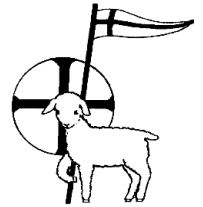


St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



A prayer on the death of Her Majesty the Queen

Gracious God,
we give thanks
for the life of your servant Queen Elizabeth,
for her faith and her dedication to duty.
Bless our nation as we mourn her death
and may her example continue to inspire us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

A prayer for our new King, Charles III

Everlasting God, we pray for our new King.
Bless his reign and the life of our nation.
Help us to work together
so that truth and justice, harmony and fairness flourish among us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Sunday 11th September 2022

The 13th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Juliette Hulme

Hymns: 417 O God our help in ages past; 377 Immortal, invisible, God only wise;

307 Sweet sacrament divine; 413 Now thank we all our God

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Collect on the death of Her Majesty the Queen

Merciful Father and Lord of all life, we praise you that we are made in your image and reflect your truth and light. We thank you for the life of our late Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth, for the love she received from you and showed among us. Above all, we rejoice at your gracious promise to all your servants, living and departed, that we shall rise again at the coming of Christ. And we ask that in due time we may share with your servant Elizabeth that clearer vision promised to us in the same Christ our Lord; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

The Old Testament Reading: Lamentations 3.22-26, 31-33

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord. For the Lord will not reject forever. Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

The Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4.16-5.4

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling—if indeed, when we have taken it off we will not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan under our burden, because we wish not to be unclothed but to be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.

The Gospel: John 6.35-40

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day."

Next Sunday, 18th September

The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Joanna Naish

6.00pm West Gallery Evensong

Officiant: The Revd Juliette Hulme

The so-called West Gallery tradition, a reaction against the comparative formality of choral services, flourished during the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries. Do come to this service, where the music will be led by choir and instrumentalists.

Thursday 15th September at 6.00pm

Farewell to Father Robert

Father Robert Miller, our Roman Catholic Priest for several years, retires from active ministry today; his final Mass as Parish Priest is 9 a.m. Father Robert has expressed a wish to have a service of Evensong as he retires; this will take place at Sacred Heart Church, Tisbury, at 6.00pm on Thursday 15th September, led by the Revd Juliette Hulme. It is hoped that members of all three Tisbury churches will come to the service to bid him farewell and share refreshments afterwards. Do join us!

Wednesday 21st September at 6.30pm

Chalke Deanery Synod

Our Deanery Synod will meet, after a long break during Covid, at Dinton Primary School. This is an open meeting, so everyone is invited, not just our PCC representatives.

For your prayers

As we give thanks for the life and reign of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, we pray for our new King, Charles III, for Camilla, Queen Consort, for William, Prince of Wales and for Kate, Princess of Wales. We pray for all the Royal Family and others close to the Queen at this time of loss, and for our nation and the whole Commonwealth during this period of mourning.

In our linked diocese of Cuaibet, South Sudan, we are asked to pray that after the recent heavy rains their crops may be saved and there be adequate food for the coming seasons.

