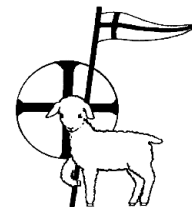


St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



Sunday 24th September 2023

The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity
Harvest Thanksgiving



Today's Services

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

President: The Revd Juliette Hulme

9.30am Parish Communion for Harvest Thanksgiving

President and Preacher: The Revd Juliette Hulme

Setting: Mass of St Thomas *David Thorne*

Hymns: 259 Come ye thankful people come; 397 Let us with a gladsome mind;

261 To thee O Lord O hearts we raise

During Communion: Thou visitest the earth *Maurice Greene*

Final hymn: 262 We plough the fields and scatter

Organ Voluntary: Country Gardens *Percy Grainger*

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>

The Revd Juliette Hulme is also leading worship at Holy Trinity, 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, 1st October

The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am All-Age Service

Led by the Revd Juliette Hulme and Canon Judy Anderson

A short, informal service focusing on St Francis of Assisi, with an activity for the children.

In Memoriam

The funeral of the late **Mike Neal** will take place at Salisbury Crematorium on Thursday 5th October at 12 noon.

A Service of Thanksgiving for the lives of **Roger and Iris Staddon** will take place at St John's at 2.30pm on Tuesday 24th October.

Please pray for their families and friends as they mourn.

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

The next in the series of lectures, entitled *Here I Stand, I Can Do No Other*, on a range of topical subjects, is on Monday 25th September at 7.00pm; the subject is Martyrdom. 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

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.

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The Collect for Harvest Thanksgiving

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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: Deuteronomy 8.7-18

For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you.

Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.' But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

The Gospel: Luke 12.16-30

Jesus told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.'" But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

He said to his disciples, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.'

For your prayers

In our linked diocese of Cueibet, South Sudan, we are asked this week to pray for the pastors there and their families, that they may share the benefits of the help received.

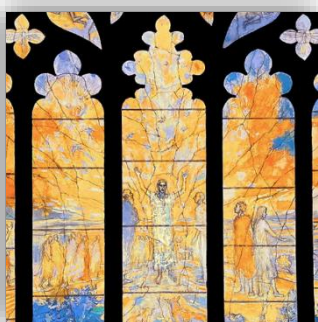
We give thanks for the resilience of our farmers, who have managed to bring in the harvest despite all the difficulties caused by the weather.

We pray for those in countries around the world where crops have failed, asking that they will find the means to feed themselves and their families.

We pray for those in this country who rely on food banks and other charities for their basic needs, and we pray for the work of those charities, especially the Trussell Trust.



East Window: Progress Report from the Committee



Thank you to all who have contributed towards our wonderful new East Window.

We are happy to report that all the glass has now been cut to size by the team at Salisbury Cathedral. Tom Denny has completed the etching of the design on each of the glass panels, and he is now starting to paint.

The dedications from the donors are being compiled into a draft of the Memorial Book which will soon be shared online so that it is possible for everyone to see how the individual words and stories will create a lasting history of Tisbury.

We are still a little short of the original £150,000 target (about £4,000), but the team wished to keep an amount available to ensure that everyone has a chance to be involved. A renewed campaign using the memorial book should clarify the aims of the whole project.