

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.

White Horse Team Advent Carol Service will be held this afternoon [Sunday 8th December] at 4.0pm in St Mary's Church Old Dilton. If you are able to offer a lift to those who may not otherwise be able to travel to the service, please do offer and let wardens know if you have space. Similarly if you need a lift please approach those who might be able to help or let wardens know if you need a lift.

The outreach group will be singing carols outside Westbury Railway Station on **Thursday 12th December from 4.30 – 6pm**, to bring some festive cheer on Election Day!! Anyone is welcome to join them.

Melanie and Andrew Otto invite you to a **Open House** at 37 Timor Road on Saturday 14th December 10am-4pm. Please join us for mince pies, mulled wine and some festive cheer! All welcome!4

All Saints Church News

A big **'Thank You'** to all involved with the Christmas Tree Festival. The trees, the lights and the music all created a wonderful atmosphere in the church and it was enjoyed by many.

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

The annual **Carol Service** will take place on the 15th December at 6pm. All are welcome

You will be welcome to join the Christmas Carolling around Dilton on Friday December 13th. Meet at the church at 6.12 for a 6.30 start. Please bring torches and wear something visible to traffic. Contact Sue Stanley on suestanley.whtministry@gmail.com or 229618 for more information

Holy Saviour News

The annual **Carol Service** will take place on the 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 or 01373 229618 for details



WHITE HORSE TEAM MINISTRY

Notices for the week:

8th—14th 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
9.30am	Holy Communion - A/S
10.00am	Café Church—WJS
10.00am	Holy Communion - H/T
11.00am	Holy Communion - H/S
4.00pm	Advent Carol Service - Old Dilton
6.00pm	Evening Prayer—B/W
7.15pm	Silent Prayer—A/S

Tuesday:

9.30am	Morning Prayers—A/S
12 noon	Funeral—A/S
2.30pm	Town Prayers—A/S

Wednesday:

9.30am	First Steps to Worship—A/S
10.30am	Holy Communion—A/S
2.30pm	Mothers Union Carol Service—A/S

Worship next Sunday

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

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 — 8th December 2019

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.

Psalm 72. 1-7

Give the king your justice, O God, and your
righteousness to a king's son.
May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice.
May the mountains yield prosperity for the
people, and the hills, in righteousness.
May he defend the cause of the poor of the
people, give deliverance to the needy, and
crush the oppressor.
May he live while the sun endures, and as long
as the moon, throughout all generations.
May he be like rain that falls on the mown
grass, like showers that water the earth.
In his days may righteousness flourish and
peace abound, until the moon is no more.

Reading: Isaiah 11.1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of
Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the
spirit of wisdom and understanding the spirit
of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge
and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in
the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by
what his eyes see or decide by what his ears
hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the
poor, and decide with equity for the meek of
the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod
of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he
shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be
the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the
belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with
the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the
kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling
together, and a little child shall lead them.
The cow and the bear shall graze, their young

shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat
straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over
the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall
put its hand on the adder's den.
They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy
mountain for the earth will be full of the
knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the
sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a
signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of
him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Gospel: Matthew 3. 1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the
wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the
kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the
one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he
said, "The voice of one crying out in the
wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make
his paths straight.'"
Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a
leather belt around his waist, and his food was
locusts and wild honey. Then the people of
Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him,
and all the region along the Jordan, and they
were baptized by him in the river Jordan,
confessing their sins.
But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees
coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood
of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath
to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not
presume 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 axe 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."
"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one
who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I
am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will
baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His
winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his
threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the
granary; but the chaff he will burn with
unquenchable fire."

Advent Wreath

2nd Sunday of Advent



As we draw closer to Christmas we pause to
remember the prophets, reflecting on the way
that the birth of the Messiah was foretold.
God weaving throughout time hope and
promise.
Light the candle

Let us pray:
God our Father,
you spoke to the prophets of old
of a Saviour who would bring peace.
You helped them to spread the joyful mes-
sage
of his coming kingdom.
Help us, as we prepare to celebrate his
birth,
to share with those around us
the good news of your power and love.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
the light who is coming into the world.
Amen.

**Lord Jesus, light of the world,
the prophets said you would bring
peace
and save your people in trouble.
Give peace in our hearts at Christmas
and show all the world God's love.
Amen.**

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

Psalm 146. 4-10

Reading: Isaiah 35. 1-10

Gospel: Matthew 11. 2-11