St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



Sunday 27th August 2023

The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Today's Services

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
President and Preacher: The Revd Elaine Brightwell

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Mark Hayter Setting: Mass of St Thomas David Thorne

Hymns: 484 The Church's one foundation (omit * verses); 234 Christ whose glory fills the skies 296 Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour During Communion: 307 Sweet sacrament divine

Final hymn: 486 We have a gospel to proclaim

Organ Voluntary: Dialogue sur les grands jeux Nicolas de Grigny

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, 3rd September

The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am All-Age Service

Led by Canon Judy Anderson

For your prayers

In our linked diocese of Cueibet, South Sudan, we are asked this week to pray for girls and young women in the diocese, that they may be able to play a full part in their community.

Please pray for the situation in Sudan, where hunger, disease and displacement due to the war are threatening a humanitarian disaster. Please continue to pray too for Ukraine and for all war-torn countries.





In Memoriam

We give thanks for the life of **Tim Saunders**. Please continue to pray for Sue and the family at this sad time. The funeral will take place at St John's at 2.30pm on Monday 4th September.

We give thanks for the life of **Gordon Sorensen.** We pray for Liz and for their daughters Shauna and Maisie, and for all the family, as they grieve. The funeral service will take place at St John's at 3.00pm on Friday 15th September.

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.

Hatch House Open Garden Saturday 2nd September, I I am-5pm

The garden will be open in aid of Salisbury Hospice. There will be the usual plethora of stalls, including Lady Rumbold's and Mrs Vernon's celebrated clothes stall, plus Compton McRae BBQ, teas, cakes and ice creams. Do support this event, which is always popular. Entry £5 for adults, £1 for children.

Trish Liddiard is running the cake stall. She would be delighted to receive contributions for the stall, which can be delivered to her or brought to St John's on Friday 1st September. You can phone Trish on 07765 226795.

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The Collect for the Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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 51:1-6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the LORD. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be for ever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

The Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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.

Village Fete - Church stall

Thank you all so much for your hard work for our church stall at the fete last Sunday, whether baking cakes and goodies, picking produce, potting up plants, setting up or packing up, and/or selling our wares in aid of the church. Thank you, too, to all who came and bought from the stall. We made £544.15. It is a fantastic result, a real community effort and a great boost for our church funds.

Collection for Barnardo's

Thank you very much to all who gave so generously to our collection for Barnardo's a few weeks ago. £256.11 has been sent to the charity.

Ride and Stride Saturday 9th September

Ride and Stride, the annual event which raises funds for Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust and local parish churches, takes place as usual on the second Saturday in September. Why not team up with a friend or a group of friends to take part in this very worthwhile event? The money you raise will be split between the Historic Churches Trust and St John's. You can find information, and download a sponsor form at:

Rider & Strider Information 2023 - Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust

If you have any problem doing this, please contact Judy Anderson, who is our parish co-ordinator for the event.

Sponsored Parachute Jump Sunday 10th September

Norman Orchard (80) of Fonthill Gifford is going to do a tandem parachute jump / skydive in aid of **Wiltshire Air Ambulance** on Sunday 10th September at Old Sarum. This will be Norman's first fixed wing flight. Wiltshire Air Ambulance is called out on average to three incidents a day. Norman's JustGiving page to donate is: https://www.justgiving.com/page/norman-orchard-1686647622181?checkoutMode=Headless