



## Notice Sheet: 21 and 28 December 2025

### Sunday 21 December - Fourth Sunday of Advent:

**Collect:** Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Wednesday 24 December - Christmas Eve:

**Collect:** Almighty God, as we prepare with joy to celebrate the gift of the Christ-child, embrace the earth with your glory and be for us a living hope in Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Thursday 25 December - Christmas Day:

**Collect:** Lord Jesus Christ, your birth at Bethlehem draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth: accept our heartfelt praise as we worship you, our Saviour and our eternal God.

### Christmas Services

#### Sunday 21 December

**All Saints' Church:** 9.30am Holy Communion, **Holy Trinity Church:** 9.30am Nativity Service,

**Holy Saviour Church:** 11am Holy Communion

**Holy Trinity Church:** 6pm Carol Service with Warminster Band

**Readings:** Isaiah 7: 10-16, Matthew 1: 18- end

#### Monday 22 December

**Westbury Leigh Community Hall:** 6pm Nativity and Carol Service

#### Tuesday 23 December

**Tin Church at Brokerswood:** 6pm Carol Service

#### Christmas Eve- Wednesday 24 December

**All Saints' Church:** 4pm Crib Service, 11.30pm Midnight Communion, **Holy Trinity Church:** 11.30pm Midnight Communion

**Readings:** Isaiah 52: 7-10, John 1: 1-14

#### Christmas Day – Thursday 25 December

**All Saints Church:** 8am Holy Communion, 9.30am Holy Communion, **Holy Trinity Church:** 9.30am Holy Communion

**Holy Saviour Church:** 10am Holy Communion

**Readings:** Isaiah 52: 7-10, John 1: 1-14



### ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

#### 21 December

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 fourth light shines for Mary's sake to whom God's will was voiced. She could not understand it all and yet rejoiced with heart and voice.

**Chorus:** Light the candle, look ahead....

#### Christmas Day

**Chorus:** Light the candle, joy is here. Jesus Christ has now been born, we sing his praise this day of days, for with his coming comes the dawn, for with his coming comes the dawn.

**Verse:** We light Christ's candle, shining clear for those who use their sight. Welcome to our Lord and King who brings his light to darkest night.

**Chorus:** Light the candle, joy is here....

### Sunday 28 December - First Sunday of Christmas:

**Collect:** God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love: gather the nations to be one family and draw us into your holy life through the birth of Emmanuel, our Lord Jesus Christ.

### Services

**All Saints' Church:** 9.30am Holy Communion, **Holy Trinity Church:** 9.30am Holy Communion

#### Wednesday 31 December

**11am:** Holy Communion at Chantry Court

### IN OUR PRAYERS

Please 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**

**ALL SAINTS CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL:** Thank you to all who supported the Christmas Tree Festival this year. We raised approximately £3000 for church funds. Thank you!

**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>. **LAST CHANCE TO PURCHASE CHRISTMAS CARDS:** All Saints Choir are still 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

### **WESTBURY PARISH PRAYER DIARY:**

We seek to make Jesus known in Westbury by being a confident, joyful and prayerful community. **22nd** That God may call new people to share in our mission, outreach and ministry in our parish: that they may grow and flourish; **23rd** For all who serve as sidespersons in our parish: that they may offer a warm welcome and hospitality to all who come among us; **24th** For the growing sense of community in our churches: that we may love one another as Christ loves us; **25th** For diligence and compassion for all those in leadership roles in our parish; **26th** For our prayer network, all who lead prayers of intercession and all who pray with us and for us; **27th** For the Mothers Union and all our church groups, that they may grow and flourish; **28th** For good stewardship of our finances, buildings, land and fabric; for all of us who share in this responsibility; **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. **31st** For the work of the Holy Spirit to guide, inspire, enable and equip us in our ministry and mission in our parish; **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.

### **NEWS FROM THE PEWS AT HOLY TRINITY:**

**CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE WITH WARMINSTER BAND:** Sunday 21 December at 6pm. Followed by seasonal refreshments.

**CHRISTMAS MEAL AND PARTY:** Dilton Memorial Hall Trustees are organising a Christmas Meal and Party for the community on Sunday 28 December in the hall. The aim is to provide a warm, welcoming afternoon with tasty food and company and a little dancing! Helpers are needed to serve, wash up, provide transport, and to donate presents for Santa's sack. Please contact Trustee Jenny Jones [dmhtrustees@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:suestanley.whtministry@gmail.com)

### **COMING UP & REGULAR FEATURES**

#### **Epiphany: Sunday 4 January - Services**

**All Saints' Church:** 9.30am Holy Communion, **Holy Trinity Memorial Hall:** 9.30am Praise and Worship

**Readings:** Isaiah 60: 1-6, Matthew 3: 13-end

#### **Wednesday 7 January**

**9.30 am** First Steps, All Saints' Church, **11am** Holy Communion Chantry Court

**LITTLE LIGHTS:** There will be no Little Lights Stay and Play this Thursday. Sessions are held on Thursdays at West End Baptist Church, Westbury, 1pm-2.30pm during term time only.

**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.

**CHANTRY COURT BISTRO:** Mon-Fri, 9am-3pm. For coffee and conversation. Enjoy a free pastry with every hot drink from 1 Jan – 28 Feb 2026.

### **WHITE HORSE TEAM CONTACT DETAILS**

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

**Team Rector:** Revd Rebecca Harris 01373822209 or email: [teamrector@whtministry.org.uk](mailto:teamrector@whtministry.org.uk).

**Parish Office-Team Administrator:** Sharon Waggott 01373 859450 or by email to [office@whtministry.org.uk](mailto:office@whtministry.org.uk). the office will be closed from 24<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup> December and on 1 January.

***Wishing you a blessed and joyous Christmas filled with peace and love***

