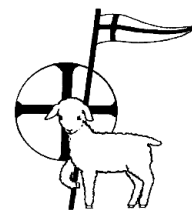


St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



Sunday 10th August 2025

The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Michael Camp

Setting: The Tisbury Service *Richard Shephard*

Hymns: 263 All creatures of our God and King (omit * verses); 480 In Christ there is no east or west;

304 Once, only once, and once for all; (during Communion) 84 It is a thing most wonderful;

413 Now thank we all our God

Organ voluntary: Pavilions in splendour *Richard Lloyd*

Wednesday 13th August

4.00pm Service of Healing and Wholeness St Andrew's Chapel

A quiet service of prayer and contemplation for all the churches of the Upper Nadder 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 in St Andrew's Chapel at 10.00am on Wednesdays (CW) and 8.00am on Fridays (BCP)

Next Sunday, 17th August

The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Joanna Naish

The choir take their annual break during August, so there is **no service of Choral Evensong** this month.

In Memoriam

Monday 18th August There will be a celebration of the life of **John Hall**, a former member of St John's who died in May, at Tisbury Methodist Church at 3.00pm on Monday 18th August. All are warmly invited to the celebration and the refreshments which will follow.



Charity Collection for Cueibet

It is our practice to invite donations for charity at various points during the year. You are invited today to donate towards the rebuilding of the school in our linked diocese of Cueibet. 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 Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Epistle: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, ‘as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.’

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

The Gospel: Luke 12:32-40

‘Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

‘Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

‘But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.’

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.

We continue to pray for those places where there is war and unrest, where people are persecuted for who they are and where people live daily with fear, starvation and thirst. We pray for aid agencies seeking to bring relief and for leaders of the nations that they would make decisions in the best interest of all people.

Please pray for Lucy Austreng and George Craven as they prepare for their wedding on Saturday (16th) at St John’s.

