



Notice Sheet: Sunday 11 January The Baptism of Christ - Epiphany 1

Collect: Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

SERVICES

All Saints' Church: 9.30am Holy Communion,

Westbury Methodist Church: 10.30am Covenant Service

Readings: Isaiah 42: 1-9, Matthew 3: 13-end

Wednesday 14 January

9.30 am First Steps, All Saints' Church,

11am Holy Communion Chantry Court

IN OUR PRAYERS

We pray for those getting baptised in January including Phoebe who will be baptised at All Age Worship at All Saints on Sunday 25 January at 10.00 am. We pray for our growing unity with our Christian brothers and sisters in Westbury Area, especially during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Town Prayers on Tuesday afternoons from 2.30 – 3.00pm: Town prayers in January will be held at Westbury Methodist Church. All welcome.

Update on Pioneer Team Vicar role: We have been advised of new dates for the advertising of the Pioneer Team Vicar role. This will now be advertised in the national church press on 9th and 16th January. Applications must be submitted by 17th February. The interview dates are Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th March. This is good as it is a bit earlier than previously advised. Please continue to pray for a successful outcome this time.

Please continue to use our 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 all those who serve in our Ministry Team and those carrying extra responsibilities during this time.

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.**

NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS

CAFE CHURCH, Westbury: Due to unforeseen family circumstances, there will be no cafe Church on 11 January and until further notice. Please pray for the family at this difficult time.

BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION: On Sunday 18th January at 2.30 pm, we shall be holding our next Baptism (Christening) preparation session at All Saints church. This is for all families who are considering baptism for their child/ren in the early part of next year at any of our churches in Westbury and Dilton Marsh. We look at the service together and think about what baptism means. We look at the role of godparents. We consider what it means to get baptised and how parents and godparents can support their children as they grow up in the Christian faith. We also book in dates for the service at this session. You can book your place with our Team Administrator Sharon, or you can just turn up. We look forward to seeing you.

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST: Sunday 1st February. This is a special Sunday in the church's calendar, otherwise known as Candlemas. Traditionally, it was the Sunday when the candles for the year were blessed in church. We are reminded of the time when Jesus was brought to the temple for the first time after his birth and was greeted by the prophets Simeon and Anna who made important prophecies about the Christ-child. At our service at All Saints that morning, we shall be giving out candles and gathering around the font for a short ceremony. This marks the end of the season of Epiphany before we enter into Ordinary time before Lent. We look forward to seeing 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 below or you can visit this donation link: <https://givealittle.co/c/asorganfund>.



WESTBURY PARISH PRAYER DIARY

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

NEWS FROM THE PEWS AT HOLY TRINITY

PRAISE AND WORSHIP SERVICES: These are held on 1st Sunday of the month at 9.30am. During January and February, will be held at Dilton Memorial and not at Holy Trinity Church.

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 January please pray, particularly, for those living and working in Penknapp and Hisomley.

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

COMING UP & REGULAR FEATURES

SERVICES

Epiphany 2 – Sunday 18 January

All Saints' Church: 9.30am Holy Communion,

Cafe Church: 9.45am Holy Trinity Church (*please note change of venue*)

Holy Saviour Church: 11am Holy Communion

Readings: Isaiah 49: 1-7, John 1: 29-42

Wednesday 21 January

9.30 am First Steps, All Saints' Church,

11am Holy Communion Chantry Court

DISABILITY AND CHURCH INCLUSION GROUP: The next meeting of the Disability and church inclusion group will take place on Saturday 17th January at 10.30 am. We are currently working on producing a new welcome leaflet for All Saints church. Please contact Revd Rebecca Harris if you would like to attend and for details of the venue.

SAFEGUARDING: All those who hold any role in our churches are required to undertake basic and foundation levels safeguarding training. This can be done online through the Church of England training portal if you are able to access this. Please speak to Yvette Croft, Dilton parish safeguarding officer and she can provide you with the details. We also now have a dedicated email address for our DBS Verifier. If you need to renew your DBS to enable you to continue to carry out your role with the church, please contact Elaine Cheshire on: recruiterdbs@whtministry.org.uk

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: 18th – 25th January: This year, there will be a short prayer time with our sisters and brothers at Westbury Area Churches Together on the following days: Tuesday 20th, Wednesday 21st, Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd at 2.30 pm for about 30 minutes. These will all be held at Westbury Methodists and will be led by people from our different churches. All welcome! On Sunday 25th January we shall have a special service at 3.00 pm for the Week of Prayer. This will also be held at the Methodist Church, and the speaker will be David Donning, the Southwest Moderator for the United Reformed Church. All welcome!

AN EVENING REFLECTING ON THE MEANING OF INCARNATION: 7pm on Friday 23 January at The Minster, Warminster BA12 8PQ. All welcome!

LITTLE LIGHTS: Little Lights Sessions are held on Thursdays at West End Baptist Church from 1pm-2.30pm - term time only.

TEA, CAKE and COMPANY: The next session will be held at Westbury Parish Hall on Tuesday 27 January from 3pm – 4pm. All welcome!

CHANTRY COURT BISTRO: Mon-Fri, 9am-3pm. Open to all 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 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 Waggett 01373 859450 or by email to office@whtministry.org.uk.

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www.achurchnearyou.com/white-horse-team