



Newsletter for week commencing 28 September 2025

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Collect: Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Services

Sunday 28 September 2025

All Saints Church: 8am Holy Communion,

Readings: 1 Timothy 6: 6-19, Luke 16: 19-end

Holy Trinity Church: 9.30am 2 Corinthians 4: 7-12, John 1: 1-14

All Saints Church: 10am Harvest Thanksgiving and Parade Service

Readings: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Wednesday 1 October - 9.30am: First Steps, **11am:** Holy Communion Chantry Court,

5pm: Harvest Thanksgiving at Brokerswood

AROUND THE TEAM

ADVERTISING THE TEAM VICAR ROLE

The closing date for applications is 10th October. Shortlisting will take place on 23rd. Please pray for all those involved in this appointment: for our Bishop Andrew, Archdeacon Louise, Rural Dean Clifford, your parish representatives and myself. We are praying that the right person will apply and that we will have candidates to interview. Please continue to pray the vacancy prayer during this time. Thank you.

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

The funeral for Ken Wood, who sadly passed away earlier this month, will be held on Wednesday 8 October at 11.30 am at St George's RC Church in Warminster. Please pray for Ken's family and friends during this difficult time.

Anniversary of Ordination: 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 and Margaret at Salisbury Cathedral in 1995. 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.

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.

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:** We are asking for cereals, grains and pulses to be given to the Food Bank. You will have the opportunity during the service to bring up any gifts. Followed by a 'bring and share' lunch. Please sign the sheets at the back of the church to confirm your meal contributions.

NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS

BAPTISM PREPERATION SESSION: Sunday 19 October. All Saints church at 2.30 pm. This is for all families who are seeking baptism (christening) for their children. At this session we look at what's involved in the service and consider the baptism promises as well as the duties of the parent/god parent and how you can support your child as they grow up within the Christian faith. We will also book in the dates for the service. Please book your place with Sharon in the Team office by email to office@whtministry.org.uk or by phone on 01373 859450. Any adult or young person enquiring about baptism or confirmation, please contact Revd Rebecca directly.

TIME TO REMEMBER SERVICE: Sunday 26 October at 3pm. The service will be held at All Saints Church, Westbury.

BISHOP ANDREW CONFIRMATION SERVICE: Sunday 30th November. Bishop Andrew will lead a Confirmation Service at All Saints Westbury on Sunday 30th November at 10am. We have three candidates from Westbury and Dilton Marsh. This is a very special occasion. If anyone else is interested in getting baptised and/or confirmed at this service please be in touch with me as soon as possible, so we can arrange some appropriate preparation in time. Please note that there will be no other services in our churches on this day.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL WEEKEND: The festival will take place at All Saints Church from **5 – 7 December**. If you can help at the festival, please contact Debbie on 07763323475.

SPONSOR A KEY - ORGAN APPEAL: Please help us to raise £8,000 to restore the organ in All Saints Church. You can sponsor a key for £10 or a pedal for £15. Please email wcw2@whtministry.org.uk or look out for the posters to donate.

KEEP THE FLAG FLYING: Thank you to all who donated to help us to keep the flag flying? We have now reached our target. Can you help us to keep the flag flying?

WESTBURY PARISH PRAYER DIARY

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

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.

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 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.

NEWS FROM THE PEWS AT HOLY TRINITY

SATURDAY 4 OCTOBER: Monthly coffee morning and tabletop sale at Holy Trinity.

SUNDAY 5 October: Holy Trinity Flower Festival weekend.

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

WEDNESDAY 15 OCTOBER: Meeting of Deanery Synod 7pm for 7.15pm. If anyone who is not on Deanery Synod would be interested in attending as an observer you would be very welcome.

COFFEE AT THE WEAVERS: Members of Holy Trinity Church and friends meet at The Weavers for tea, coffee, cake and chat. All welcome! Every Wednesday 10.30am to noon.

COMMUNITY BLESSINGS: At Holy Trinity Church we pray regularly for our local community. During October please pray, particularly, for those living and working in Fairwood Road and Fairhaven.

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

The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 5 October 2025

All Saints Church: 9.30am Holy Communion,

Readings: 2 Timothy 1: 1-14, Luke 17: 5-10

Holy Trinity Church: 9.30am Harvest Praise and Worship and lunch.

Readings: To be advised

Wednesday 8 October - 9.30am: First Steps, **11am:** Holy Communion Chantry Court.

Thursday 9 October - 4pm: Celtic Evening Prayer Holy Trinity Church

Visit of Bishop Moses and Mama Rejoice to the Heytesbury Deanery

We are welcoming Bishop Moses and his wife Mama Rejoice to our parishes during their visit to the Deanery in October. On Wednesday 8th at 2.30pm, Mama Rejoice will be joining the meeting of the Westbury and Dilton Marsh Mothers Union at the Parish Hall, Westbury. On Thursday 9th Bishop Moses and his wife will be at the Minster in Warminster for midday prayers. Lunch will be served afterwards. There is no charge for the lunch but a donation at the end would be appreciated. Please contact our Maridi representative Anne Thompson to book your place on 01373 825838.

On Thursday 9th, Bishop Moses and Mama Rejoice will be visiting Holy Trinity, Dilton Marsh for a service of Celtic Evening Prayer at 4pm, at which Bishop Moses will give a short reflection. If you can bring a cake for refreshments afterwards, please let us know by writing your name on the sheet at the back of the church. Thank you. All welcome!

Meeting of Greater Chapter

There will be a meeting of Greater Chapter for the Heytesbury Deanery on Saturday 4 October from 9.30 – 11.30am at Christ Church, Warminster. This is for all those who hold a licence or commissioning as a member of clergy, Licensed Lay Minister, Lay Pastoral Assistant or Lay Worship Leader. The Archdeacon of Wiltshire will be attending and will address us. There will be worship and discussion in groups. If anyone would like a lift, please get in touch with Rebecca.

WHITE HORSE TEAM CONTACT DETAILS

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Office Operating Hours: Mon: 9.30–2pm, Tues: 9.30–12pm, Thurs: 9.30–2.30pm.