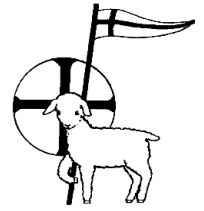


# St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2025**

**The Tenth Sunday after Trinity**

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Canon Michael Goater

Setting: Mass of St Thomas *David Thorne*

Hymns: 234 Christ whose glory fills the skies; 179 Saints of God;

216 Disposer supreme, and judge of the earth; 225 Give me the wings of faith to rise

486 We have a gospel to proclaim

Organ Voluntaries: Overture (Music for the Royal Fireworks) *G F Handel*;

Prélude (Te Deum) *Marc-Antoine Charpentier*

## Services during the week

Holy Communion (CW) will be celebrated in St Andrew's Chapel at 10.00am on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August. Please note, there is **no service** of Holy Communion at 8.00am on Friday 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Next Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> August**

**The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity**

10.00am Benefice Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Mark Hayter

Please note the later start time of this service, which is for all the churches of the Upper Nadder Benefice.

## 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.

## Ride & Stride

This annual sponsored event, in aid of Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust and local churches, takes place on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September. This year, we are offered the opportunity to walk together as a Benefice, led by the Revd Joanna Naish. The timetable is available in church – do please join us for all or part of the walk, whether or not you are sponsored. If you are not able to walk, you are invited to contribute by sponsoring a walker – proceeds will be divided between the Trust and St John's Church.

You can sponsor the St John's team individually, or online at <https://www.justgiving.com/team/st-john-tisbury>

For those who wish to walk, sponsor forms are available from John Dalton, or online at

<https://www.wiltshirehistoricchurchestrust.org.uk/rider-strider-information/>

## 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!

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## The Collect for the Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; 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 Epistle: Hebrews 12.18-end

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, 'If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.' Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, 'I tremble with fear.') But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, 'Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.' This phrase 'Yet once more' indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

## The Gospel: Luke 13.10-17

Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, 'Woman, you are set free from your ailment.' When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, 'There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.' But the Lord answered him and said, 'You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?' When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

## 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.

Please pray for refugees and asylum seekers, asking that they would be treated with compassion in their host countries. In the wake of riots in Essex, please pray that suitable accommodation may be found for asylum seekers, so that they can live dignified lives without impacting negatively on local communities.

Locally, we pray for our hospitals, hospices and care homes, and all who care for those approaching the end of their earthly lives.

