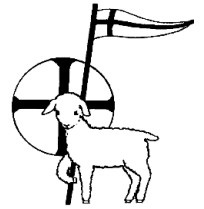


St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



Sunday 6th October 2024

The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

Today's Service

9.30am All-Age Service celebrating St Francis and Animal Welfare Sunday

Led by Canon Judy Anderson

Our informal service will include readings, prayers, a short address and music led by the Band, as well as an activity for the children. Refreshments will be served after the service. All are welcome!

Wednesday 9th October

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!

Other services during the week

Holy Communion is celebrated at 10.00am on Wednesdays in the Lady Chapel (CW) and on Fridays at 8.00am in the vestry (BCP). All are welcome.

Next Sunday, 13th October

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Canon Michael Goater

For your prayers

In our linked diocese of Cueibet, South Sudan, we are asked this month to pray for the work of the prisons in the diocese, their work in the gardens and the rehabilitation of the prisoners. We also pray for the ongoing work of the Mothers' Union and other communal enterprises.

A Prayer of St Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master,

grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console,

to be understood as to understand,

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.



In Memoriam

The funeral of **Oliver Simm** will take place at St Peter's Church, Swallowcliffe, on Monday 14th October at 12 noon. Please continue to pray for Lesley and the family following Oliver's sudden death towards the end of August.

This Friday, 11th October

Annual Churchyard Autumn Tidy-up

The annual tidy-up will take place this Friday, 11th October, starting at 10am. Your help would be greatly appreciated – just come to the churchyard, armed with suitable gardening tools. Thank you!

A Collect for St Francis of Assisi

O God, you delight to reveal yourself to the childlike and lowly of heart: grant that, following the example of the blessed Francis, we may put aside the distractions of this world and follow only Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Reading: Genesis 1.26-31

Then God said, 'And now we will make human beings; they will be like us and resemble us. They will have power over the fish, the birds, and all animals, domestic and wild, large and small.' So God created human beings, making them to be like himself. He created them male and female, blessed them, and said, 'Have many children, so that your descendants will live all over the earth and bring it under their control. I am putting you in charge of the fish, the birds, and all the wild animals. I have provided all kinds of grain and all kinds of fruit for you to eat; but for all the wild animals and for all the birds I have provided grass and leafy plants for food' - and it was done. God looked at everything he had made, and he was very pleased. Evening passed and morning came - the sixth day.

Thank you!

Thank you very much to all who have given so generously to various causes over the last few weeks.

The collection in August for UNICEF Gaza appeal raised £302.35, and the collection at Harvest for Farming Community Network raised £215.00. Both charities are very grateful for our donations.

The Trussell Trust thank us all for our donation of food weighing 62.9 kg that we made to the Salisbury Foodbank following our Harvest Thanksgiving service.

Rosie Eacott writes: A huge thank you to everyone who sponsored me for the 24 peaks in 24 hours Lake District Challenge two weeks ago. So far, my teammate, Viv Worrall, and I have raised almost £5,000 for the Julia's House Children's Hospice. Just Giving page 'Rosemary Eacott' is still valid in case anyone else wants to donate - and it's wonderful to know that the total sponsorship for the whole Group is likely to exceed £40,000.

And another thank-you ...

... to all who brought finger food for the reception following last Sunday's farewell service for Juliette. It was a wonderful spread, enjoyed by all who came.



Farewell to Juliette

170 people from across the Nadder Valley Benefice came to Juliette's farewell service at St John's last Sunday, the Feast of St Michael and All Angels and the 30th anniversary of Juliette's ordination. It was a real celebration of Juliette's ministry among us and a fitting farewell to her. At the reception in the Hinton Hall which followed, John Dalton thanked Juliette on behalf of us all, and a watercolour of the church by Janie Smart was presented to her.

Juliette leaves with our thanks for all she has given us over the last six years and our best wishes for a long and happy retirement.



A message from Juliette is attached to this newsletter. Copies of her final sermon are available in church or from the Parish Administrator.

A message from Juliette

A big thank you to all of you who came to my Farewell Service last Sunday on the Feast of St Michael and All Angels. It was a glorious occasion with uplifting hymns and music, wonderfully accompanied by David Power on the organ and our St John's choir. It was wonderful to have a full church and all my parishes represented, with the Churchwardens from all my churches participating, and a farewell liturgy we could all join in with. I was also very touched to have four generations of my family represented at the service.

The reception in the Hinton Hall was a joyful occasion with delicious food and wine and thank you to Judy, Trish and all involved in organising it. I am overcome with the wonderful gifts you have all given me - the beautiful joyous painting of St John's Church by Janie Smart with a number of you pictured in the churchyard, the gorgeous bunch of flowers and the most generous donation you have collected for me. I am so very touched.

I have loved being your parish priest the last 6 years and look forward to returning for the dedication of the East window in the Spring. Meanwhile I will continue to keep you all in my prayers.

Love and blessings, Juliette

