



**Notice Sheet: 7 December 2025**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**

**Collect:** Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God.

**SERVICES**

**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

**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 second light remembers those who prophesied Christ's birth – they gave eternal hope and joy to all on earth of human birth.

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

**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 Jasmine who will be baptised at 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**

**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.

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.

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.

### **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).

**CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE WITH WARMINSTER BAND:** Holy Trinity Church, Sunday 21 December at 6pm. Seasonal refreshments served after the service.

**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](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)

### **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. Dress up as your favourite nativity character. Refreshments after the service.

### **COMING UP AND OTHER FEATURES**

#### ***Sunday 14 December***

**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

**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.**

**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](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:** Rev'd 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 hours are changing.** From 14 December, the operating hours for the Parish Office will be **Tuesday 9am – 12noon, Wednesday 10am – 3pm & Thursday 10am – 3pm.**

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