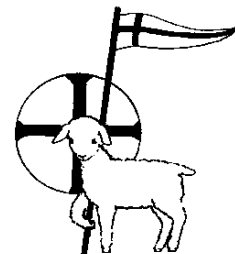


Church of St John the Baptist, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



Sunday 14th June 2020 The First Sunday after Trinity

After a series of festivals, feast days and celebrations, beginning with Easter Day and encompassing the Ascension, Pentecost and Trinity Sunday, the Church has now entered what is called 'Ordinary Time.' This lasts from now until Advent Sunday. It allows passages of Scripture to be read in sequence in our main Sunday services, and we can



reflect on themes other than the seasonal ones at other times of year. The liturgical colour for Ordinary Time is green, and the recent easing of restrictions, allowing the Parish Priest and a designated person to enter the church, has enabled us to change the altar frontal in St Andrew's Chapel to reflect this. We are currently in Year A, which means that the Gospel read at Holy Communion on Sundays in Ordinary Time is that according to St Matthew.

The Church is in Ordinary Time, but, in general terms, the times we are living in are far from ordinary. We have coped with several weeks of lockdown, and now we are surrounded by uncertainty as restrictions are relaxed piecemeal. The Bishop of Salisbury was right when he wrote that 'the process of reversing

Lockdown is going to be rather messier than the abrupt and clear-cut entry into Lockdown.' We are all delighted that we are now permitted to open the church for private prayer, and we hope to open initially for four hours on Sunday 21st June. We look forward to welcoming you back into the church, and, at some future time as yet unknown, to worshipping together in person once again.

Our Gospel reading today tells of the sending out of the twelve disciples to minister in Jesus' name to those around them. Some of us are still confined to our homes, and those who are not cannot move freely among friends, neighbours and the general community. But we can, in the power of the Holy Spirit, nevertheless minister in our conversations and other interactions, bringing God's love to those with whom we are in contact. May he bless us and those for whom we care, and keep us safe as these unusual times continue.

Canon Judy Anderson, Licensed Lay Minister

The Revd Juliette Hulme is currently on annual leave - she resumes work on Wednesday 17 June.

Today at 9.30am

Benefice Communion

President: The Revd Joanna Naish

Preacher: The Revd Tina Fox

Hymns: *Love divine, all loves excelling; I the Lord of sea and sky; We have a Gospel to proclaim*

Services during the week are listed on the next page

Next Sunday, 21st June

The Second Sunday after Trinity

9.30am

Benefice Communion

President: The Revd Juliette Hulme

Preacher: Leila Mather

Opening of the church for private prayer – Sunday 21st June 12.00-4.00

We are delighted that permission has been given for churches to open for private prayer, albeit with various restrictions designed to keep everyone safe, as far as possible, from infection with the Covid-19 virus. We plan to open the church on Sunday 21st June between 12 noon and 4.00 pm, subject to our being able to put in place all the measures set out in the extensive risk assessment issued by the Church of England. Please follow the directions of those stewarding and the directives on notices at the church regarding social distancing and other measures.

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The Collect for the First Sunday after Trinity

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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: Exodus 19.2-8a

The Gospel: Matthew 9.35-10.8

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest."

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment."

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

Thank you very much to those who have continued to give regularly to the church by direct debit or standing order, and to those who have made donations during Lockdown. Although currently we cannot worship in the church, expenditure continues! If you normally give by other means, you might like to consider making a donation by cheque (payable to Tisbury PCC – via the Parish Office, Hinton Hall) or by bank transfer (details from the Parish Administrator). Or why not consider joining the Parish Giving Scheme or setting up a standing order? Details from Paul Naish, 01747 870731 / 07587 072900, email sitgiftaid@gmail.com