



THE PARISH OF HOLY TRINITY

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3rd SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

EDUCATION SUNDAY



LARGE PRINT SERVICE SHEETS ARE AVAILABLE

An audio loop system is in use in the church.

Refreshments will be served after our 9.30 am service, at the back of the church. Newcomers and visitors are warmly invited to join us.

IF YOU ARE NEW TO THE PARISH, WE WELCOME YOU. Please make yourself known to the Churchwardens, and fill in your name and address on the green card by the font.

CHILDREN are very welcome at all our services. There is a special area with toys and books for children.

JUNIOR CHURCH Meets on the first and second Sunday of the month, at 9.30 am in the Guide HQ. during term time. For details, please contact June (863745) or Alison (864116)

SERVICES THIS WEEK			NEXT SUNDAY –12 th FEBRUARY 2 nd SUNDAY BEFORE LENT	
Sunday	9.30	Sung Eucharist Preacher: James Colquhoun, Head Teacher of St Laurence School	8am	Eucharist (Traditional Language)
	6pm	Compline	9.30am	Marriage Festival Sung Eucharist Preacher: The Ven Alan Jeans Archdeacon of Sarum Evensong at Christ Church
Wednesday	10am	Eucharist	6pm	
Friday	12 noon	Eucharist (Traditional Language)	EUCCHARISTIC READINGS (NRSV) Proverbs 8.1, 22-31 Colossians 1.15-20 John 1.1-14	

Morning and Evening Prayer will be said in church at 8.30am and 5.30pm every day except Sundays. *Please enter by the door opposite the Saxon Church.*

INTROIT HYMN: 612

COLLECT:

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 40.21-end NRSV

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One.
Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.
Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak,

O Israel, 'My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God'?

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.

Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

THIS IS THE WORD OF THE LORD

SECOND READING:

1 Corinthians 9.16-23 NRSV

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free

from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

THIS IS THE WORD OF THE LORD

GRADUAL HYMN: 477

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the light of the world, says the Lord. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.

Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL:

Mark 1.29-39 NRSV

As soon as Jesus and his disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, 'Everyone is searching for you.' He answered, 'Let us go on to the neighbouring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.' And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

THIS IS THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD

OFFERTORY HYMN: 393

POST COMMUNION HYMN: 530

VOLUNTARY: Chorale Prelude on 'Grosser Gott, wir loben Dich'
(Flor Peeters)

READERS AND INTERCESSORS

MEETING - please stay after the 9.30am Eucharist if you possibly can on Sunday, 19 February for a brief training gathering. Thank you!

STREET MARKET –

CHURCH STALLS CO-ORDINATOR

A volunteer is needed to assist John Cox and Jackie Easby in organising this fantastic fund raising event. If you are interested please contact either of the above.

FOR OUR PRAYERS

Please pray for all who are sick:

Remembering especially:

Lorraine Annetts, Peggy Fletcher,
Enid German,
Clare and Patricia Henderson,
Daniel Hodges, Ken Hoggart,
Ann Holland, Simon Jackson,
Peggy Leach, Bill Matthews,
Steve McCulley, Gill Payne,
Alison Penny, Violet Poulton,
Erin Shields-Pett
and Ambrose Stickney

Pray for all those who mourn and for the souls of all those who have recently died:

And we pray for all those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:

Remembering especially:

Michael Britten,
Christopher Humphrey,
Norman Piper, Patricia Smith,
Phillip Steele and Gordon Whatley

**Please always let Joanna, Philip,
Graham, Judith or Trevor know of
any pastoral need – any kind of
pain or loss, illness,
hospitalisation, loneliness – or
simply cause for prayer.**

FOR PRAYER THIS WEEK

- The Mothers' Union and the Marriage Festival
- The appointment of a new Director of Music
- St Laurence School
- Fitzmaurice School
- Pre School Groups

MARRIAGE FESTIVAL AT HOLY TRINITY!

Saturday and Sunday, 11-12

February 2012. There will be an Exhibition with displays of wedding dresses, photographs and other paraphernalia.

Saturday: 10am-12.30pm - church open with teas & coffees;

4pm Weddings Songs of Praise.

Sunday: 9.30am - Marriage Festival Eucharist with the Ven Alan Jeans as preacher;

2.30-4.30pm church open with teas and coffees.

ASH WEDNESDAY - 22 February - there will be a said Eucharist at 10am and a Sung Eucharist at 7.30pm, both with the imposition of ashes.

LENT GROUPS - these are once again being organized by BACT, using the York Course Booklet (@ £3.50) 'Handing on the Torch - sacred words for a secular world'. The 5 sessions will start the week beginning Monday, 27 February. Please sign the GREEN sheets on the table at the crossing.

WILTSHIRE CHURCHES TOGETHER QUIET DAY

Ivy House, Warminster - Tuesday, 20 March, 10am - 3.30pm. The Spirituality of Christian Unity led by Canon Geoffrey Barton - see poster in porch.

SAXON CLUB

7th February 2pm in the United Church Hall - Open Meeting

You are very welcome to join us.