



Newsletter for week commencing 14 September 2025

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY **The Holy Cross**

COLLECT

Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

SERVICES

Sunday 14 September 2025:

All Saints Church: 9.30am Holy Communion and Adult Baptism, **Holy Trinity Church:** 9.30 am Holy Communion.

Readings: Phillipians 2:6-11, John 3:13-17

Cafe Church, Westbury Junior School: 9.45am, **Holy Saviour, Westbury Leigh: Harvest Service at:** 11am,
Tuesday 16 September: 2.30pm Westbury Area Churches Town Prayers will be held at All Saints Church.

Wednesday 17 September: 9.30am First Steps at All Saints, **11am** Holy Communion at Chantry Court.

AROUND THE TEAM

ADVERTISING THE TEAM VICAR ROLE

The advert for our new Team Vicar in the White Horse Team has now been advertised. Please advertise this amongst any clergy family or friends. 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.**

IN OUR PRAYERS: Please pray for Helen who will be baptised at All Saints on 14 September, and for her family and friends as they join us this Sunday. We also pray for Zara as she is baptised at Holy Saviour on Sunday, 21 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. 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.

We are sorry to announce that Ken Wood passed away on Monday 8 September. Our prayers are with Ken, his family and friends. Funeral arrangements to be announced.

Anniversary of Ordination: This month, on the Feast of Michaelmas, 29th September, both Revd Rebecca and Revd Margaret will be celebrating their 30th anniversary of ordination as deacons. Rebecca was ordained in Gloucester Cathedral on this day in 1995 and Margaret at Salisbury Cathedral. We give thanks to God for many years of Christian ministry. Please pray for us both as we continue to serve God and his people and for his sustaining over this time.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

All those who hold any role in our churches such as sides persons, 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.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING IN OUR CHURCHES

We shall be collecting items of non-perishable food to give to the Westbury Food Bank, please bring along something to contribute.

Holy Saviour: Sunday 14 September at 11am including Holy Communion followed by refreshments.

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

The Tin Church, Brokerswood: Wednesday 1 October at 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 5 October at 9.30am. This will be followed by a bring and share lunch.

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS

Wow! it is 25 years since Westbury Leigh Community Hall was established following the reordering of Holy Saviour church in 2000. There is a celebration taking place at the hall, on **Saturday 20 September.** Afternoon Tea will be served **2pm-5pm.** This event is organised by Lily Munday & friends and is open to all. It would be lovely to see people from across our Team who have enjoyed visits/events/services there over the last 25 years.

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.

CHILLI FEST: Saturday 20 September at the Parish Hall from 1pm – 4pm. Please feel free to pop along. Any profits will go towards the hall repair funds.

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. All donations gratefully received. You can use this link to donate: <https://givealittle.co/c/hsH7EH7P5VMvwQcuIodWs>

Time to Remember Service: Sunday 26 October at 3.00 pm. The service will be held at All Saints Church, Westbury.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL WEEKEND: The festival will take place at All Saints Church. If you can help out during the festival, please contact Debbie on 07763323475.

Tea, Cake and Company: This month will be on Tuesday 23 September from 3.00 – 4.00 pm at All Saints Church. All welcome.

WESTBURY PARISH PRAYER DIARY

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

15th 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.

16th 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.

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

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.

NEWS FROM THE PEWS AT HOLY TRINITY

Thursday 18 September: Coffee Morning and Art Exhibition, 22 Petticoat Lane, DM, 10am-12.30. Fundraising for Holy Trinity and Westbury Food Bank. **Sunday, 5 October:** Holy Trinity Flower Festival weekend.

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

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

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 do call a member of the Holy Trinity Ministry 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 Prayer Chain, which is completely confidential. 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

LITTLE LIGHTS: Little Lights Stay and Play is held on Thursdays at West End Baptist Church, Westbury, 1pm-2.30pm (term time only). This group is for babies, toddlers and pre-school with their parents/carers/childminders.

The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity Sunday 21 September 2025

All Saints Church: 9.30am Holy Communion, **Readings** 2 Corinthians 4: 7-12, John 1: 1-14

Cafe Church, Dilton Marsh Memorial Hall: 9.45 **Holy Saviour, Westbury Leigh:** 11am Morning Praise and Baptism
Readings 1 Timothy 2:1-7, Luke 16: 1-13

Wednesday 24 September: 9.30am: First Steps, **11am:** Holy Communion All Saints Church

WHT COMMS TEAM

The email address for any church related news/events is: whtcomms@whtministry.org.uk

This will reach: Isabel Osborne, 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.

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

Parish Office Opening Times: The opening times of the parish office are:

Monday: 9.30am - 2pm

Tuesday: 9.30am - 12.30pm

Thursday: 9.30am - 3.30pm

You can contact the email by email to: office@whtministry.org.uk or by phone on 01373859450.