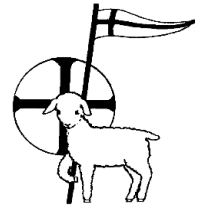


St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



Sunday 25th June 2023

Patronal Festival

The Birth of John the Baptist

Today's Services

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

President: The Revd Juliette Hulme

9.30am Festal Eucharist

President and Preacher: The Rt Revd Andrew Rumsey, Bishop of Ramsbury

We are delighted to welcome Bishop Andrew to preside and preach at our Patronal Festival today. Do come to this annual service in which we give thanks for our church. There will be an opportunity to meet Bishop Andrew over coffee after the service.

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.

Next Sunday, 2nd July

9.30am All-Age Pet Service In the Churchyard (*weather permitting*)

Led by the Revd Juliette Hulme

All creatures, great and small, are very welcome at our annual Pet Service, held in the churchyard, weather permitting. Do join us, with or without a pet, as we thank God for these gifts to us and bless them in his name. In the case of bad weather, the service will take place in the church - with the pets, of course!

Sunday 2nd July at 10.30am Salisbury Cathedral

The Ordination of Rebecca McDonnell

All are welcome at this service, where Becca will be ordained Deacon by the Rt Revd Stephen Lake, Bishop of Salisbury. Please pray for Becca as she prepares for her ordination. Please pray, too, for Stewart, Cullin and Murdo, and for the Revd Martin Lee and the people of Sherborne Benefice, where Becca will serve as Assistant Curate.

In Memoriam

We were sorry to hear of the death of Rex Sawyer, who played a leading role in the life of St John's and of the local community, on 15th June. There will be a Service of Thanksgiving for Rex's life in due course.

The funeral of the late Audrey Alford, a faithful member of St John's for many years, will be on Monday 3rd July at 1.00pm in St John's Church.

The funeral of the late Doris Garrett will take place on Wednesday 5th July at 1.00pm in St John's Church.

Restoration of the Reredos in the Lady Chapel

The restoration of our beautiful terracotta Reredos showing the resurrection appearance of Jesus to Mary in the garden is now complete. Do have a look at it over coffee. We await the installation of special lighting to highlight this inspirational work, sculpted in 1884 by George Tinworth, the Victorian ceramic artist.

Juliette

Confirmation Classes

Have you considered being confirmed? Confirmation classes, for adults and for young people, are starting in the autumn. If you are interested, do talk to Juliette about what is involved.

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The Collect for the Birth of John the Baptist

Almighty God, by whose providence your servant John the Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way of your Son our Saviour by the preaching of repentance: lead us to repent according to his preaching and, after his example, constantly to speak the truth, boldly to rebuke vice, and patiently to suffer for the truth's sake; 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 New Testament Reading: Galatians 3.23-29

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

The Gospel: Luke 1.57-66, 80

Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbours and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her.

On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. But his mother said, 'No; he is to be called John.' They said to her, 'None of your relatives has this name.' Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. He asked for a writing-tablet and wrote, 'His name is John.' And all of them were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. Fear came over all their neighbours, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. All who heard them pondered them and said, 'What then will this child become?' For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him.

The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.

For your prayers

We give thanks for our diocesan link with the Episcopal Churches of Sudan and South Sudan and for our deanery linked diocese of Cueibet. We pray for Bishop Elijah and his pastors and people.

On the Feast of St John the Baptist we pray for all pregnant women and all who have recently given birth. We pray for babies who are malnourished in poorer countries and for the work of Tearfund and Save the Children. We pray for all women who long for children but are unable to be mothers.

We pray for all to be ordained deacon and all deacons to be priested in our Diocese next weekend, and for their parishes.



Lent Boxes

Thank you to all who gave via the Lent boxes. We have sent £271.86 to the Chalke-Cueibet partnership towards the building of a security fence for the bishop's compound, which includes the school and the church as well as the bishop's accommodation.

Book of Remembrance

We would like to update our Book of Remembrance with the anniversaries of death of local residents.

If you would like your relative's name to be recorded in the Book, please fill in the form (available by the north door) with their full name and day, month & year of death and pass to Judy or myself.

Juliette

Giving to the church



Thank you very much to those who continue to give regularly to the church. If you haven't committed to regular giving, why not consider joining the Parish Giving Scheme? If you go to <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/tisbury-st-john-tisbury/> you can set up a login and password on the secure website. This will enable you set up your own direct debit (and sign up for gift aid if applicable). Alternatively, you can pick up a leaflet in church. If you require help or advice on giving, please contact Paul Naish, email stjgiftaid@gmail.com tel 01747 870731. Cheques should be made payable to Tisbury PCC.