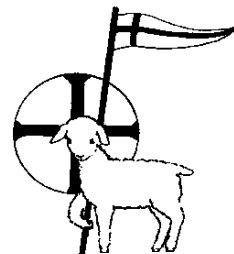


Church of St John the Baptist, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



Sunday 7th June 2020 Trinity Sunday

Andrei Rublev's icon of the Holy Trinity is perhaps the best known of all Russian icons. Inspired by the story of the three angels who visited Abraham and Sarah (Genesis 18.1-16), it depicts the three persons of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.



The Trinity is the central doctrine of the Christian faith. In Jesus the Son we meet God the Father, and through all the ages the Holy Spirit is at work keeping earth in touch with heaven. But this is a very complex concept that we struggle to get our heads round. How can one God be three persons? Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and yet one God? Theologians and scholars have tried for centuries to explain this, and although people have come up with several analogies, none is adequate to explain the Trinity fully. St Augustine wrote a weighty tome 'On the Holy Trinity' in which he discusses the doctrine at length but fails to provide a convincing explanation. It's said that while he was struggling with it, to clear his head he went for a walk along the beach. There he saw a small boy rushing backwards and forwards to the sea, filling his bucket with water and pouring it into a hole he'd dug. Augustine asked him what he was doing. 'I'm putting the whole of the sea into my hole,' he replied. Suddenly, Augustine realised that he was trying to do the same with God. He was trying to put the vastness of God into the smallness of his own understanding.

We live in an age that looks for answers, an age that wants an explanation for everything. It's hard for many to accept that we never will understand everything about God. Does that matter? I don't think so. We don't have to abandon rational thought when it comes to God, but God is too vast to fit into the confines of our human understanding. Let's rejoice that we believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who transcends anything within our human experience and understanding.

Canon Judy Anderson, Licensed Lay Minister

Today at 9.30am

Benefice Communion

President: The Revd Elaine Brightwell

Preacher: The Revd Juliette Hulme

Hymns: Angel voices ever singing; Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty; Shine, Jesus, shine

Services during the week are listed on the next page

Next Sunday, 14th June

The First Sunday after Trinity

9.30am

Benefice Communion

President: The Revd Joanna Naish

Preacher: The Revd Tina Fox

The Revd Juliette Hulme, Team Vicar
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Trinity Sunday

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; 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 Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 40.12-17, 27-end

The Gospel: Matthew 28.16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

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).

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

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

Focus magazine

The June edition of Focus is available, free of charge, on a temporary website: www.tisburyfocus.com Our thanks to Monica and the team for continuing to provide this facility.