

## Team News

The **Exploring the Bible** group are taking a break over Christmas, planning to meet again on the second Monday of the New Year, 13th January, at 7.30pm at Crosspoint, when they hope to pick up the study of Isaiah again, starting at chapter 40.

To find out more, ring Lyn Weekley on 01373 858361. New members always welcome.

The Community Food Bank are making up **Christmas food boxes** and would appreciate our help with this. Items they would most like are Biscuits (family pack) Cakes, Chocolates, Coffee, Christmas Pudding, Custard /Brandy Sauce, Christmas Sweets, Jam, Mince pies, Sweet Selection Box, Tinned Meat/Pies. Please take items to All Saints' Church, Holy Trinity Church, Holy Saviour Or DIRECTLY TO Crosspoint.

## All Saints Church News

There will be a notice board placed at the back of the church for people to post one **Christmas card** to the congregation rather than individual ones. You might like to donate the savings to the Church or another charity. The board will be up after the Christmas Tree festival

**All Saints volunteer needed.** Our current treasurer is stepping down from his role at the end of this year and we are looking for a volunteer interested in becoming treasurer. This role is essential in the effective running of a parish.

Being Treasurer will not commit you to having to be at regular PCC meetings, but will require regular reporting as to our financial status. If you are interested in standing and being nominated for this role, please speak to The Revd Caroline Husband who will share with you more of what is involved.

## Holy Trinity Church News

This afternoon the annual **Carol Service** will take place [15th December ] at 6pm. All are welcome

## Holy Saviour News

This afternoon the annual **Carol Service** will take place [15th December ] at 4pm. All are welcome

There will be a basket in church every Sunday for donations for the food bank. Donations of jam, biscuits, tinned goods, or any food stuff with a long life, would be gratefully received.

## Prayer Groups

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

**WHT Ministry e-prayer Group.** If you would like prayers of thanksgiving or help, for yourself or others, please contact Prayer chain co-ordinator Sue Stanley at [suestanley.whtministry@gmail.com](mailto:suestanley.whtministry@gmail.com) or 01373 229618 for details



## WHITE HORSE TEAM MINISTRY

Notices for the week:

15th—21st December 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.

8.00am	Holy Communion - A/S
8.00am	Holy Communion - H/T
9.30am	Holy Communion - A/S
9.45am	Café Church—Mem
11.00am	Holy Communion - H/S
4.00pm	Carol Service - H/S
6.00pm	Carol Service - H/T
6.00pm	Evening Prayer—M/C
7.15pm	Silent Prayer—A/S

### Tuesday:

9.30am	Morning Prayers—A/S
2.30pm	Town Prayers—M/C

### Wednesday:

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

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### Worship next Sunday

8.00am	Holy Communion - A/S
9.30am	Morning Praise —A/S
10.00am	Holy Communion—H/T
11.00am	Holy Communion—H/S
6.00pm	Evensong Methodist led — M/C
6.00pm	Town Carol Service—A/S
7.15pm	Silent Prayer—A/S

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	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	

### Christmas Week Services

#### 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

#### Christmas Day

8.00am	Holy Communion—A/S
9.30am	Parish Communion—A/S
9.30am	Holy Communion—H/T
11.00am	Holy Communion—H/S
11.00am	Holy Communion—B/W

#### 1st Sunday of Christmas

10.00am	Holy Communion—Team Service—A/S
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#### New Years Eve

11.30pm	Bell Tower Watch Night Service—A/S
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# 3rd Sunday of Advent — 15th December 2019

## 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.

## Psalm 146. 4-10

When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish. Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations.

Praise the LORD!

## Reading: Isaiah 35. 1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf un-

stopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray.

No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

## Gospel: Matthew 11. 2-11

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me." As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.'

Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

## Advent Wreath

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent



Today we remember John the Baptist who foretold that one greater than he is coming. John who was born to an elderly couple as promised through the Angel Gabriel. John who is filled with the power and spirit of Elijah to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

*Light the candle*

Let us pray:

God our Father,

you gave to Zechariah and Elizabeth in their old age a son called John.

He grew up strong in spirit, prepared the people for the coming of the Lord, and baptized them in the Jordan to wash away their sins.

Help us, who have been baptized into Christ, to be ready to welcome him into our hearts, and to grow strong in faith by the power of the Spirit.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, the light who is coming into the world.

**Amen.**

**Lord Jesus, light of the world,  
John told the people to prepare,  
for you were very near.**

**As Christmas grows closer day by day,  
help us to be ready to welcome you  
now.**

**Amen.**

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

**Psalm 80. 1-8**

**Reading: Isaiah 7. 10-16**

**Gospel: Matthew 1. 18-25**