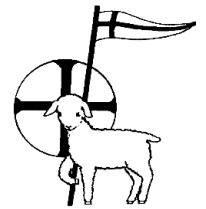


# St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2023**

**The Seventh Sunday after Trinity**

## Today's Services

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) St Andrew's Chapel

President and Preacher: The Revd Juliette Hulme

9.30am Parish Communion

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Setting: Mass of St Thomas *David Thorne*

Hymns: 232 Awake my soul and with the sun; 239 Lord of all hopefulness; 137 Come down O love divine

During Communion: Drop drop slow tears *Orlando Gibbons arr David Blackwell*

Final Hymn: 388 Jesus shall reign (*descant Sam Wiggs*)

Organ Voluntary: Grand March (from *Aida*) *Giuseppe Verdi*

*The Revd Juliette Hulme is also leading worship at Holy Trinity Church, Fonthill Gifford, this morning*

## 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, 30<sup>th</sup> July**

**The Eighth Sunday after Trinity**

11.00am All-Age Communion for Lammas Dinton Recreation Ground

President: The Revd Elaine Brightwell Preacher: Canon Judy Anderson

All from our local village communities are warmly invited to our joint outdoor service at Dinton Recreation Ground, to celebrate Lammas, marking the blessing of the first fruits of harvest with a specially baked loaf of bread. This is the occasion when, once a year, all the churches of the Nadder Valley Benefice join to worship together - thus there is **no service at St John's** that day.

Do come - and bring a picnic to eat together after the service.

We encourage you to car-share where possible, and we ask you please to leave the parking spaces in St Mary's Road for those who are less mobile.

## For your prayers

In our linked diocese of Cueibet, South Sudan, we are asked to pray this week for pastors and lay leaders who work for a reduction of violence between the cattle camps.

We continue to pray for those experiencing extreme weather conditions: those in parts of Europe and the USA suffering dangerously high temperatures, and those in South Korea and elsewhere with torrential rain, flooding and landslides. We pray that all nations will take seriously the threats presented by climate change and take urgent measures to address this.

With the arrival of the Bibby Stockholm barge off Portland, please pray for all refugees and asylum seekers, that they will be treated humanely and with respect, and that long-term solutions will be found to the ongoing refugee crisis.



**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August 10am-1pm Children's holiday workshop Hinton Hall**

Our workshop, run by the Nadder Valley Team, is on the theme 'BBQ on the beach.' Summer craft activities, makes and games, music, story and fun for all ages - and a BBQ! Book your place by email: [revdjoannanaish@gmail.com](mailto:revdjoannanaish@gmail.com) or phone Revd Jo Naish on 01747 871820.

We'd be grateful for **donations** of anything that would float (e.g. clean meat/fruit/veg trays without holes, plastic bottles with tops) for a boat-making activity - please leave in the box in church. Thank you!

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## The Collect for the Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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: Isaiah 44.6-8

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel  
and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:  
I am the first and I am the last;  
besides me there is no god.  
Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,  
let them declare and set it forth before me.  
Who has announced from of old the things to come?  
Let them tell us what is yet to be.  
Do not fear, or be afraid;  
have I not told you from of old and declared it?  
You are my witnesses!  
Is there any god besides me?  
There is no other rock; I know not one.

### The Gospel: Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn." '

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

## 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.

## Book of Remembrance

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

## Thank you from the Revd Rebecca McDonnell

Becca sends thanks to all for the Sick Call Set which we gave her from the church on her ordination as Deacon last weekend. Her card, showing Sherborne Abbey where she is now Curate, is on the notice board in the porch.

## 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? To set up a login and password on the secure site, go to <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/tisbury-st-john-tisbury/> Here you can set up a direct debit (and sign up for gift aid if applicable). Alternatively, there are leaflets in church. For help or advice on giving, please contact Paul Naish, email [sjtgiftaid@gmail.com](mailto:sjtgiftaid@gmail.com) tel 01747 870731. Cheques should be made payable to Tisbury PCC.