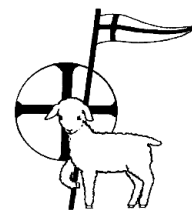


# St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

*reflecting Jesus Christ*



**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

**The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**

9.30am All-Age Service for Creationtide

Led by Canon Judy Anderson

Hymns: All things bright and beautiful; 128 If I were a butterfly; Creation sings; 91 Great is thy faithfulness

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September**

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, 14<sup>th</sup> September**

**The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity**

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Mark Hayter

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 9.30am**

**Harvest Thanksgiving**

We invite you to bring for our Harvest Thanksgiving service (Parish Communion) tins and other non-perishable food items for the Trussell Trust <https://www.trusselltrust.org>

Our service of Choral Evensong for Harvest takes place at 6.00pm on 21<sup>st</sup> September.

**In Memoriam**

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

**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/>

**Concerts for Ukraine**

The final total raised by the two concerts in June and July was £1,752.05; this has now been sent to Christian Aid's Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. Thanks to Quentin and all involved.

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## A Collect for Creationtide

God of unchangeable power, when you fashioned the world the morning stars sang together and the host of heaven shouted for joy; open our eyes to the wonders of creation and teach us to see all things for good, to the honour of your glorious name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*from A New Zealand Prayer Book*

## The Reading: Genesis 1.9-13

And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

## Creation sings

Creation sings the Father's song;  
He calls the sun to wake the dawn  
And run the course of day  
Till evening falls in crimson rays.  
His fingerprints in flakes of snow,  
His breath upon this spinning globe,  
He charts the eagle's flight;  
Commands the newborn baby's cry.

*Hallelujah! Let all creation stand and sing,  
Hallelujah! Fill the earth with songs of worship;  
Tell the wonders of creation's King.*

2. Creation gazed upon His face;  
The ageless One in time's embrace  
Unveiled the Father's plan  
Of reconciling God and man.

A second Adam walked the earth,  
Whose blameless life would break the curse,  
Whose death would set us free  
To live with Him eternally.

*Hallelujah ...*

3. Creation longs for His return,  
When Christ shall reign upon the earth;  
The bitter wars that rage  
Are birth pains of a coming age.  
When He renews the land and sky,  
All heav'n will sing and earth reply  
With one resplendent theme:  
The glories of our God and King!

*Hallelujah ...*

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## For your prayers

In our linked diocese of Cueibet, we are asked to continue to pray for the Anglican Church in Cueibet and across South Sudan, and for teachers, mothers and children whom we support there. Pray that they may be safe, secure and properly fed so the children may benefit from their education.

A prayer at Creationtide:

Lord, your works are wonderful, in wisdom you have made them all. Forgive us for the madness that abuses the earth for short-term ends, and fill us with your wisdom, to cherish and share with daring and delight the abundant gifts of our fragile planet. Amen.

*Angela Ashwin*



We pray for all children and young people as they go back to school, and especially those who are starting at a new school. We pray too for all teachers and support staff as they teach and lead their pupils this new school year.

## Could you be a Sidesman?

We are still seeking additional 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!