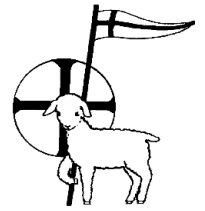


# St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

**The Sixth Sunday of Easter**

## Today's Services

9.30am All-Age Service: Preparing for Ascension Day

Led by the Revd Juliette Hulme and Canon Judy Anderson

## Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May

6.00pm Service of Healing and Wholeness St Andrew's Chapel

A quiet service of prayer and contemplation for all the churches of the Nadder Valley Benefice, including a reading, a song, a meditation, and prayers for yourself and for those about whom you care. All welcome!

## Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May

## Ascension Day

6.30pm Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Juliette Hulme

The Lincoln Setting: *Malcolm Archer*

Introit: The eternal gates lift up their heads *Christopher Tye*

Hymns: 130 Hail the day that sees him rise; 128 Eternal monarch, King most high; 271 Alleluia, sing to Jesus

During Communion: O God the King of glory *Henry Purcell*

Final hymn: 443 Rejoice! The Lord is King

Organ voluntary: Apparition de L'Église éternelle *Olivier Messiaen*

## Next Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> May

## The Seventh Sunday of Easter The Sunday after Ascension

9.30am Parish Communion

President: The Revd Juliette Hulme Preacher: Canon Judy Anderson

## 10.45am Church Annual Meetings

Do please come to these important meetings, where reports will be received on last year and future plans will be considered. A copy of the annual accounts may be inspected in church and hard copies will be provided at the meeting; electronic copies may be obtained from the Parish Administrator. A glass of wine will be served after the meetings.

**Have you considered** becoming a member of the PCC (Parochial Church Council)? This is your opportunity to contribute to decision-making about church matters - do talk to Juliette or Judy if you would like more information. Nomination forms are available in church.

## For your prayers

In our linked diocese of Cueibet, South Sudan, we are asked to pray this month that the fathers and grandfathers of the community there may set a good example to their families: and that there be peace and no cattle related violence in the Diocese. We also pray for support for Internally Displaced Persons in Cueibet.

We pray for the people of Gaza and Ukraine. We pray for protection for them and for aid to reach them and for an end to violence.

We pray for all school pupils living in our local community. We pray that they may enjoy learning and be supported at school, at home and in the community.

Loving God, we pray for your guidance for our Nadder Valley Benefice as we look towards the future with fewer clergy. We pray for all who minister in our Benefice, for our congregations and for our communities, that we may discern your voice in these changing times and know the guidance of your Holy Spirit, through your risen Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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## **The Collect and Reading for the All-Age Service**

### **The Collect for the Sixth Sunday of Easter**

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal 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 Reading: Luke 24.50-53**

Jesus led the disciples out of the city as far as Bethany, where he raised his hands and blessed them. As he was blessing them, he departed from them and was taken up into heaven. They worshipped him and went back into Jerusalem, filled with great joy, and spent all their time in the Temple giving thanks to God.

## **The Collect and Readings for Ascension Day**

### **The Collect for Ascension Day**

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens, so we in heart and mind may also ascend and with him continually dwell; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### **The First Reading: Acts 1.1-11**

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.'

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

### **The Gospel: Luke 24.44-end**

Jesus said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.'

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

## **Open Gardens: Old Fonthill Abbey Gardens      Sundays 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> May**

The grounds of Old Fonthill Abbey, SP3 6SP, will be open between 10.30am and 4.30pm, in aid of Cure Parkinson's and local charities. Come and enjoy a walk around the woods and lake and admire the bluebells – donations on the gate (£10 suggested donation). Why not enjoy BBQ sausages for lunch, or a cup of tea with delicious cake? Dogs welcome on leads.