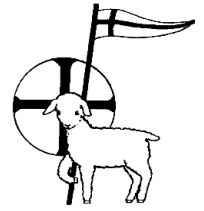


# St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

*reflecting Jesus Christ*



## Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2025

## The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Joanna Naish

Setting: Mass of St Thomas *David Thorne*

Hymns: 349 Come let us join our cheerful songs; 490 Judge eternal, throned in splendour;

431 O thou who camest from above; 295 Let all mortal flesh keep silence;

436 Praise my soul the King of heaven

Organ voluntary: Toccata in the Dorian mode *JS Bach*

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

### 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, 24<sup>th</sup> August

## The Tenth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

President: The Revd Mark Hayter

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Michael Goater

### In Memoriam

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> August. All are warmly invited to the celebration and the refreshments which will follow.

### Could you be a Sidesman?

We would love to have more sidesmen (this is a generic title, men and women equally welcome) to welcome people to our Sunday services. The duties are not onerous: the sidesmen work with the churchwardens to set out the hymn books, welcome people as they arrive, take the collection during the service and put away hymn books and so on after the service. We would like to have enough sidesmen that each person would be 'on duty' no more than once a month. If you would like to help in this way, please contact one of the churchwardens or the parish administrator. Thank you!

### Hatch House Open Garden

This annual event, in aid of Salisbury Hospice, takes place on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September. Trish will again be running the cakes & preserves stall, and she would love to hear from anyone who could contribute to this – you can contact her on 07765 226705.

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## The Collect for the Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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: Jeremiah 23.23-29

Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

## The Gospel: Luke 12.49-56

Jesus said, 'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son  
and son against father,  
mother against daughter  
and daughter against mother,  
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law  
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?'

## 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.

For the days between VJ day and the end of World War II 80 years ago, a prayer from the Diocese of Salisbury:

God of the nations, our refuge and our dwelling place, we remember with thanksgiving those whose service achieved Allied victory and hold before you all those who suffered from the devastation and trauma of war. As we pray for those who suffer the atrocities of war today, strengthen our resolve to pursue what makes for peace, through the one in whom we are reconciled and made one, even Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please pray for Lucy Austreng and George Craven, married at St John's on 16<sup>th</sup> August.

