications for our buildings and projects: that they may be successful.

## NEWS FROM THE PEWS AT HOLY TRINITY

**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 9.30am. 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.

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

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

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

Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> 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].

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

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

Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> October: Harvest Lunch after Praise and Worship service.

Look out for more details in the next Parish Magazine, our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/htc.diltonmarsh/](http://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 12.00.** 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](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: Rev'd Rebecca Harris. For prayers, please contact Sue Stanley – details above.

### THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 17<sup>th</sup> August 2025

**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

**WEDNESDAY, 20<sup>th</sup> August**

First Steps at All Saints are on their Summer Holidays

11am Holy Communion at Chantry Court

**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, Beth Thomas for the e newsletter, Tess for the Holy Trinity Parish Magazine and the team office for the weekly newsletter on: [whtcomms@whtministry.org.uk](mailto:whtcomms@whtministry.org.uk)

**Contact details for Rev'd Rebecca Harris:** [teamrector@whtministry.org.uk](mailto:teamrector@whtministry.org.uk) 01373 822209