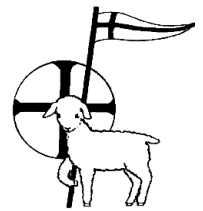


# St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

**The Fourth Sunday of Easter**

## Today's Service

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Pat Clegg

Setting: Mass of St Thomas *David Thorne*

Hymns: 105 Christ the Lord is risen again; 77 The God of love my shepherd is

Easter Gospel Acclamation: Modal Alleluia *Daniel Ficarra / Stuart Robinson*

Offertory hymn: 103 Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise

During Communion: Ave verum corpus *Edward Elgar*

Final hymn: 117 The Day of Resurrection

Organ Voluntary: Fantasia in G (BWV 572) *JS Bach*

## Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May

4.00pm 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 are welcome!

## Other services during the week

Holy Communion is celebrated on Wednesdays at 10.00 (CW) and on Fridays at 08.00 (BCP)

Morning Prayer is said online via Zoom on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 08.00 – the link may be found on our website.

## Next Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> May

## The Fifth Sunday of Easter

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Canon Michael Goater

6.00pm Choral Evensong

Led by Canon Judy Anderson

## In Memoriam

We were sorry to hear of the death of Michael Smith, a regular member of our Wednesday congregation. There will be a service of thanksgiving for his life at St John's at 1.00pm on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. Please pray for his family and friends at this time of loss.

## Old Fonthill Abbey Gardens Sunday 18<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 home-made cake? Dogs welcome on leads.

## Lent Boxes

Thank you to all who took Lent Boxes to support WaterAid UK. Please would you bring your box back, to any service, by the end of this month, so that we can send our donation to the charity.

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## The Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### The First Reading: Acts 9.36-43

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas.<sup>[a]</sup> She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

### The Gospel: John 10.22-30

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.'

### For your prayers

In our linked Provinces of Sudan and South Sudan, please pray for Archbishops Justin and Alepayo as they seek to discern a new Bishop for Cueibet Diocese. Please also pray for support for Internally Displaced Persons in Cueibet and South Sudan.

We continue to pray for the war-torn regions of the world, especially for the Holy Land, for Ukraine and for Sudan and South Sudan.

We pray for our schools, and especially for pupils in Year 6 as they sit SAT tests this week. We pray for teachers and other school staff, and for parents as they support the children.

We pray for the Nadder Valley Benefice as we await communication from the Church Commissioners about the proposed reorganisation of the benefice, for the clergy and all who minister here, for the congregations and for the villages we serve.



### Not long to the Village Fete!

Jessica is co-ordinating stalls in aid of St John's Church at the fete, organised by Tisbury Parish Council, on 14<sup>th</sup> June. Last year our stalls raised a wonderful sum for the church, and we hope to do equally well this year – or even surpass last year's total of well over £900. There will again be a cakes & produce stall and a plant stall.

Two ways you can support our stalls:

- Please contact Jessica if you can offer to help, if you would like to be part of a small group organising our stalls, or if you have any suggestions: [jess.cradock@btinternet.com](mailto:jess.cradock@btinternet.com) or 0748 38 46 950
- Plant up seedlings or self-seeded plants from you garden so that we have a really good selection of plants to sell

And do put the date in your diary and plan to go along and support the fete!