St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



Sunday 3rd August 2025

The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

9.30am All-Age Service

Led by Canon Judy Anderson

Today we think about the story of the rich fool, the set reading for the day. Do stay for refreshments after the service!

Hymns: 44 Come on and celebrate; 172 Majesty; 79 God forgave my sin; 40 Colours of day; 297 You shall go out with joy

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, 10th August

The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Michael Camp

For your prayers

In our linked diocese of Cueibet, we are asked to pray this month that clean water be available for all and for an end to water-borne disease in the Diocese. We also pray for all Church and civil leaders in Cueibet and Lakes State, that they will follow in the way of Christ.

A prayer for the world:

Creator God, we bring before you our broken and hurting world, full of people who are fearful and anxious, where many feel their lives are meaningless; a world where conflict abounds; a world where national leaders appear more concerned with their own interests than those of the people they are called to represent. We pray for your Holy Spirit to come in power, bringing hope, peace, reconciliation, justice, equity, and healing to all people.

As the post of Rector of the Upper Nadder Benefice is advertised, we pray that God will put it into the heart of the right person to apply, and that we will before long have a priest to lead us.

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.

There will be a service of thanksgiving for the life of **Serena Chaplin** at St John's on Monday 15th September at 11.30am. All who knew Serena are very welcome.



Charity Collection for Cueibet

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. Do have a look at the pictures of the old and new classroom blocks, which are available in church.

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The Collect for the Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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 Reading: Luke 12.13-21

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide with me the property our father left us."

Jesus answered him, "Friend, who gave me the right to judge or to divide the property between you two?" And he went on to say to them all, "Watch out and guard yourselves from every kind of greed; because your true life is not made up of the things you own, no matter how rich you may be."

Then Jesus told them this parable: "There was once a rich man who had land which bore good crops. He began to think to himself, 'I don't have a place to keep all my crops. What can I do? This is what I will do,' he told himself; 'I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, where I will store the grain and all my other goods. Then I will say to myself, Lucky man! You have all the good things you need for many years. Take life easy, eat, drink, and enjoy yourself!' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night you will have to give up your life; then who will get all these things you have kept for yourself?'"

And Jesus concluded, "This is how it is with those who pile up riches for themselves but are not rich in God's sight."

