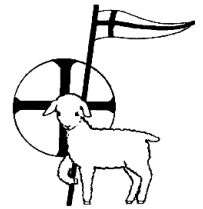


St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



Sunday 27th July 2025

The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

President: The Revd Mark Hayter

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Joanna Naish

Setting: The Tisbury Service *Richard Shephard*

Hymns: 393 Lead us, heavenly Father; 357 Father, hear the prayer we offer; 294 Just as I am

During Communion: God himself is present *Joachim Neander*

Final hymn: 499 Thy kingdom come, O God

Services during the week

Holy Communion is celebrated in St Andrew's Chapel at 10.00am on Wednesdays (CW) and 8.00am on Fridays (BCP).

Next Sunday, 3rd August

The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

9.30am All-Age Service

Led by Canon Judy Anderson

We shall be thinking about the story of the rich fool (Luke 12.13-21), the set reading for the day.

For your prayers

In our linked diocese of Cueibet, we are asked to pray this month for the Mission Aid Fellowship's work in South Sudan. We ask your prayers for the fathers and grandfathers of Cueibet - to set a God-fearing example to the youth.

We pray for peace in Gaza, in Darfur, in Syria, in Ukraine, in all places where hatred seems to rule. We pray that world leaders may govern with wisdom, investing in the true good of their people rather than fleeting power, wealth or dominance. We pray that the hungry may be fed and that those who have lost loved ones, homes and possessions may be cared for.



In Memoriam

The funeral of Heather Wren will be held at St John's on Tuesday 5th August at 9.00am - no flowers, but donations to the Stars appeal at Salisbury Hospital. Please pray for Richard and for all Heather's family and friends at this time of loss.

Thank you

Thank you very much to Trish and Sally for organising stalls and refreshments in aid of the Hinton Hall as part of the Tisbury Jumble Trail last Saturday. This raised over £400 towards the recent essential repairs to the hall. Thank you to all who helped, all who donated and all who supported the event on the day.

Charity Collection in August

It is our practice to invite donations for charity at various points during the year. You are invited to donate towards the rebuilding of the school in our linked diocese of Cueibet on the first two Sundays in August. This essential work to replace the badly decayed former building is nearing completion, and any money we can give towards it would be very welcome indeed.

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The Collect for the Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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: Genesis 18.20-32

Then the Lord said, 'How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know.'

So the men turned from there, and went towards Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Then Abraham came near and said, 'Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?' And the Lord said, 'If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake.' Abraham answered, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?' And he said, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.' Again he spoke to him, 'Suppose forty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of forty I will not do it.' Then he said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.' He answered, 'I will not do it, if I find thirty there.' He said, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.' Then he said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.'

The Gospel: Luke 11.1-13

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come.
Give us each day our daily bread.
And forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.
And do not bring us to the time of trial.'

And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

'So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

Let's make life a bit easier!

We are very grateful indeed to those who give regularly to the church – your support is invaluable in enabling the mission and ministry of the church to continue. Several of those who have previously given by standing order have now switched to the **Parish Giving Scheme**, and we urge others to consider doing the same. The main benefit to the church of this over standing orders is that the Gift Aid is claimed automatically (for those who are eligible) and paid direct to the church, reducing considerably the work of the Gift Aid Administrator. There is also an option to link your giving to inflation, but you don't have to sign up for this option. Leaflets are available in church, or you can join the scheme online at www.parishgiving.org.uk

Could you be our next Gift Aid Administrator?

Paul Naish stepped down at the APCM after 10 years of faithful service. We are seeking someone to look after the regular claiming of Gift Aid on donations to the church. If you think this is something you could do, do have a chat with Paul to find out more about what is involved – or speak to a churchwarden, the parish administrator or Jean Watson (treasurer).