St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ

Sunday 5th June 2022

Pentecost The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Today's Service

9.30am All-Age Communion

President: The Revd Juliette Hulme Address: Canon Judy Anderson

Hymns: Come Down, O Love Divine; Spirit of God Unseen as the Wind; Enemy of Apathy; 17 As the deer pants for the water; 239 Spirit of the Living God; I Vow to Thee my Country

Services during the week

Morning Prayer is said at 8.00am on Wednesdays, and services of Holy Communion take place on Wednesdays at 10.00am (CW) and Fridays at 8.00am (BCP), all in St Andrew's Chapel.

For details of weekday services elsewhere in the Benefice and online services via Zoom, please see our website.

Wednesday 8th June at 6.00pm Service of Healing and Wholeness

A quiet service of prayer and contemplation for all the churches of the Nadder Valley Benefice, held in St Andrew's Chapel, including a reading, a song, meditation and prayers for yourself and for those about whom you care.

Next Sunday, 12th June

Trinity Sunday

9.30am Parish Communion

President: The Revd Mark Hayter Preacher: Canon Judy Anderson

In Memoriam

The funeral of the late Desmond Vigors will take place at 11.00am on Thursday 9th June at Salisbury Crematorium. The funeral of the late Nancy Edwards will take place at 11.30am on Wednesday 15th June at St John's. If you would like to have transport in the Tisbus to Cools Farm for the reception afterwards, and back to Tisbury at about 2pm, please contact Quentin or Maggie Edwards 01747 830720 or coolsfarm@gmail.com

We pray for the families and friends of both Desmond and Nancy as they mourn.

For your prayers

In our linked Province of South Sudan, we are asked to pray this week for the work of UNHCR and the World Food Programme.

On this day of Pentecost, we pray for hearts across the world to be touched by the power of the Holy Spirit. May your Spirit bring peace and joy to the troubled regions of our world.

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the reign of your servant Elizabeth our Queen, and for the example of loving and faithful service which she has shown among us. Help us to follow her example of dedication and to commit our lives to you and to one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Visit of former Rector

On Sunday 12th June, the Rt Revd Richard Hurford, a former Team Rector, will be worshipping with us.

Tea for Ukrainian Refugees

On Tuesday 14th June at 3.30pm, we shall be hosting afternoon tea in the Hinton Hall for Ukrainian refugees living locally. If you would like to help by contributing food, please let Juliette know.

A Date for your Diary

On Wednesday 22nd June at 7.30pm, in the Hinton Hall, Tisbury, Juliette and Judy will give a presentation on their recent visit to the Holy Land. Light refreshments of a Middle Eastern nature will be served afterwards.

The Collect for Pentecost

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. Amen.

The First Reading: Acts 2.1-4a

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples 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.

The Gospel: John 14.15-17

Jesus said, 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, 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.'

Come down, O Love Divine

Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine, And visit it with thine own ardour glowing; O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear, And kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn To dust and ashes in its heat consuming; And let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight, And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity mine outward vesture be, And lowliness become mine inner clothing; True lowliness of heart, which takes the humbler part, And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long, Shall far outpass the power of human telling; For none can guess its grace, till it become the place Wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

Bianco da Siena, trans. Richard Frederick Littledale

Spirit of God, Unseen as the Wind

Spirit of God, unseen as the wind, gentle as is the dove; teach us the truth and help us believe, show us the Saviour's love!

You spoke to us long, long ago, gave us the written word; we read it still, needing its truth, through it God's voice is heard. Spirit of God ...

Without your help we fail our Lord, we cannot live his way; we need your power, we need your strength, following Christ each day.

Spirit of God ...

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Enemy of Apathy

She sits like a bird, brooding on the waters, Hovering on the chaos of the world's first day; She sighs and she sings, mothering creation, Waiting to give birth to all the Word will say.

She wings over earth, resting where she wishes, Lighting close at hand or soaring through the skies; She nests in the womb, welcoming each wonder, Nourishing potential hidden to our eyes.

She dances in fire, startling her spectators, Waking tongues of ecstasy where dumbness reigned; She weans and inspires all whose hearts are open, Nor can she be captured, silenced or restrained.

For she is the Spirit, one with God in essence, Gifted by the Saviour in eternal love; She is the key opening the scriptures, Enemy of apathy and heavenly dove.

I Vow to Thee, my Country

I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above, entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love: the love that asks no question, the love that stands the test, that lays upon the altar the dearest and the best; the love that never falters, the love that pays the price, the love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.

And there's another country I've heard of long ago, most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know; we may not count her armies, we may not see her King; her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering; and soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase, and her ways are ways of gentleness and all her paths are peace.

Cecil Spring-Rice

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