

NOTICES

The 'Beautiful Windows' of All Saints' Westbury

This booklet, that would make an excellent Christmas gift, will be available to purchase at the Christmas Tree Festival and in All Saints Church on all Saturdays in December 10am—4pm and from the church after service. Price £5.

Pints of View

This month there will be a combined 'Pints of View' held at the Hollies on Wednesday 19th December at 7pm

Christmas Request

Warminster and District Food Bank fill 'goody bags' at Christmas for families in need. Please consider donating items such as mince pies, Christmas cake, Christmas puddings, bars of chocolate, chocolates, good quality biscuits. Please take items to All Saints' Church, Holy Trinity Church Or DIRECTLY TO Crosspoint.

Music at All Saints' Westbury

It is with deep regret that Brian Martin has resigned as our Director of Music, with immediate effect, due to a severe deterioration in his eyesight. There is a collection being taken for Brian and a card to sign. If you wish to make a donation please see Ruth Hann or bring it to the team office by the 16th Dec. Thank you

Warminster & District Food Bank. Donations of

- cereals,
- Instant mashed or tinned potatoes
- tinned milk pudding

Please take items to All Saints' Church, Holy Trinity Church Or DIRECTLY TO Crosspoint.

Fully Alive Group will not meet during Advent. The first meeting in 2019 will be at 2.30pm on 11th January at Crosspoint.

The **Exploring the Bible Group** is taking a break in December but will meet again in the new year starting on Monday 14th January, at 7.30pm in Crosspoint in the Market Place as usual. All are welcome. We are currently looking at Isaiah, but plan to explore another book soon and could be open to suggestions. For further details please contact Lyn Weekley (tel 858361; e-mail lyn@wellheadh.plus.com)

Westbury Prayer Network. Telephone requests in confidence to Lynette Weekley (858361).

Dilton Marsh Prayer Group. If you would like to join the prayer group, or have a prayer request, in confidence, please contact Susan on 01373 672280 or email susandbell63@googlemail.com.

Worship next Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion - A/S
9.30am Holy Communion—A/S
10.00am Holy Communion—H/T
11.00am Holy Communion H/S
12.30pm Holy Baptism—A/S
6.00pm Evensong—M/C
7.15pm Silent Prayer—A/S

Worship Christmas Eve

3.00pm Crib Service—H/T
4.00pm Crib Service—A/S
6.00pm Carol Service—B/W
11.30pm Midnight Mass—A/S
11.30pm Midnight Mass—H/T
11.30pm Midnight Mass—H/S

Key: A/S - All Saints, Westbury B/W - All Saints, Brokerswood
H/S - Holy Saviour, Westbury Leigh H/T - Holy Trinity, Dilton Marsh
WPH - Westbury Parish Hall Mem - Memorial Hall, Dilton Marsh
M/C - Methodist Church, Westbury URC - United Reformed church,
WEB - West End Baptist Church WJS—Westbury Junior School
WLCH—Westbury Leigh Community Hall



WHITE HORSE TEAM MINISTRY

Notices for the week:

16th—22nd December 2018

Welcome to Worship

There is some provision for children at each of our churches, please feel free to make use of the facilities provided.

8.00am Holy Communion - A/S
8.00am Holy Communion - H/T
9.30am Parish Communion—A/S
10.00am Café Church—M/H
11.00am Holy Communion H/S
12.30pm Holy Baptism—A/S
6.00pm Town Carol Service—A/S
6.00pm Carol Service—H/T
7.15pm Silent Prayer—A/S

Tuesday:

9.00am Morning Prayer— Lady Chapel A/S
2.30pm Town Prayers— A/S

Wednesday:

9.30am First Steps to Worship —A/S
10.30am Holy Communion — A/S

Please pray for Grayson Shaun Cristofoli
who will be baptised at
All Saints' Church this Sunday

There are a number of large print hymn books and service books available at all churches. If you would benefit from using one please ask the sides-people.

Offertory cards are available now in each of the churches. You are invited to place one in the collection plate during the service if you are giving by other means but wish to be included in the offertory.

NOTICES FOR PEWSHEET MUST BE EMAILED OR SUBMITTED TO OFFICE BY WEDNESDAY 2PM FOR INCLUSION THAT WEEK.

office@whtministry.org.uk

The office is open on Monday and Friday 1.30- 4.00pm .

3rd Sunday of Advent — 16th December 2018

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.

Reading: Zephaniah 3. 14-20

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak.

The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth.

At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.

Gospel: Luke 3. 7-18

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good

fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages." As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Advent Wreath

WEEK 3

People of God, return! You are called to be God's own. From the mountains announce the good news. God come sin justice and peace, to all who follow his ways. You are God's children.

Lord, make us one in the peace of Christ today and for ever. Amen



Visio divina shares roots with the ancient practice of lectio divina instead of words we use images.

Through the Advent period, there will be two suggested pictures which can be found online one traditional and one contemporary. Choose one that captivates you the most.



Ack globalworship.tumblr.com



From the Book of Hours

Look at the image and let your eyes stay with the very first thing that you see. Keep your attention on that one part of the image that first catches your eye. Try to keep your eyes from wandering to other parts of the picture. *Breathe deeply* and *let yourself gaze* at that part of the image for a minute or so.

Now, let your eyes gaze at the whole image. Take your time and look at every part of the image. See it all. Reflect on the image for a minute or so.

Consider the following questions:

What emotions does this image evoke in you?

What does the image stir up in you, bring forth in you?

Does this image lead you into an attitude of prayer? If so, let these prayers take form in you. Write them down if you desire.

Offer your prayers to God in a final time of silence.

Many thanks to Angie for preparing our monthly prayer

**All readings are taken from NRSV
Readings for next week**

Reading: Micah 5. 2-5a

Gospel: Luke 1. 39-55