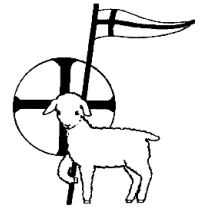


# St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



**Sunday 17th September 2023**

**The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**

## Today's Services

**9.30am Parish Communion**

President: The Revd Juliette Hulme Preacher: Canon Judy Anderson

Gloria: Mass of St Thomas *David Thorne*; A German Mass *Franz Schubert*

Hymns: 263 All creatures of our God and King (omit \* verses); 64 Be thou my guardian and my guide;

294 Just as I am During Communion: The Lord is my shepherd *Howard Goodall*

461 There's a wideness in God's mercy

Organ Voluntary: Prelude, Fugue and Chaconne *Dietrich Buxtehude*

**6.00pm Choral Evensong**

Led by the Revd Juliette Hulme

Introit: Locus iste *Anton Bruckner* Psalm 119.41-48

Responses: *Seal* Setting: *Stanford* in C

Hymns: 50 O blest Creator of the light; 155 We sing the glorious conquest

Anthem: How beautiful upon the mountains *John Stainer*

Organ Voluntary: Prelude in E minor BWV548 *J S Bach*

## 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, 24<sup>th</sup> September**

**The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity  
Harvest Thanksgiving**

**8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)**

President and Preacher: The Revd Juliette Hulme

**9.30am Parish Communion for Harvest Thanksgiving**

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We invite you to bring for our Harvest Thanksgiving service tins and other non-perishable food items for the Trussell Trust, <https://www.trusselltrust.org>

There will be a collection at the service in aid of Farms for City Children UK, a charity which enables children from disadvantaged communities to experience the adventure of working together on our farms in the heart of the British countryside. You can read more about the charity at <https://farmsforcitychildren.org>

**Autumn Lecture Series at St-Martin-in-the-Fields, London**

**Available Online**

An excellent series of lectures, entitled *Here I Stand, I Can Do No Other*, on a range of topical subjects, began earlier this month. There are another eight to come, the next, *On the Front Line in Ukraine*, being this Monday, 18 September, at 7.00pm. For more information about all the lectures, and to book to join online (donation of £10 per lecture), please go to [www.smitf.org/lectures](http://www.smitf.org/lectures)

**Eucharist on the Feast of St Matthew, 21 September**

**Salisbury Cathedral**

Canon Judy Anderson is the preacher at this service at 5.30pm on Thursday 21 September. All are very welcome to come to the service.

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## The Collect for the Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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: Genesis 50.15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, "Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

## The Gospel: Matthew 18.21-35

Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.'

'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

## For your prayers

In our linked diocese of Cueibet, South Sudan, we are asked this week to pray that church communities in the diocese may be places of support and encouragement for all.

We pray for all who are suffering as a result of the earthquake in Morocco and the flash floods in Derna, Libya. We pray for the governments of these countries and aid organisations as they seek to support the injured, homeless and bereaved.

Locally we pray for the staff of Albany House, giving thanks for their hard work, and we pray for all the residents there and their families.



## Congratulations!

Well done to John Dalton and Peter Coopman who took part in *Ride and Stride* last Saturday in exhausting heat! John cycled to ten churches in Dorset and has raised in excess of £450 - the money raised by both will be split between Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust and St John's. If you haven't yet had a chance to sponsor one of them, it's not too late!

## 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.