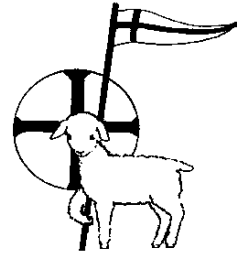


# Church of St John the Baptist, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2020

The Fifth Sunday of Easter



'Let us remember all the men in all the services, the women in all the services, who have laid down their lives. We have come to the end of our tribulation and they are not with us at the moment of our rejoicing.' *King George VI*. These words are taken from his speech to the nation on VE day at 9pm on 8<sup>th</sup> May 1945. Some of you reading this will remember this day vividly. Yesterday I met a lady in St John's churchyard who told me she remembered being with her father, carried on his shoulders, within a huge crowd, being swept along from Oxford Street to Piccadilly Circus. 'All the men were crying and all the church bells were ringing,' she recounted. Many must have cried that day for those they had lost that never came home. Everyone of course rejoiced that the war in Europe was over, but it was with heavy hearts for many with the remembrance of the sacrifice made. Last night, 75 years later, at exactly the same time as her father had, Her Majesty the Queen addressed the nation. She spoke about how she vividly recalls the jubilant scenes she witnessed with her sister, her parents and Winston Churchill from the balcony at Buckingham Palace. The sense of joy everywhere was profound, she recounted. We have

not been able to mark this 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary as we would wish, due to Covid 19 restrictions, but as our Queen emphasised, '... our streets are filled with love and care for each other.' For that we can give thanks.

In our Gospel reading today, Jesus gently encourages his disciples to trust in him; and we are his disciples today. He encourages us that whatever happens he has prepared a place for us to be at the end of our earthly lives and that he is our Way, our Truth and our Life. The message of VE day 75 years ago was 'Never give up, never despair,' and this is just as apt for us today. As Vera Lynn sings, 'We'll meet again, Don't know where, Don't know when, But I know we'll meet again some sunny day.'

My prayers and best wishes to you all.

Revd Juliette Hulme

**Today at 9.30am**

**Benefice Communion**

President: The Revd Juliette Hulme Preacher: The Revd Mark Hayter

Hymns: *Alleluia, sing to Jesus; Be still, for the presence of the Lord ...; We have a Gospel to proclaim*

**Services during the week are shown overleaf – all welcome!**

**Next Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> May**

**The Sixth Sunday of Easter**

9.30am

Benefice Communion

In Memoriam

We are sorry to report two recent deaths in our community.

The funeral of the late **Henry Maidment** will take place on 12<sup>th</sup> May at Tisbury Cemetery (close family only). Many people will be grateful for his help in cutting their grass or repairing their mower, and will miss hearing him play his mouth organ at the Memory Group.

The funeral of the late **Clare, Lady Margadale**, will be on 19<sup>th</sup> May at Salisbury Crematorium (close family only). She will be very much missed in our community and the surrounding district, in which she played such an important part. There will be a service of thanksgiving for her life once large gatherings are permitted again.

Please hold the families and friends of both in your prayers.

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## The Collect for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## The New Testament Reading: Acts 7.55-end

### The Gospel: John 14.1-14

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.

And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.

Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

## Services online in the Nadder Valley Benefice

You are very welcome to join us online via Zoom for any of our services, using the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84966332040>

Password: 039012

Sundays at 09.30

Mon 08.30, Tues-Thur 08.00, Sat 09.00

Fridays at 08.00

Wednesdays at 10:00

Mon-Sat at 17.30

Benefice Communion (CW)

Morning Prayer

Holy Communion (BCP)

Holy Communion (CW)

Evening Prayer

If you don’t have internet access, you can join by phone on 0203 051 2874. The meeting code is 849 6633 2040; you may be asked for the password, too: 039012

Calls are charged at national rate, but they may be included in your telephone package.

The orders of service for Benefice Communion / Holy Communion can be obtained via email from the parish administrator (contact details overleaf).

## A Prayer for use during the Covid-19 Coronavirus Outbreak

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy in this time of uncertainty and distress. Sustain and support the anxious and fearful, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may rejoice in your comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

## Prayer requests

We continue to pray for all affected in any way by Covid-19. If there is someone for whom you would particularly like prayer for this or any other reason, please contact either Juliette or Judy (see over). If you would like us to pray for them during one of the online services, please obtain their consent for this. Or we can hold them in our private prayers.

## If you need support

As always, the Revd Juliette Hulme (Parish Priest) is available to give pastoral and spiritual support (see over)

Tisbury Neighbourhood Response may be phoned on 01747 684010

Other useful numbers with trained listeners (calls to these numbers are free):

The Samaritans 116 123

Childline 0800 1111

Domestic Abuse Helpline 0808 2000 247

Silverline (age 55+) 0800 4 70 80 90