

Newsletter for week commencing 12 October 2025 The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Collect: Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life: deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

AROUND THE TEAM

ADVERTISING THE TEAM VICAR ROLE: Shortlisting for the vacancy will take place on 23rd October. 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 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. This service is also for any of our church members or people in the community who would like to remember a loved one who has died at any time. We read out their names in the service. Tea, coffee and cake are served at the end. There is no need to book. Please just turn up with your families and friends. This is a Team service for all our churches this 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 being 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**. This is a very popular event, so please contact the Team Administrator for an application form should be interested in displaying a tree. If you can help at the festival, please contact Debbie on 07763323475. More having a tree in the festival. details to follow.

SPONSOR A KEY - ORGAN APPEAL: Please help us to raise £8,000 to restore the organ in All Saints Church. The organ is an important part of the church. You can sponsor a key for £10 or a pedal for £15. Please email $\frac{wcw2@whtministry.org.uk.}{wcw2@whtministry.org.uk.}$ 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.

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

14th 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.

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.

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 Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity Sunday 19 October 2025 Services

All Saints Church: 9.30am Holy Communion Cafe Church, Dilton Marsh Memorial Hall: 9.45am Holy Saviour Church, Westbury Leigh: 11am Holy Communion Readings: 2 Timothy 3:14-4.5 8-15, Luke 18:1-8

Wednesday 22 October - 9.30am: First Steps, 11am: Holy Communion at Chantry Court.

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 - 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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Office Operating Hours: Mon: 9.30am - 2.30pm, Tues: 9.30am - 12 noon, Thurs: 9.30am-3.30pm.