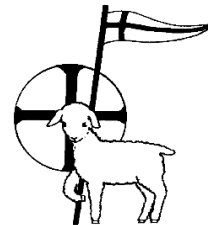


St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



Sunday 26th September

Harvest Thanksgiving

The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Do stay for refreshments after the 9.30 service. These are served outside the north door in good weather, otherwise in church near the Lady Chapel. Please wear a face covering while collecting your refreshments and move away from the table once you have them; please keep social distancing in mind as you chat.

Today's Services

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) St Andrew's Chapel

Priest: The Revd Juliette Hulme

9.30am Parish Communion Harvest Thanksgiving

President and Preacher: The Revd Juliette Hulme

Setting: Mass of St Thomas *David Thorne*

259 Come ye thankful people come; 397 Let us with a gladsome mind; 261 To thee O Lord O hearts we raise

Look at the world *John Rutter* 262 We plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land

Voluntary: Trumpet Major *Christopher Tambling*

You are invited to bring a donation of tins or other non-perishable food items for the Trussell Trust.

Online services

Please see our website for details of weekday services streamed live via Zoom. You are very welcome to join any of these.

Services during the week St Andrew's Chapel

Services of Holy Communion take place on Wednesdays at 10.00am (CW) and Fridays at 8.00am (BCP)

Next Sunday, 3rd October

The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am All-Age Communion (*in church*)

President: The Revd Juliette Hulme

Saturday 2nd October 10am-12noon

Annual Churchyard Tidy-Up

Do come along if you can spare a couple of hours to help with the annual tidying of the Churchyard (mowing, strimming, weeding, etc). Your help would be greatly appreciated.

In addition, the Holy Mowers, who do a wonderful job keeping our Churchyard neat and tidy, are looking for two volunteers to help with strimming and generally looking after the Garden of Remembrance. If you can help, please contact Anthony Lovell-Wood: woodranger@btinternet.com or 01747 871121.

For your prayers

We give thanks for the Harvest, and for all God's gifts to us, remembering those who have little. We pray for the Generous Giving campaign in this church and throughout the diocese, asking that this will be a fruitful time of reflection. We pray for the finances of our church and of our diocese.

In our linked diocese of Cuebiet, South Sudan, we are asked to pray for all those in hospital there and for all the staff who work in health care across the province.



Help for refugees

Colin Brady, the Diocese of Salisbury's Social Justice Programme Manager, has produced a briefing which may be of interest to those wishing to support refugees from Afghanistan <https://tinyurl.com/34nubt3v>

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The Collect for Harvest Thanksgiving

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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: Joel 2. 21-27

Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the LORD has done great things! Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield.

O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the LORD your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing-floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you.

You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

The Gospel: Matthew 6. 25-33

‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Generous Giving

This week’s theme in the Generous Giving campaign is thanksgiving, particularly appropriate as we celebrate the Harvest and all God’s gifts to us. We want to celebrate and give thanks for the blessings we have received at St John’s and as families and individuals. From the everyday to the life changing, what do you want to give thanks for this week? Don’t forget to check out the ideas in your campaign guide.

The Tisbury Cook Book

As part of our stewardship campaign, it is intended to produce a Tisbury Cook Book. For it to be a success we shall need contributions from the whole of the community. Those with a delicious recipe that they are prepared to share are invited to send their contribution to the Parish Office, preferably by e-mail: tisburyparishchurch@gmail.com (although written contributions are also welcome) and to encourage friends to do likewise. For further details, including format, please contact the Parish Administrator, or pick up a flyer in church.



Tisbury to Iona by Bike?

Jo Naish is setting off on pilgrimage to Iona this October – not by plane, train or automobile, but on Cuthbert, a sturdy green bicycle. She will be raising money for the Salisbury Diocese Mothers’ Union projects as part of their ‘Go the Extra Mile’ Campaign.

To sponsor Jo, or to find out more, go to:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/joanna-naish2>

Jo will also be posting details of the route on this site for armchair enthusiasts and supporters.