

Newsletter for week commencing 5 October 2025 Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Collect: Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Services 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: 2 Corinthians 9: 6-15 Wednesday 8 October

- 9.30am: First Steps, 11am: Holy Communion Chantry Court.

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

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.

Please pray for the family and friends of Ken Wood, whose funeral will be taking place at St George's RC Church on Wednesday 8 October at 11.30 am.

Please pray for Tommy McPhillips who will be baptised at All Saints' Church on Sunday 12 October at the 9.30am service and for Primrose Elliott as she is baptised also at All Saints' Church on Sunday 26 October at our 10am service.

Town Prayers on Tuesday afternoons from 2.30 – 3.00pm: Town prayers in October will be held at West End Baptist Church every Tuesday afternoon. All welcome.

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 should contact Revd Rebecca directly.

TIME TO REMEMBER SERVICE: Sunday 26 October at 3pm. All Saints Church, Westbury. This service provides the opportunity to remember loved ones who have died over the year.

TEA, CAKE & COMPANY: Tuesday 28 October 3-4pm at the Westbury Parish Hall. All welcome.

THE MOTHERS' UNION PATRONAL FESTIVAL: Wednesday 5 November at All Saints' Church at 2.30pm. Followed by tea and cake. All welcome.

BISHOP ANDREW CONFIRMATION SERVICE: Sunday 30 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. More details to follow.

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 $\underline{wcw2@whtministry.org.uk.}$ or scan the QR code to donate. Thank you.



WESTBURY PARISH PRAYER DIARY

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

6th For all who work with children and families through our children's events during the year: Little Lights, First Steps to Worship, the Light Party, summer and Easter Fun mornings.

7th For the steering group and all who are looking to develop our parish hall, that it may be an attractive and vibrant centre for community life.

8th For our Director of Music, organists, choir, Musicians and all who lead us in the musical life of our churches

9th For our growing relationship with our brother and sisters in Christ in Westbury Area Churches Together: that we may collaborate in our mission and ministry in our town.

10th For all who care for and maintain our church buildings at All Saints, Holy Saviour, the Parish Hall and Westbury Leigh Community hall.

11th 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.

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

NEWS FROM THE PEWS AT HOLY TRINITY

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 Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity Sunday 12 October 2025 Services

All Saints Church: 9.30am Holy Communion with Baptism Holy Trinity Church, Dilton Marsh: 9.30am Holy Communion Cafe Church, Westbury Junior School: 9.45am Holy Saviour Church, Westbury Leigh: 11am Holy Communion

Readings: 2 Timothy 2:8-15, Luke 17:11-19

Wednesday 15 October - 9.30am: First Steps, 11am: Holy Communion at Chantry Court.

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 8 October 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 Anne Thompson to book your place on **01373 825838**. Also on Thursday 9th, Bishop Moses and Mama Rejoice will be visiting Holy Trinity, Dilton Marsh for a service of Celtic Evening Prayer at 4pm, Bishop Moses will give a short reflection. If you can bring a cake for refreshments afterwards, please write your name on the sheet at the back of the church. Thank you. All welcome!

Westbury Choral Society: Come & Sing Day, featuring the Faure Requiem on Saturday 18 October from 11am-6pm. Registration from 10.30am, rehearsals am and pm followed by informal performance 5-5.45pm, to which friends and family are invited. The fee is £12 (\pm £3 for music hire), cash or card accepted. No need to book \pm just turn up!

Light Party: Friday 31 October, Westbury Leigh Community Hall from 2.30–4.00pm. A fun event for primary school aged children (younger siblings welcome). We will learn about how Jesus, light of the world, brings light in the darkness and helps us to glow in the dark! Fun includes crafts, games, songs and a party snack. Dress in your best sparkly or bright colourful outfit. This is a free event, but donations are welcomed. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. If you require any further information, please contact Judith Newton 07787830390.

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.

WHITE HORSE TEAM CONTACT DETAILS

Comms Team: For any church related news or events email: whtcomms@whtministry.org.uk This is for the e-newsletter and for the Holy Trinity Parish Magazine and for the weekly newsletter.

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