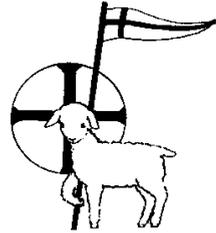


St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury
reflecting Jesus Christ



NEWSLETTER

Sunday 8th October 2017

**The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity
HARVEST FESTIVAL**

Welcome to this historic church at the centre of a lively rural community. Refreshments are served after the 9.30 service. Do take this newsletter away to read later.

0800 a.m. Holy Communion

Celebrant: The Revd Elaine Brightwell

1115 a.m. Festival Parish Communion

Celebrant: The Revd Joanna Naish

Readings overleaf

Hymns: 259; NWHS 63; 261; 262

Gloria (The Lincoln Setting) Malcolm Archer

Thou visitest the earth Maurice Greene

Offerings of non perishable goods will be gratefully accepted during the service; these will be donated to the Trussell Trust.

followed by **Harvest Lunch in the Hinton Hall**

6.00 p.m. Questioning Faith

SERVICES DURING THE WEEK

Holy Communion is said on Wednesdays at 1000 and on Fridays at 0800

Please note the Parish Office will be closed on Thursdays.

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Harvest Thanksgiving

The Collect

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season; grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being, 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.**

The First Reading: Deuteronomy 8.7-18

For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you. Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.' But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

Psalm 65

Praise is due to you, O /God in /Zion;
to you that answer /prayer shall /vows be /paid.

To you shall all flesh come to /confess their /sins;
when our misdeeds prevail against us, /you will /purge them a/way.

Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your /courts to /dwell there:
We shall be satisfied with the blessings of your house, / even of your /holy /

temple.

With wonders you will answer us in your righteousness, O God of /our sal/vation: O hope of all the ends of the earth and /of the /farthest /seas.

In your strength you set /fast the / mountains:
and are /girded a/bout with / might.

You still the /raging of the /seas:
the roaring of their waves and the /clamour /of the /peoples.

Those who dwell at the ends of the earth tremble /at your/ marvels;
the gates of the morning and /evening/ sing your /praise.

You visit the /earth and /water it; you /make it /very /plenteous.

The river of God is /full of /water; you prepare grain for your people, for /so you pro/vide for the / earth.

You drench the furrows and /smooth out the /ridges;
you soften the ground with /showers and /bless its /increase.

You crown the /year with your /goodness:
and your /paths over/flow with /plenty.

May the pastures of the wilderness /flow with /goodness:
and the /hills be /girded with /joy.

May the meadows be clothed with /flocks of /sheep:
and the valleys stand so thick with corn that /they shall /laugh and / sing.

Glory to the Father and / to the / Son: and / to the / Holy / Spirit;
as it was in the be /ginning is / now: and shall be for / ever. /A-/men.

The Second Reading : 2 Corinthians 9. 6-15

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, He scatters abroad, he

gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever.’ He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

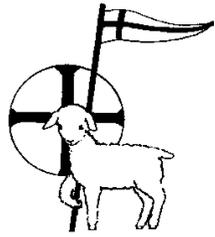
The Gospel: Luke 12. 16-30

Jesus told them a parable: ‘The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, “What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?” Then he said, “I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.” But God said to him, “You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?” So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.’ He said to his disciples, ‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.

Gift Aid envelopes

A collection for the ministry and upkeep of this church is received at all Sunday services. If you are not a regular giver and pay income tax, please use the blue envelopes in the pews, adding clearly your name and address. If you would prefer to give on a regular basis please contact Paul Naish (870731/ 07929 435474) Please make cheques payable to **Tisbury PCC.**

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THIS WEEK

Wednesday October 11th at 7.30pm: Service of Wholeness and Healing. St Andrew's Chapel, Church of St John the Baptist.

Thursday 12th October at 2.15 p.m. Tisbury Primary School will be holding its Harvest Festival Service in St John's. All welcome.

SERVICES & EVENTS NEXT WEEK

Sunday 15th October 2017

The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30 a.m. Parish Communion

Celebrant: The Revd Richard Wren

Readings: Philippians 4.1-9: Matthew 22. 1-14

6.00 p.m. Choral Evensong

Music by Walmisley, Wesley and Bach

Cantor & Preacher: The Revd Joanna Naish

Friday October 20th Film Night: on, we shall be showing in the Nadder Centre *Another Mother's Son (12A)* a true story about Nazi occupied Jersey in World War II, starring Jenny Seagrove. Tickets: £6 obtainable from Kate Good Pottery, Tisbury (01747870367) (closed on Mondays) Doors open at 6.30 p.m. Any profit will be for the General Fund, St John's Church. Raffle prizes are always welcome.

On Sunday 22nd October the Sunday morning service in St John's is at the later time of **10.30a.m.** It's a special Benefice Service, to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Judy Anderson's minister as a Licensed Lay Minister - as they are now called. The Celebrant and Preacher is the Bishop of Salisbury, the Right Revd Nicholas Holtam. Afterwards, Judy is hosting a reception in the Hinton Hall.