



Notice Sheet: 14 December 2025 Third Sunday of Advent

Collect: God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord.

SERVICES

Holy Trinity Church: 9.30am Holy Communion, **All Saints' Church:** 9.30am Holy Communion, **Westbury Junior School:** 9.45am Cafe Church, **Holy Saviour Church:** 11am Holy Communion, **St Mary's Church, Old Dilton:** 5pm Carol Service

Readings: Isaiah 35: 1-10, Matthew 11: 2-11

Wednesday 17 December

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

6.30pm: Carol Service at All Saints' Church

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 third light is for Baptist John who in the desert bare cried 'Jesus, Lord is coming soon so now prepare a welcome here'.

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

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, led and took part in the Christmas Tree Festival last weekend. It was a great community event, and we were pleased to welcome some 1800 people through our doors! I am pleased to say that we raised approximately £3000 for church funds which is a fantastic result! The raffle was drawn on Saturday 13th and winners of the prizes will be notified directly. All trees looked amazing but the tree with the most votes was tree number **20**, Westbury Scouts, Cubs and Beavers. A very well done to you! All support for this event has been much appreciated. Revd Rebecca Harris.

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. 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. 20th For an openness to new forms of worship which may reach new people and encourage different people to join us in worshipping God. 21st For good use of all our gifts and resources: that everyone would be encouraged to explore their calling and how they may use their gifts, time, and love to build up the community of faith.

NEWS FROM THE PEWS AT HOLY TRINITY

SCRATCH NATIVITY: Holy Trinity Church, Sunday 21 December at 9.30am. Come dressed up as your favourite nativity character (optional). Also, on 21 December at 6pm we have the **CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE WITH WARMINSTER BAND**, 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 (a little dancing, perhaps). 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 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 Revd 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

COMING UP AND OTHER FEATURES

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: **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.**

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).

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.



Christmas Services

Sunday 21 December

All Saints' Church: 9.30am Holy Communion, **Holy Trinity Church:** 9.45am 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

Sunday 28 December

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

Wednesday 31 December

11am: Holy Communion at Chantry Court



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. Operating hours for the Parish Office have changed and are now: Tuesday 9am – 12noon, Wednesday 10am – 3pm, Thursday 10am – 3pm

Keep in Touch

Did you know that we send out a monthly e-newsletter, which includes updates on services and events? To sign up please visit the 'keep in touch' page on our website: www.achurchnearyou.com/white-horse-team