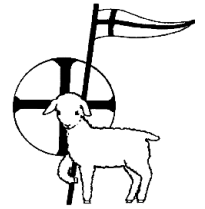


St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



Sunday 1st October 2023 The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Today's Service

9.30am All-Age Service for St Francis

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.

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>

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, 8th October The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Parish Communion

President: Revd Juliette Hulme

Preacher: Julie Dunstan

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.

Friday 6th October at 10.00 Churchyard Tidying

The regular team do a wonderful job keeping the churchyard neat and tidy throughout the year. From time to time they invite additional volunteers to come along for a morning, with trowels, forks and gardening gloves, to help them give it an extra 'polish' - and this Friday is your opportunity. Do come along and join the party!

A huge 'thank you' ...

... to Peter Coopman, who is retiring after around 14 years as Head Sidesman at St John's, and a member of the Sidesman team before that. He is also stepping down from some other roles, including LPA. We thank Peter for the enormous amount he has contributed to the life of our church over this time, and we rejoice that he will be continuing as a Holy Mower. Thank you, Peter!

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 2nd October at 7.00pm. Given by the author Lemn Sissay, it has the intriguing title '*Here I stand: My Name is Why?*' 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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A Collect for St Francis of Assisi

O God, you delight to reveal yourself to the childlike and lowly of heart: grant that, following the example of the blessed Francis, we may put aside the distractions of this world and follow only Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Reading: Luke 12.22-31

Jesus said to his disciples, '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. Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

Hymns

Our God is a Great Big God

Our God is a Great Big God
Our God is a Great Big God
And He holds us in His hands.

He's higher than a skyscraper
He's deeper than a submarine
He's wider than the universe
And beyond my wildest dreams

And He's known me
And He's loved me
Since before the world began
How wonderful to be a part
Of God's amazing plan!!!!

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All creatures of our God and King,

Lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluya, alleluya!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam:

*O praise him, O praise him
Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya!*

2 Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
O praise him! Alleluya!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice:

3 Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluya, Alleluya!
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
That givest man both warmth and light:

4 Dear mother earth, who day by day
Unfoldest blessings on our way,
O praise him, Alleluya!
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,
Let them his glory also show:

5 Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship him in humbleness,
O praise him! Alleluya!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, three in One:

*St Francis of Assisi 1182-1226
Tr William Draper 1855-1933*

For your prayers

In our linked diocese of Cueibet, South Sudan, we are asked this week to pray for 'Doctors in Africa,' the Italian Charity staff working in the hospital and health centres in the diocese.

We give thanks for our local village shops, Post Office, cafes and pubs in Tisbury, Fonthill Bishop, Fonthill Gifford, Hindon and Semley. We pray for all who work in them and we pray that we may continue to support them.

We pray for all affected by knife crime and gun crime. We pray for our police and community workers, asking for your protection for them as they tackle increasingly violent crime.

