



Notice Sheet for week commencing 30 November 2025 - Advent Sunday

Collect: Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

SERVICES

All Saints Church: 10am Holy Communion and Confirmation Team Service

Readings: Isaiah 2: 1-5, Matthew 24: 36-44

Wednesday 3 December

9.30am: First Steps at All Saints' Church

11am: Holy Communion at Chantry Court

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

These are the words that will be used for the Advent Candle Lighting in our churches this week:

Chorus: Light the candle, look ahead, Jesus Christ will soon be born. We sing his praise and count the days 'til Christmas morn.

Verse: The first light is for all who wait the coming of God's son. We know that he will keep his word as he has done since time begun.

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IN OUR PRAYERS

Please pray for all those who were confirmed by our Bishop at our special service on Sunday 30th November: Helen, Michelle, Sarah, Frank, and Florence. Pray that God may continue to be at work in them over these early days of their Christian life. We also pray for the child to be baptised in Holy Trinity Dilton Marsh on 7th December. We pray for all those coming through our doors for our Christmas events and services, for good conversations and a warm welcome. For all our local schools and pre-schools: children, staff and parents coming into our churches for their Christmas services.

Town Prayers on Tuesday afternoons from 2.30 – 3.00pm: Town prayers in December will be held at St Bernadettes' Church. All welcome.

NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL: The festival will take place at All Saints Church from 5 – 7 December. Timings: Friday 5 December 2PM – 7PM, Saturday 6 December 10am – 7.30pm, Sunday 7 December 11am – 4pm. If you can help at any time during the festival, please contact Debbie on 07763323475.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH CHRISTINGLE SERVICE: Sunday 7th December at 4.00 pm. Come along to this year's Christingle Service amongst the Christmas Trees at the end of our popular Christmas Tree Festival. We share the Christingle as a reminder of Jesus' birth and his purpose in coming to earth. This is a service suitable for all ages. Last year we had a babe in arms as well as several members of our local nursing homes and a local resident aged 99! It was wonderful! We look forward to welcoming you!

MOTHER'S UNION CAROL SERVICE: All Saints' Church on Wednesday 10th December at 2.30 pm with seasonal refreshments.

WESTBURY TOWN CAROL SERVICE: Wednesday 17 December at 6.30 pm at All Saints' Church. We look forward to welcoming our local community to our church for Carols by candlelight. We are inviting local community leaders to take part by doing some readings. If anyone is interested in joining the choir for this occasion, our rehearsals take place on Thursday evenings from 7.00 pm in All Saints church. No audition necessary, but we hope you can sing in tune! We have three rehearsals left before the service. Please be in touch with Ruth Hann or our Director of Music, Ian McManus.

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. Donating is easy. You can donate directly to Ruth Hann, or you can scan the QR code on the posters displayed or you can visit this link: <https://givealittle.co/c/asorganfund>.

CHRISTMAS CARDS ARE STILL ON SALE: All Saints Choir are also selling Christmas cards to raise funds for our organ restoration appeal. There are six cards of two unique designs in each pack selling for £3 per pack. The cards are available after services in All Saints Church or, you may order them from Ruth Hann on 01373823550.

WESTBURY PARISH PRAYER DIARY

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

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 different 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.

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.

NEWS FROM THE PEWS AT HOLY TRINITY

CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING, TABLETOP SALE and CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE: Saturday 6 December between 10am and 12 noon. At Holy Trinity Church. Raffle to be drawn at 11am. All welcome! Free Christmas cupcakes for all!

We are still hoping for donations of food items (in date!) or cash to cover the cost of the hamper. If you can contribute, please give to Jenny Denton. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE WITH WARMINSTER BAND: Sunday 21st December at 6pm at HT, seasonal refreshments will be served after the service.

CHRISTMAS MEAL AND PARTY: Can you help at a Christmas event for villagers? Dilton Memorial Hall Trustees are organising a Christmas Meal and Party for the community on Sunday, December 28 in the hall. They want to provide a warm, welcoming afternoon with good food, and company and maybe a little dancing. Helpers are needed on the day to serve, wash up, provide transport, and to donate presents for Santa's sack. Please contact Trustee Jenny Jones dmhtrustees@gmail.com or phone 07811121494.

COFFEE AT THE WEAVERS: Members of Holy Trinity Church and friends meet at The Weavers for tea, coffee, cake, and chat. This is a fantastic opportunity to meet new people. Families with children are welcome to come along too. Every Wednesday 10.30am to noon.

COMMUNITY BLESSINGS: At Holy Trinity Church we pray regularly for our local community. During December please pray, particularly, for those living and working in Atyeo Close and Alan Powell Lane.

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

NEWS FROM THE TIN CHURCH AT BROKERSWOOD

CAROL SERVICE: 23 December at 6pm. Followed by refreshments.

NEWS FROM HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH, WESTBURY LEIGH

CAROL AND NATIVITY SERVICE: Monday 22 December at 6pm. Come dressed as your favourite nativity character. Followed by seasonal refreshments.

COMING UP AND OTHER FEATURES

Second Sunday of Advent - Sunday 7 December:

All Saints' Church: 9.30am Holy Communion, 4pm Christingle, **Holy Trinity Church:** 9.30am Prayer and Worship with Baptism, **The Hollies at Westbury Leigh:** 7pm Carols in the Pub

Readings: Isaiah 11: 1-10, Matthew 3: 1-12

Wednesday 10 December: 9.30am: First Steps at All Saints' Church, **11am:** Holy Communion at Chantry Court, **2.30pm:** Mother's Union Carol Service at All Saints' Church

CAROL SINGING IN OUR LOCAL NURSING AND RESIDENTIAL HOMES IN WESTBURY: We have arranged to go along to some of our local nursing homes and residential homes to sing some favourite carols. This is what we have arranged:

Monday 15th December: Westbury Care Home, Warminster Rd at 2.30 pm

Monday 15th December: Chantry Court at 4pm

Thursday 18th December: Watersmead Care home, White Horse Way at 3pm

Carol sheets will be provided. All welcome.

WACT SONGS of PRAISE: West End Baptist Church on Sunday 30th November at 6pm. Everyone is welcome to attend the service which marks the end of the bi-centenary celebration.

TEA, CAKE and COMPANY: There will be no gathering in December. The next session will be held at the Parish Hall on Tuesday 27 January from 3pm – 4pm.

LITTLE LIGHTS: Little Lights Stay and Play Christmas Party will be held on Thursday 18 December 1pm – 2.30 pm at West End Baptist Church. There is no need to book, just come along. There will be a donation box at the door for the usual £1.50 payment, but you can donate more if you are able to. You may wish to bring extra cash to our sessions in November and December as we will be selling preloved items of clothing as well as preloved toys. Little Lights Stay and Play is held on Thursdays at West End Baptist Church, Westbury, 1pm-2.30pm (term time only).

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.

Team Rector: Rev'd Rebecca Harris 01373822209 or email: teamrector@whtministry.org.uk.

Parish Office-Team Administrator: Sharon Waggott 01373 859450 or by email to office@whtministry.org.uk.

The office hours are changing. From 14 December, the operating hours for the Parish Office will be:

Tuesday 9am – 12noon, Wednesday 10am – 3pm & Thursday 10am – 3pm.