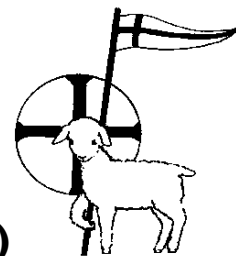


# Church of St John the Baptist, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2020      The 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (Rogation)**



Today and in the next few weeks we have much to celebrate! This wonderful painting by the contemporary French artist Miki de Goodaboom depicts the Ascension, when Jesus, raised from the dead, ascended into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God the Father. We celebrate this on Thursday, forty days after Easter. As we shall read then, this was the end of Jesus' physical life on earth. In today's Gospel passage, we hear Jesus preparing the disciples for his departure. He assures them that, although they'll no longer physically see him, he'll still be with them. He won't leave them as orphans. A part both of his Father and of them, he will give them life; he and his Father will love those who love him. Moreover, he promises that the Holy Spirit will come and be with them for ever.

This is very heartening at a time when some of us are feeling very much alone. Jesus isn't with us as a physical, flesh-and-blood human being, but he is in us and we in him; the Holy Spirit is with us for ever, as he was with the disciples. We are not alone.

Just as God provides for us spiritually and emotionally, he provides for our physical needs, too. This afternoon, we celebrate God's creation and the abundance of good food he provides for us in a special service for Rogation. Traditionally, this is the time when we ask God's blessing on the crops, but we also extend our prayers to livestock, and to all who work the land.

At a time when, for many, spirits are low, it's good to be reminded of God's presence with us and of the good things of life. May his blessing rest on each one of us this week and in the weeks to come.

*Canon Judy Anderson, Licensed Lay Minister*

## Services today

### 9.30am      Benefice Communion

President: The Revd Mark Hayter      Preacher: The Revd Joanna Naish

*Hymns: Christ the Lord is risen again; There is a Redeemer; Come, ye faithful, raise the anthem*

### 3.00pm      Evening Prayer for Rogation

Led by Canon Judy Anderson      Address: The Revd Elaine Brightwell

*Hymns: Praise and thanksgiving, Father we offer; For the beauty of the earth; O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness*

### Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 6.30pm      Ascension Day Service

A service based on the Stations of the Resurrection, led by members of the Nadder Valley Ministry Team

*Hymns: Hail the day that sees him rise; Alleluia, sing to Jesus*

**Regular services during the week are shown overleaf – all welcome!**

### Next Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> May      The 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

9.30am      Benefice Communion

## In Memoriam

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 her family and friends in your prayers.

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## The Collect for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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 New Testament Reading: Acts 17.22-31

## The Gospel: John 14.15-21

'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

## 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

## A date for your diary Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May Children's virtual holiday workshop

There will be a Children's Virtual Workshop 'The Rainbow: God's promise to us all' on the morning of Tuesday May 26<sup>th</sup> on Zoom. Expect huge fun - songs, worship on Zoom exploring how the Ark came to rest, a fabulous pack of rather messy experiments, activities and challenges based on the Rainbow promise and fun together with the Nadder Valley team. Email [revdjoannanaish@gmail.com](mailto:revdjoannanaish@gmail.com) for a pack. Everyone welcome.