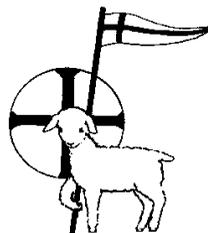


St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury
reflecting Jesus Christ



NEWSLETTER

Sunday 24th September 2017

The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

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.

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)

Celebrant: The Revd Dr Graham Southgate

9.30 a.m. Parish Communion

Celebrant: The Revd Colin Fox

Organist: Sam Wiggs

Readings: overleaf

The Tisbury Service Richard Shephard

I give you a new commandment Peter Aston

After this service there is an opportunity to receive prayer either for your own or another's needs in St Andrew's Chapel at the east end of the Church

6.00 p.m. Prayer and Praise

led by the Revd Elaine Brightwell

SERVICES DURING THE WEEK

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

The Thanksgiving Service for the life of Derek Harvey "**Hank**" **Bowen** will be held on **Saturday 30th September** at 2.30 pm. in St John's Church.

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The Collect

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service: 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: Jonah. 3.10-end of 4

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the LORD and said, 'O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.' And the LORD said, 'Is it right for you to be angry?' Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, 'It is better for me to die than to live.' But God said to Jonah, 'Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?' And he said, 'Yes, angry enough to die.' Then the LORD said, 'You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?'

Psalm 145.1-8

I will exalt you O / God my / King;
and bless your / name for / ever and / ever.

Every day / will I / bless you:
and praise your / name for / ever and / ever.

Great is the Lord and / highly to be / praised;
his greatness is be/ yond all / searching / out.

One generation shall praise your / works to an/other:
and de/clare your / mighty / acts.

They shall speak of the majesty/ of your / glory:
and I will / tell of / all your / wonderful / deeds.

They shall speak of the might of your / marvellous / acts:
and I will / also / tell of your / greatness.

They shall pour forth the story of your a/bundant / kindness:
and / joyfully / sing of your / righteousness.

The Lord is/ gracious and / merciful,
long-suffering / and of / great / goodness.

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 : Philippians 1.21-end

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with

one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

The Gospel: Matthew 20.1-16

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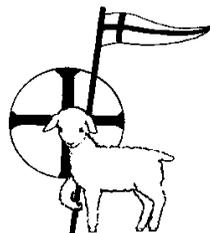
Gift Aid Envelopes

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.**

Prayer Day: Saturday 14th October: 9.30 – 4.00pm.

St John's needs all our help to keep going; to pay our diocesan and team shares along with all the day-to-day running costs. Come and join in the Prayer Day, as we seek God's provision for our church.

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SERVICES & EVENTS NEXT WEEK

Sunday 1st October 2017

The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30 a.m. Family Service

led by the Youth Ministry Team

6.00 p.m. Parish Communion

Celebrant: The Revd Joanna Naish

Readings: Ezekiel 18.1-4, 25 to end; Psalm 25.1-8

Philippians 2.1-13; Matthew 21.23-32

Tisbury's Afternoon Tea: Wednesday October 4th.

On your own? Come along for afternoon tea and a chat on Wednesday from 3.00 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. at the Hinton Hall. Cream Tea and Cake and it is free! Any queries ring 871559

Preparations for our Harvest Festival.

If you would like to bring flowers, fruit or vegetables to decorate the church please bring them to Hinton Hall on **Friday morning, 6th October.** The church will be prepared on Saturday in the late afternoon.

Harvest donations

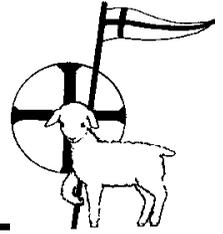
Many like to bring gifts up to the altar in church at Harvest-tide and these will be donated to the Trussell Trust who would really welcome donations of non-perishable goods. Please bring these to the festival service on Sunday 8th October at 11.15am. *Thank you!*

Thought for the week

Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves.

James M Barrie

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HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday 8th October 2017



Come, ye thankful people, come

11.15am: Festal Parish Communion.

Celebrant: The Revd Joanna Naish.

Come and celebrate Harvest and join in the singing of favourite hymns such as "We plough the fields and scatter." Donations of non-perishable goods will be gratefully accepted.

followed by

Harvest Lunch in the Hinton Hall.

We invite you to a *Bring and Share* lunch at the Hinton Hall. There will be a list of suggestions in church that you could bring for the lunch or just bring your favourite dish. Drinks are provided. Do come and join us. For further information phone Sally 870731 or Trish 871108.