

NOTICES

Moving on: On Advent Sunday, I announced that I will be moving to a new post early in 2019, probably around the end of February. My new role will be as Team Vicar in the Whitton Benefice near Marlborough and Rural Field Officer for Wilts Archdeaconry. I have grown to love the people and communities of the White Horse Team and never imagined leaving so soon, but this post seemed very like a "dream job" I had described some years ago. As soon as dates are settled I will let you know. In the meantime I remain committed to serving here to the best of my ability and will always be thankful for this very special place and its people. Rhona

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.

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

OFFICE CLOSED

Please note the office will be closed on Friday 14th December. Notices for the pew sheet can be submitted as usual. The office will be open from 10-12 on Saturday 15th.

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.

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

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.



WHITE HORSE TEAM MINISTRY

Notices for the week:

9th - 15th 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
9.30am	All Age Communion—A/S
10.00am	Café Church—WJS
10.00am	Holy Communion—H/T
11.00am	Holy Communion H/S
12.30pm	Holy Baptism—A/S
4.00pm	Advent Carol Service—O/D
6.00pm	Evening Service— M/C
7.15pm	Silent Prayer—A/S

Tuesday:

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

Wednesday:

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

Please pray for Willow Hope Rey Greenwood and Tia Joan Boyle 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 .

Worship next Sunday

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

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	

2nd Sunday of Advent — 9th December 2018

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.

Reading: Malachi 3. 1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to
prepare the way before me, and the Lord
whom you seek will suddenly come to his
temple.

The messenger of the covenant in whom
you delight—indeed, he is coming, says
the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the
day of his coming, and who can stand
when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers'
soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of
silver, and he will purify the descendants
of Levi and refine them like gold and silver,
until they present offerings to the LORD in
righteousness.

Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem
will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days
of old and as in former years.

Gospel: Luke 1. 68-79

"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he
has looked favourably on his people and
redeemed them.

He has raised up a mighty saviour for us in
the house of his servant David, as he
spoke through the mouth of his holy
prophets from of old, that we would be
saved from our enemies and from the
hand of all who hate us.

Thus he has shown the mercy promised to
our ancestors, and has remembered his holy
covenant, the oath that he swore to our
ancestor Abraham, to grant us that we, be-
ing rescued from the hands of our enemies,
might serve him without fear, in holiness
and righteousness before him all our days.

And you, child, will be called the prophet of
the Most High; for you will go before the
Lord to prepare his ways, to give
knowledge of salvation to his people by the
forgiveness of their sins.

By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn
from on high will break upon us, to give light
to those who sit in darkness and in the
shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace."

Advent Wreath

WEEK 2

People of God, be Glad! Your God delights in
you, giving you joy for sadness and turning
the day to light.

Be strong in hope therefore; for your God
comes to save. You are God's children.

**Lord, make us one in the love 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.



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fra Angelico the visitation

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 exercises

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

Reading: Zephaniah 3. 14-20

Gospel: Luke 3. 7-18