St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



Sunday 24th July 2022

The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Today's Services

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

President: The Revd Colin Fox

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Juliette Hulme

Setting: Mass of St Thomas David Thorne

Hymns: Jesus calls us here to meet him; 357 Father hear the prayer we offer; 307 Sweet sacrament divine

During Communion: Prayer of St Richard of Chichester Malcolm Archer

Final hymn: 476 Ye servants of God, your master proclaim Organ voluntary: Apparition de l'Église éternelle *Olivier Messiaen*

Next Sunday, 31st July

The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

10.00am All-Age Communion St Margaret of Antioch, Chilmark

President: The Revd Elaine Brightwell Preacher: The Revd Joanna Naish

We join with the churches in the Western and Northern areas of the Benefice for an All-Age Communion service.

In Memoriam

We are sorry to report the recent deaths of three members of the Tisbury community:

Joan Hull (Herridge) – Funeral at St John's at 2.00pm on Wednesday 10th August.

David Carroll – private cremation followed by Thanksgiving Service at St John's at 2.30pm on Monday 15th August.

Margaret Gibbons – details of funeral arrangements will be notified when known.

We pray for their families and friends at this time of loss.

For your prayers

Please pray for church leaders across South Sudan and Sudan and for their participation in the Lambeth conference. We give thanks for the deal struck for the export of grain from Ukraine and we pray that it will reach the most needy countries. Please pray for effective peace negotiations between Ukraine and Russia.

We pray for the people of Wennington, East London, who lost their homes in wild fires this week, and for all in the UK and in Europe still affected by wild fires.

Monday 8th August 10.30am-12.30pm Children's Holiday Workshop

The next Children's Holiday Workshop run by the Nadder Valley Benefice will be on Monday 8th August, 10.30am-12.30pm in Swallowcliffe Village Hall. Booking is essential – contact the Revd Jo Naish on 01747 871820 or revdjoannanaish@gmail.com to book a place. All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult throughout.

Wednesday 10th August at 8.30am Hinton Hall

We shall be hosting Bishop Elijah Matueny Awet from our linked diocese of Cueibet, South Sudan, for breakfast. If you would like to come, please let Judy (Parish Administrator) know by Sunday 7th August.

Could you host a bishop?

Salisbury Diocese is looking for additional hosts for bishops and their spouses from Sudan and South Sudan visiting the diocese after the Lambeth Conference, from **Monday 8**th to **Saturday 13**th **August**. If you can help, please email <u>sudan.secretary@salisbury.anglican.org</u> or ring Revd Canon Ian Woodward on 07973 318866.

Charitable giving

Earlier this year, the PCC agreed that we should give to two charities each year in addition to collections made via Lent and Advent boxes, and at Harvest and Remembrance. We shall collect at our services on 7th and 14th August for the Tisbury Link Scheme. Please give generously!

The Collect for the Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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: Genesis 18.20-32

The LORD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know." So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD.

Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

The Gospel: Luke 11.1-13

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial." And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Opening hymn

I Jesus calls us here to meet him as, through word and song and prayer, we affirm God's promised presence where his people live and care. Praise the God who keeps his promise; praise the Son who calls us friends; praise the Spirit who, among us, to our hopes and fears attends.

2 Jesus calls us to confess him Word of life and Lord of all, sharer of our flesh and frailness, saving all who fail or fall.
Tell his holy human story; tell his tales that all may hear, tell the world that Christ in glory came to earth to meet us here.

3 Jesus calls us to each other, vastly different though we are; creed and colour, class and gender neither limit nor debar. Join the hand of friend and stranger; join the hands of age and youth; join the faithful and the doubter in their common search for truth.

4 Jesus calls us to his table rooted firm in time and space, where the Church in earth and heaven finds a common meeting place. Share the bread and wine, his body; share the love of which we sing; share the feast of saints and sinners hosted by our Lord and King.