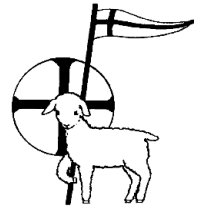


St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



Sunday 8th September 2024

The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Today's Service

9.30am Parish Communion

President: The Revd Juliette Hulme Preacher: Julie Dunstan

Setting: The Lincoln Setting *Malcolm Archer*

Hymns: 285 For the beauty of the earth; 357 Father hear the prayer we offer; Jesus calls us here to meet him

During Communion: Lord for thy tender mercy's sake *Farrant* Final hymn: 408 Love divine, all loves excelling

Organ Voluntary: Prelude and Fugue in E minor *JS Bach*

Wednesday 11th September

6.00pm Service of Healing and Wholeness Lady 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!

Next Sunday, 15th September

Harvest Thanksgiving

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Juliette Hulme

6.00pm Choral Evensong (BCP)

Led by the Revd Juliette Hulme

We invite you to bring for our Harvest services tins and other non-perishable food items for the Trussell Trust: <https://www.trusselltrust.org>

There will also be a collection for Farming Community Network: <https://fcn.org.uk>

Sunday 29th September at 11.00am

Farewell to the Revd Juliette Hulme

As she retires from full-time ministry, all the churches of the Nadder Valley celebrate and give thanks for Juliette's ministry among us over the last six years, and wish her well as she prepares to leave us. The service will be followed by refreshments in the Hinton Hall. Do put this in your diary!

This Saturday, 14th September

Ride + Stride

This annual event takes place this year on Saturday 14th September, in aid of Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust and our own church. Join us on a bike, on foot or on horseback to help keep Wiltshire's historic churches, chapels and meeting houses looking beautiful and open for the future.

Find out more at www.wiltshirehistoricchurchestrust.org.uk

Sponsor forms from our local organiser John Dalton (01747 871047) or from whct.rs@btinternet.com

In Memoriam

We were shocked and saddened to hear of the sudden and unexpected death of **Oliver Simm** of Ansty towards the end of August. We pray for Lesley and the family in their loss.

The funeral of the late **Pearl Stevens** will take place at 1.00pm on Friday 27th September at Salisbury Guildhall. We pray for her family as they mourn.

Books

As she prepares to move from the Rectory, Juliette is reducing her collection of books. Those she no longer needs are on a table at the back of the church – do have a look, and do please take any you would like to have.

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The Collect for the Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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 35.4-7a

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

The Gospel: Mark 7.24-37

From there Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.' So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

For your prayers

In our linked diocese of Cueibet, South Sudan, we are asked to pray this month for the Anglican Church school in the diocese, for the teachers, mothers and children whom we support there. Please pray that they may be safe and secure and are properly fed so that they benefit from their education.

We give thanks for our beautiful villages in the Nadder Valley and we pray for our churches, communities, surgeries, schools and businesses. Amen.

We pray for Charlie and Emily Blunt, married at St John's on 7th September, and for their future together.

We pray for Freddie James to be baptised on 14th September, and for his parents Alice and Adam.

God of Comfort, send your Spirit to encompass all those whose lives are torn apart by violence and death in our world. You are the Advocate of the oppressed and the One whose eye is on the sparrow. Let arms reach out in healing, rather than aggression. Let hearts mourn rather than hate. Let reconciliation come. Amen.

Collection for UNICEF Gaza Appeal

Our collection last month for UNICEF's Gaza appeal raised £302.35. Thank you very much for your contributions.

A big thank you ...

... from Trish to everyone who supported the Hatch House open day in any way, and especially to those who baked cakes for her stall. The overall result was £25,000 for the Hospice, which is a fantastic result and much needed and so appreciated.

Fund-raising for Julia's House Hospice

Rosie Eacott will be attempting to complete the 24 peaks (including Scafell) in 24 hours challenge in the Lake District in 3 weeks' time in aid of Julia's House children's hospice. The hospice only receives 8 per cent government funding and is desperately in need of financial support. If you feel able to help, please google 'Just Giving' and 'Rosemary Eacott' and that will take you to the fundraising page and enable any donation to reach Julia's House immediately - or drop any donation into 53 Church Street. The hospice is currently looking after 12 families within a 15-mile radius of Tisbury.

