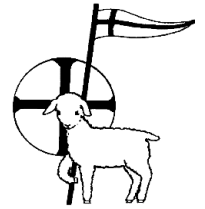


St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



Sunday 28th September 2025

The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

President: The Revd Joanna Naish

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Joanna Percival

Setting: St Thomas Mass *David Thorne*

Hymns: 372 He who would valiant be; God of grace and God of glory (*words overleaf*); 294 Just as I am

During Communion: O salutaris hostia *Elgar* Final hymn: 333 All my hope on God is founded

Organ Voluntary: Voluntary in G *John Stanley*

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, 5th October

The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am All-Age Service

Led by Canon Judy Anderson

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.

Prayers for peace:

Saviour of the world,

be present in all places of suffering, violence and pain,

and bring hope even in the darkest night.

Inspire us to continue your work of reconciliation today. Amen

Shepherd and Guardian of our souls,

guide and enable all who lead and serve our community in and around Tisbury

and those on whom we depend for our daily needs.

Grant that we may seek the peace and welfare of our village. Amen



4th October at 7.30pm

Concert

Victoria Hall

Sam writes:

Next Saturday, 4th October, Rockforte (which includes several members of the church band) and The Blues Birds will be playing in aid of the Salisbury Hospice. It's at the Victoria Hall at 7.30. Free entry but donations please. Lots of lively music, so do please come if you can!

Thank you!

Thank you very much for your gifts for the Trussell Trust at the Harvest Thanksgiving service last Sunday. The goods have been delivered to the charity, which will distribute them to those in need in the area.

Thank you too for your donations to the Farming Community Network; the sum of £232 will be sent to the charity.

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The Collect for the Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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: I Timothy 6.6-19

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

The Gradual Hymn

1 God of grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power;
now fulfil thy church's story;
bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour.

2 Lo, the hosts of evil round us
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways;
from the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days.

3 Cure thy children's warring madness,
bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton selfish gladness,
rich in goods and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

4 Set our feet on lofty places,
gird our lives that they may be
armoured with all Christlike graces
in the fight till all be free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
that we fail not earth nor thee.

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The Gospel: Luke 16.19-31

‘There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, “Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.” But Abraham said, “Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.” He said, “Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.” Abraham replied, “They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.” He said, “No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.” He said to him, “If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.”’