St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



Sunday 14th May 2023 The Sixth Sunday of Easter Rogation

Today's Service

9.30am Parish Communion

President: The Revd Juliette Hulme Preacher: Julie Dunstan

Setting: Mass of St Thomas David Thorne Sanctus & Agnus Dei: Brecon Service Philip Moore Hymns: 263 (omit* verses) All creatures of our God and King; For the fruits of his creation (words overleaf); 124 Ye choirs of new Jerusalem During Communion: Ave verum corpus Elgar Final hymn: 394 Let all the world in every corner sing Organ Voluntary: Prelude [Te Deum] MA Charpentier

Thursday 18th May Ascension Day

7.00pm Solemn Eucharist President and Preacher: The Revd Juliette Hulme

Services during the week

Services of Holy Communion are held on Wednesdays at 10.00am St Andrew's Chapel (CW) and Fridays at 8.00am in the Vestry (BCP). All are welcome. Details of online services can be found on our website (see below)

Next Sunday, 21st May

The Seventh Sunday of Easter (The Sunday after Ascension Day)

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Juliette Hulme

Acts 1.6-14; John 17.1-11

6.00pm West Gallery Evensong

Led by the Revd Juliette Hulme

Do come and experience West Gallery Music, a style deeply rooted in the West country, featuring singers and instrumentalists, which flourished during the late 18^{th} and early 19^{th} centuries.

For your prayers

In our linked diocese of Cueibet, South Sudan, we are asked to pray this week that there may be good harvests there and sufficient food and water to cover all their needs and to make money for their future development.

In Christian Aid week, we pray that people will give generously to help the poorest in our world. We pray for strength and wisdom for King Charles and Queen Camilla as they take on their new responsibilities.

Locally we pray for Albany House, for all the staff and residents.

Baptism

We welcome Theo Dennis George Hardy, baptised at St John's on Saturday 13th May. Please pray for him and his family as they take this important step.

Sunday 14th May Old Fonthill Abbey Open Gardens

The grounds of Old Fonthill Abbey will be open between 10am and 5pm, in aid of Cure Parkinson's and local charities. Come and enjoy a walk around the woods and lake and admire the bluebells – donations on the gate (£8 suggested donation). Why not enjoy BBQ sausages for lunch, or a cup of tea with delicious cake? Dogs welcome on leads.

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The Collect for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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 First Reading: Acts 17:22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said,

"For we too are his offspring."

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

The Gradual Hymn

I. For the fruits of his creation, 2. In the just reward of labour, 3. For the harvests of his Spirit, thanks be to God; God's will is done; thanks be to God; for his gifts to every nation, in the help we give our neighbour, for the good we all inherit, thanks be to God; God's will is done; thanks be to God: for the ploughing, sowing, reaping, in our worldwide task of caring for the wonders that astound us, silent growth while we are sleeping, for the hungry and despairing, for the truths that still confound us, future needs in earth's safe keeping, in the harvests we are sharing, most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God. God's will is done. thanks be to God.

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The Gospel: John 14:15-21

Jesus said, 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. 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.

'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

Lent Boxes - urgent call

Very few Lent boxes have been returned. If you have one, please would you bring it as soon as possible, so that we can pass the donations on? Many thanks.



An update from Geoff ...

Geoff Naish sent this message on Wednesday evening:

'Have now reached Keld, in Swaledale, a distance of 124 miles from start at Edale. So only 144 miles to go! And by Sun 14th, should only be 100 miles remaining. Met many interesting people and nationalities, on various different lengths of walks, and in such lovely parts of the country.'

Geoff is walking the full length of the Pennine Way, to raise money for Salisbury Hospice in support of all their good work in our local community. To date, he has raised £3,700, but it's not too late to add a donation via his 'Just Giving' page: <u>http://www.justgiving.com/page/geoff-naish-</u>

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