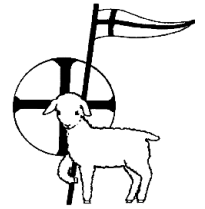


# St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

**The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity**

## Today's Service

9.30am Parish Communion

President: Revd Juliette Hulme Preacher: Julie Dunstan

Gloria: *Peruvian (words overleaf)* Setting: The Tisbury Service *Richard Shephard*

Hymns: 349 Come let us join our cheerful songs; 366 God of mercy, God of grace

Offertory Hymn: Jesus calls us here to meet him (*words overleaf*)

During Communion: Tantum ergo sacramentum *Deodat de Séverac* Final hymn: 339 Be thou my vision

Organ Voluntary: Marche Triomphale 'Nun danket alle Gott' *Karg Elert*

**Next Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> October**

**The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity**

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: Revd Juliette Hulme

6.00pm Choral Evensong

Led by the Revd Juliette Hulme

## For your prayers

In our linked diocese of Cueibet, South Sudan, we are asked this week to pray for the prisons in Cueibet and Rumbek, for the prison gardens and for all their rehabilitation work.

On Homelessness Sunday, Alabaré ask us to pray for them as they provide supported accommodation to street homeless, veterans and young people across the South West and across Wales: 'Bless all those involved with Alabaré so that their life of service can be sustained. May their relationships show your compassion, reflect your generosity and generate mutual respect.'



## In Memoriam

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

Please pray for their family and friends as they mourn.

## 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!

## And thank you very much ...

... to the Holy Mowers and all the additional volunteers who worked so hard at the Autumn tidy-up of the churchyard on Friday. It is looking magnificent!

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October Children's Holiday Workshop Fovant Village Hall**

All children are welcome at the workshop, run by the Nadder Valley Team, from 2.00-4.30pm in Fovant. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult throughout. Advance booking essential via [revdjoannanaish@gmail.com](mailto:revdjoannanaish@gmail.com)

**Could you contribute:** cardboard tubes (kitchen roll, loo roll, etc); spare wool in autumnal colours; pine cones; unwanted CDs for craft use? Anything you can offer would be gratefully received – please put in the box in church.

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## The Peruvian Gloria

Each line is sung by the Cantor and then repeated by the choir and congregation; the refrain is sung after each verse.

1 Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father.

*To him be glory for ever!*

*Alleluia, amen (repeat 3 times)*

2 Glory to God, glory to God, Son of the Father.

*Trad Peruvian, arr John Ballantyne (b 1945)*

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3 Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit.

## The Collect for the Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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: Isaiah 5.1-7

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watch-tower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

## The Gospel: Matthew 21:33-41

Jesus said, 'Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance." So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.'

## The Offertory Hymn

1 Jesus calls us here to meet him  
as, through word and song and prayer,  
we affirm God's promised presence  
where his people live and care.  
Praise the God who keeps his promise;  
praise the Son who calls us friends;  
praise the Spirit who, among us,  
to our hopes and fears attends.

2 Jesus calls us to confess him  
Word of life and Lord of all,  
sharer of our flesh and frailness,  
saving all who fail or fall.  
Tell his holy human story;  
tell his tales that all may hear,  
tell the world that Christ in glory  
came to earth to meet us here.

3 Jesus calls us to each other,  
vastly different though we are;  
creed and colour, class and gender  
neither limit nor debar.  
Join the hand of friend and stranger;  
join the hands of age and youth;  
join the faithful and the doubter  
in their common search for truth.

4 Jesus calls us to his table  
rooted firm in time and space,  
where the Church in earth and heaven  
finds a common meeting place.  
Share the bread and wine, his body;  
share the love of which we sing;  
share the feast of saints and sinners  
hosted by our Lord and King.

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