St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



Sunday 22nd October 2023 The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

Today's Services

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

President: Revd Juliette Hulme

9.30am Parish Communion

President: Revd Juliette Hulme Preacher: Canon Judy Anderson

Setting: Mass of St Thomas David Thorne A German Mass Franz Schubert

Hymns: 394 Let all the world in every corner sing; 431 O thou who camest from above;

438 Praise to God whose word was spoken

During Communion: Jesu, dulcis memoria *Tomás Luis de Vittoria [Translation: Hymn 291 v1]* Final hymn: 333 All my hope on God is founded Organ Voluntary: Final *Denis Bédard*

The Revd Juliette Hulme and Canon Judy Anderson are also leading worship at Holy Trinity, Fonthill Gifford, this morning

Next Sunday, 29th October All Saints (transferred) Area Service at All Saints Church, Fonthill Bishop, SP3 5SF

10.00am Parish Communion (BCP) for All Saints Fonthill Bishop

President and Preacher: The Rt Revd Andrew Rumsey, Bishop of Ramsbury

We look forward to joining with the congregation at Fonthill Bishop for their Patronal Festival, where we welcome Bishop Andrew as president and preacher. Do come, and please stay for refreshments after the service. Parking is available at the Fonthill Estate Office across the road from the church (post code SP3 5SN), with limited parking near the church for those who need it. This will be the only service in the western part of the Benefice on 29th October.

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 24th October.

We are very sorry to report the death of **Rosemary Savage**, a much-loved member of our congregation for many years, at her home in Frome, following a long illness. Her funeral will be held at 2.00pm on Tuesday 7th November at St Mary's Church, Welshmill, Frome BATT 2LN.

We were sorry to hear of the recent death of **Stuart Jack**. His funeral will take place at St John's at 1.00pm on Monday 13th November.

Please pray for their families and friends as they mourn.

Sunday 5th November at 3.00pm Benefice Service for All Souls

A quiet, reflective service at St John's at which all whose funerals have been conducted by members of the Nadder Valley Team Ministry in the last year are remembered. If there is anyone else whose name you would like to have read during the service, please write their name on the list in church or let Juliette or Judy know (contact details overleaf).

Wednesday 25th 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

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.

The Collect for the Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

God, the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church: by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ and make us eager to do your will, that we may share with the whole creation the joys of eternal life; 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 Epistle: | Thessalonians | .1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of people we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place where your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

The Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' They answered, 'The emperor's.' Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

For your prayers

In our linked diocese of Cueibet, South Sudan, we are asked this week to pray for all who grieve for loved ones and for the role of the church in supporting them.

A prayer for the Holy Land from the Archbishop of Canterbury: God of compassion and justice, we cry out to you for all who suffer in the Holy Land today. For your precious children, Israelis and Palestinians, traumatised and in fear for their lives; Lord, have mercy. For the families of the bereaved, for those who have seen images they will never forget, for those anxiously waiting for news, despairing with each passing day; Lord, have mercy.



Thank you from Farms for City Children

Some late donations made the amount sent to the charity up to £500. An excerpt from the email they have sent us: It's so kind of you to donate your collection from the Harvest Thanksgiving service to us. We really value your support. Thanks to kind people like you, we can ensure equity of access to the countryside so that all children can experience the benefits of nature and the environment, no matter where they are from, or what their background might be. A year 6 pupil from Walsall who visited Nethercott House, our Devon farm, said, 'I don't have a favourite thing because the whole thing was just amazing to me - I have been smiling and laughing all the way through.' Please accept our heartfelt thanks. Your support during these difficult times really does mean the world to us.

Giving to the church



Thank you very much to those who continue to give regularly to the church. If you haven't committed to regular giving, why not consider joining the Parish Giving Scheme? If you go to www.parishgiving.org.uk you can get onto the secure website and set up a login and password. This will enable you set up your own direct debit (and sign up for gift aid if applicable). Alternatively, you can pick up a leaflet in church. If you require help or advice on giving, please contact Paul Naish, email sitgiftaid@gmail.com tel 01747 870731. Cheques should be made payable to Tisbury PCC.