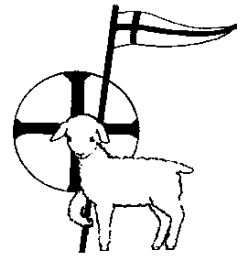


Church of St John the Baptist, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



Sunday 31st May 2020 Pentecost

From the Revd Juliette Hulme



Today at Pentecost we celebrate the birthday of the church 50 days after Easter. The disciples, frightened and traumatised after Jesus' death by crucifixion, were gently restored by his Resurrection appearances. Jesus promised all his followers that when he ascended to heaven they would not be left alone but that he would send the Holy Spirit upon them. This colourful painting depicts the story we have today from the Acts of the Apostles. Jews from every nation had travelled to Jerusalem to celebrate Pentecost, the Jewish Feast of Weeks. This was the celebration of the early weeks of wheat harvest. God chose this moment, when so many were gathered, to send down his Holy Spirit. In the painting we see depicted a white dove, the symbol of the Holy Spirit being released by Christ's hands, still with its visible wounds. Those disciples were then fired with the Spirit and emboldened to share the Good News of Christ, without fear, near and far, until eventually it reached us in the British Isles in the first centuries AD. Today we also give thanks for the gift of the Holy Spirit which is sent to us anew to refresh, restore, guide and comfort us and enable us to do likewise for others.

God, who as at this time
taught the hearts of your faithful people
by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:
grant us by the same Spirit
to have a right judgement in all things
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

(The Collect for Pentecost)

Today at 9.30am

Benefice Communion

President: The Revd Dr Graham Southgate Preacher: Canon Judy Anderson
Hymns: Breathe on me, Breath of God; Come down, O love divine; Father, Lord of all creation

Next Sunday, 7th June

Trinity Sunday

9.30am

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The New Testament Reading: Acts 2.1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

The Gospel: John 20.19-23

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

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

Benefice Communion (CW)

Mon 08.30, Tues-Thur 08.00, Sat 09.00

Morning Prayer

Fridays at 08.00

Holy Communion (BCP)

Wednesdays at 10:00

Holy Communion (CW)

Mon-Sat at 17.30

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).

Orders of service for Morning and Evening Prayer may be found online at <http://tinyurl.com/w8frb6r>

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