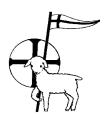
St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



Sunday 30th July 2023 The Eighth Sunday after Trinity Lammas

Today's Service

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**.

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 near the recreation ground for those who are less mobile.

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, 6th August The Transfiguration

9.30am All-Age Service

Led by the Revd Juliette Hulme and Canon Judy Anderson

For your prayers

In our linked diocese of Cueibet, South Sudan, we are asked to pray this week for national leaders across South Sudan and Sudan, that all local communities, especially those in Cueibet, receive support.

Please pray for all the families in Yemen who are without food. We pray for a resolution to the conflict and access for Aid agencies to bring food and medical supplies.

We continue to pray for a withdrawal of Russian troops from Ukraine and an end to attacks. We pray for all Ukrainians displaced by the war that they may receive hospitality and care. We pray for all refugees, for their safety and for compassion to be shown to them.

Monday 7th August at 2.00pm Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Rex Sawyer

All who knew Rex are warmly invited to this celebration of his life, in St John's Church.

Tuesday 8th 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 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 at St John's. Thank you!

The Collect for the Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, 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: Leviticus 23.9-14

The Lord spoke to Moses: Speak to the people of Israel and say to them: When you enter the land that I am giving you and you reap its harvest, you shall bring the sheaf of the first fruits of your harvest to the priest. He shall raise the sheaf before the Lord, so that you may find acceptance; on the day after the sabbath the priest shall raise it. On the day when you raise the sheaf, you shall offer a lamb a year old, without blemish, as a burnt-offering to the Lord. And the grain-offering with it shall be two-tenths of an ephah of choice flour mixed with oil, an offering by fire of pleasing odour to the Lord; and the drink-offering with it shall be of wine, one-fourth of a hin. You shall eat no bread or parched grain or fresh ears until that very day, until you have brought the offering of your God: it is a statute for ever throughout your generations in all your settlements.

The Gospel: Matthew 15.32-39

Then Jesus called his disciples to him and said, 'I have compassion for the crowd, because they have been with me now for three days and have nothing to eat; and I do not want to send them away hungry, for they might faint on the way.' The disciples said to him, 'Where are we to get enough bread in the desert to feed so great a crowd?' Jesus asked them, 'How many loaves have you?' They said, 'Seven, and a few small fish.' Then ordering the crowd to sit down on the ground, he took the seven loaves and the fish; and after giving thanks he broke them and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all of them ate and were filled; and they took up the broken pieces left over, seven baskets full. Those who had eaten were four thousand men, besides women and children. After sending away the crowds, he got into the boat and went to the region of Magadan.

Church Stall at Tisbury Village Fete - please contribute! Sunday 20th August

The village fete, postponed from July because of bad weather, has been rescheduled to Sunday 20th August, I2noon to 5.00pm, at the recreation ground. On our stall we shall be selling cakes and produce, and plants. Please pot up plants to sell and have your cakes and produce ready in the freezer (or elsewhere) Thank you so much. Please bring to the church on Saturday I9th August between 5.30 and 6.30pm. We need as much as possible to sell in aid of church funds. Thank you very much for your contributions!

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. 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 sitgiftaid@gmail.com tel 01747 870731. Cheques should be made payable to Tisbury PCC.