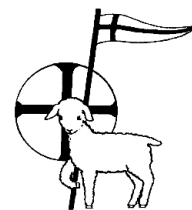


St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



Sunday 26th May 2024

Trinity Sunday

Today's Services

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

President: The Revd Joanna Naish

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Rt Revd & Rt Hon Richard Chartres, former Bishop of London

Gloria (Mass of St Thomas) *David Thorne* Sanctus, Agnus Dei (German Mass) *Schubert*

Hymns: 146 Holy, holy, holy; 343 Bright the vision that delighted; 373 How shall I sing that majesty

During Communion: Ave verum corpus *Edward Elgar*

Final hymn: 159 I bind unto unto myself today

Organ voluntary: Alleluyas *Simon Preston*

The Revd Juliette Hulme remains unwell. We are very grateful to Bishop Richard for coming at short notice to lead our Parish Communion service today.

Bishop Andrew writes: 'Juliette will be taking a few weeks' additional leave, for some rest and renewal. Team colleagues are working with the Rural Dean to oversee cover during this period, and we look forward to Juliette's return soon.'

Next Sunday, 2nd June

The First Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Pet Service (All-Age) In the Churchyard (weather permitting)

Led by Canon Judy Anderson

All creatures, great and small, are very welcome at our annual Pet Service. This is always a popular occasion, with a wide range of pets bringing their owners and carers along for an informal service held in the churchyard. Do join us, with or without a pet, as we thank God for these gifts to us and bless them in his name. In the case of bad weather, the service will take place in the church – with the pets, of course!

There will be an opportunity during the service to remember and give thanks for the pets we have loved who are no longer with us. If you would like your pet to be remembered by name, please would you write that name on the list in church, or send it to the Parish Administrator. You are invited to bring to the service a picture of the pet(s) you have lost, and/or a few words, no larger than post card size, please, to put on the board at the back of the church.

In Memoriam

The funeral of the late **Roger Dearden** will take place at St John's at 1.30pm on Monday 17th June, following a private cremation in Salisbury. Please continue to pray for Sally and the family at this time of loss.

Work in St Andrew's Chapel

Work begins in St Andrew's Chapel on 3rd June, in preparation for the much-anticipated installation of our magnificent new East Window. From the beginning of June, services which normally take place in the Chapel will be re-located – do please keep an eye on the newsletter for details.

We ask you, please, for Health and Safety reasons, not to go into St Andrew's Chapel from the beginning of June until all the work is completed. Thank you!

Church Stall at the Village Fete

Saturday 15th June

Last year, our stall at the village fete raised over £500 for church funds, thanks to your generous donations of cakes & produce and plants. We are having a stall again this year – do please start thinking about what you might contribute! Further information from Trish (07765 226705) or Jessica (07483 846950)

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The Collect for Trinity Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; 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: Romans 8.12-17

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

The Gospel: John 3.1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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. Please also pray for support for Internally Displaced Persons in Cueibet.

We continue to pray for the Holy Land, and especially for the people of Gaza. We pray also for Ukraine, and we ask that peace will come to these and all the troubled areas of the world.

We pray for our own country as we prepare for a General Election in July. We pray that politicians will set out their manifestos with honesty and integrity, and that each of us will be able to discern the right candidate to vote for.



A prayer for our benefice

Almighty God, you know us better than we know ourselves and you hold us in the palm of your hand. Guide us, we pray, as we consider the future shape of ministry in the Nadder Valley; may we be open to hear your voice and to be guided by your Holy Spirit. Amen.

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 stgiftaid@gmail.com tel 01747 870731. Cheques should be made payable to Tisbury PCC.