



Notice Sheet: Sunday 22 February - The First Sunday of Lent

Collect: Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

SERVICES

Sunday 22 February: All Saints' Church: 8am Holy Communion, **Holy Trinity Church:** 9.30am Holy Communion, **All Saints' Church:** 10am All Age Worship:
Readings: *Genesis 2: 15-17; 3: 1-7, Matthew 4: 1-11*

Wednesday 25 February

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

IN OUR PRAYERS

Please pray for the families of those who have died recently. Janice Scull who died on 28 January and whose funeral service took place on Friday 20 February at All Saints' Church and Cynthia Mason a resident of Watersmead and a member of Holy Saviour Church, who died on 24 January. Cynthia's funeral will be held on Wednesday 4 March at 11am at Holy Saviour Church. We also heard that Gloria Stunnel died recently. Her funeral is being arranged for Thursday 5 March at 12.00 noon at All Saints' Church in Westbury. Please pray for the appointment of a new Pioneer Team Vicar to join us in making Jesus known in our parishes. We have a shortlisting meeting planned for Thursday 26 February. Interviews are expected to be held on Thursday 19 March.

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

NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS

CAFE CHURCH, WESTBURY: The next one will be Sunday 8 March, when we will celebrate our 10-year anniversary: **SPONSORED ORGAN PLAY:** Saturday 28 February from 9.00 am – 9.00 pm. Please come and sponsor Ian McManus as he aims to play the organ all day between 9.00 am and 9.00 pm. He will be playing a selection of hymns, songs, and organ pieces in two-hour slots. You can sponsor him for the entire day and/or sponsor him for a chosen hymn or song which will be played in the middle of the day. Refreshments will be on sale during the day. Children are welcome and there will be children's crafts and colouring available between 10.00am and 4.00pm. This is also a great opportunity to wander around our beautiful grade 1 listed building whilst you enjoy the music. Members of the church will be available to chat. All funds received will go towards our ongoing Organ Appeal. Don't forget, you can still donate to the appeal directly through Ruth Hann, or you can scan the QR code on the posters, or you can visit the 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: 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; 1st For our growing confidence in our faith in Christ as we seek to make him known in our communities.

NEWS FROM THE PEWS AT HOLY TRINITY

PRAISE AND WORSHIP SERVICES: These are held on 1st Sunday of the month at 9.30am 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: **HOLD THE DATE:** For those of you who love a cream tea, you will be pleased to hear we will be holding another of our famous afternoon teas at Holy Trinity Church on Saturday, April 25. Put it in your diaries no! More information and booking details to follow: **COMMUNITY BLESSINGS:** At Holy Trinity Church we pray regularly for our local community. During February please pray, particularly, for those living and working in Petticoat Lane and Silver Street.

NEWS FROM THE TIN CHURCH AT BROKERSWOOD

LIVE MUSIC: Saturday 28 February, Local Bluegrass Band 'Thieves' will be playing at the Tin Church Brokerswood. Supported by Feral Beryl Folk Band. Doors 1900 for 1930 start. Friday 20 March, Bishop Andrew Ramsey and his Band Heavenly will be playing. Doors open 7pm for a 7.30pm start. **Tickets available from the Cheese & Grain Box Office for both events.**

COMING UP & REGULAR FEATURES

SERVICES:

Sunday 1 March – Second Sunday of Lent

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

All Saints' Church: 10am All Age Worship: **Readings:** *Genesis 12: 1-4a, John 3: 1-17*

Wednesday 4 March

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

TEA, CAKE, AND COMPANY: The next session will be held at Westbury Parish Hall on Tuesday 24 February from 3pm – 4pm. All Welcome! **LITTLE LIGHTS:** Little Lights Sessions are held on Thursdays at West End Baptist Church from 1pm -2.30pm - **term time only: PACHAMAMA SEWING DAY 10:** Saturday 7 March from 10am – 4pm at Dilton Marsh Memorial Hall. The Pachamama Project works to restore dignity for female refugees and vulnerable girls and women in period poverty. Drop in or stay all day.

LENT DISCUSSION GROUP: This year we shall be using the Church of England's Lent resource called **Draw Near**. This looks at the different ways in which we can develop a rhythm of life that helps us grow in our faith and as a disciple of Christ. Each week explores an activity central to our discipleship with daily reflections including bible readings, prayers, and practical responses. These are available in a booklet form, and as an email or download the booklet from the C of E website: cofe.io/DrawNear. We will be ordering booklets ready for the start of Lent at a cost of £2.50 each. We are also offering the opportunity to discuss the material in small groups around the Team. We have four groups available: Monday afternoons at 2.30pm at the home of Helen and Graham Stevensen in Leigh Park, from 23 February. Tuesday mornings at 10.30 am at the home of Tess Brocksopp in Dilton Marsh from 24 February. Thursday evenings at 7.30 pm from 19 Feb at West End Baptist church and Thursday afternoons at 2.30 pm at the foyer of the Methodist church in Westbury from 26 February. Please sign up on the list in your church if you would like to come to a group and we will give you the details of the venues.

GIFTS AND SKILLS SURVEY FOR LENT: One of the sessions is about how we draw near to God in service. We invite everyone to look at the ways in which we serve God by using the gifts and skills we have all been blessed with. There is something for everyone to do and we would like as many people as possible to be included in the ministry of service in our churches. We have produced a leaflet which lists all the ways in which we can all serve our churches and local communities. We shall be distributing these to all our church members at the beginning of Lent. We hope everyone would be able to look at this and reflect on what you can do in God's service. They will be available in our churches from 22 February. Please collect yours and reflect on this in the weeks of Lent and return it to us on or by Palm Sunday 29 March. You can have a chat with someone already in the role, or one of our church leaders if you would like more information.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Friday 6 March at 2.30 pm at Westbury Methodists church on Station Road. All welcome!

PASTORAL CARE AND 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 for Dilton Marsh and Revd Rebecca Harris for Westbury.

TEAM ADMINISTRATOR: We are sorry to announce that our Team Administrator will be leaving us in the coming few months. We are now seeking to recruit a new Team Administrator.

We are looking for someone with good IT skills, administrative experience, and an organised and efficient approach. The role is 15 hours a week. Based at home and at our Team Office in the Westbury Parish Hall. For full details, please see our website: www.achurchnearyou.com. If you would like an informal chat about this role please be in touch with Revd Rebecca Harris.

WHITE HORSE TEAM CONTACT DETAILS

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