

NOTICES

Dates for your Diary

5th January The first 'Meet the Village' coffee morning and table top sale for 2019 will be held on at Holy Trinity Church from 10am—noon. Table hire is a voluntary donation to charity. To book a table please ring Garth 01373 822414 or Sue 01373 229618

8th January. **Pints of View** discussion group meet at 8pm in Prince of Wales, Dilton Marsh

10th January. **Dilton Marsh Mother Union.** 10am at 8 Greenacres.

11th January. The **Fully Alive Group** will hold their first meeting of 2019 at 2.30pm in Crosspoint.

14th January. **Exploring the Bible Group** meet for the first time in 2019 at 7.30pm at Crosspoint.

16th January. **Pints of View** discussion group meet at 8pm Hollies, Westbury Leigh.

21st January. **Celebrating Older People** event, free, the Laverton, Westbury

Later in the year

2nd February—**Scaletrix** afternoon at All Saints Church Parish Hall. Details to follow

22nd June 'Tractor Fest' at All Saints Church. Details later

Dilton Marsh Electoral Roll. A new electoral roll is being prepared for Dilton Marsh Parish. All persons who wish to have their names entered on the new roll, whether their names are entered on the present roll or not, are required to apply for enrolment not later than 20th January 2019. For details contact Chris Hill.

We wish you every blessing in the New Year

Rhona, Caroline, Melanie and all members of the White Horse Team Ministry

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.

Exploring the Bible Group, meet at Crosspoint, in the Market Place. All are welcome. 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.

NB The Team Office will be closed until Monday 7th January.

Worship next Sunday	
8.00am	Holy Communion A/S
9.30am	Holy Communion —A/S
10.00am	Praise and Worship—H/T
11.00am	Holy Communion—H/S
6.00pm	Evensong—M/C
7.15pm	Silent Prayer—A/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:

30th December 2018 - 5th January 2019

Welcome to Worship

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

9.30am Holy Communion Team Service—A/S
6.00pm Evensong—M/C
7.15pm Silent Prayer—A/S

Monday:

11.30 pm Bell Tower Watch Night Service—A/S

Tuesday:

9.30 am Morning Prayer—Chapel of Holy name A/S

Wednesday:

10.30am Holy Communion—A/S

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 normally open on Monday and Friday 1.30-4.00pm but will be closed until Monday 7th January.

1st Sunday of Christmas — 30th December 2018

Collect

God in Trinity,
eternal unity of perfect love:
gather the nations to be one family,
and draw us into your holy life
through the birth of Emmanuel,
our Lord Jesus Christ.

Reading: 1 Samuel 2. 18-20, 26

Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice.

Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, "May the LORD repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the LORD"; and then they would return to their home.

Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the LORD and with the people.

Gospel: Luke 2. 41-52

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him.

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.

And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety."

He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them.

Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

Lectio Divina

(Latin for "Divine Reading") is a traditional Benedictine practice of scriptural reading, meditation and prayer. Intended to promote communion with God and to increase the knowledge of God's word. It does not treat scripture as texts to be studied, but as the living word.

Take time for yourself (just 10 mins a day), get comfy in a chair at a time you won't be disturbed (turn off the phone) sit quietly and take just four breaths allow your breathing to slow and then read the passage or verses you have chosen. Nothing too long - just a short piece (psalms are lovely for this).

Read the passage- just absorb the words read them a few times, reflect on the words, does anything shine out to you?

It can be helpful to keep a journal of the passages you have chosen, the thoughts that came, the feelings you had and how it felt to give this precious time to God. Write how you may have carried this out in your every day.

5 Steps of Lectio Divina

READING: Read a passage slowly and carefully within the bible.

PRAYER: Having a loving conversation with God.

MEDITATION: Thinking deeply or swelling upon a spiritual reality within a text.

CONTEMPLATION: Resting in God's presence.

ACTION: Go and do likewise

All readings are taken from NRSV
Readings for next week
Reading: Ephesians 3. 1-12
Gospel: Matthew 2. 1-12