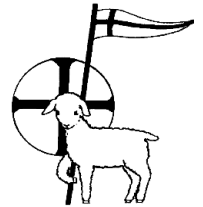


St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



Sunday 10th May 2026

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Today's Service

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Canon Michael Goater

Setting: The Mass of St Thomas *David Thorne*

Hymns: 390 Jesu where e'er thy people meet; 341 Blest are the pure in heart; 408 Love divine all loves excelling

During Communion: If ye love me *Thomas Tallis*

Final hymn: 420 O Jesus I have promised

Wednesday 13th May

10.00am Holy Communion

Priest: The Revd Tina Fox

4.00pm Service of Healing and Wholeness

Do join us in the stillness of St Andrew's Chapel, bringing with you anything you wish to pray for that is near to your heart and praying for healing for a world troubled by war. All welcome!

Thursday 14th May

Ascension Day

6.30pm Parish Communion

President: The Revd Canon Tony Monds

Preacher: Canon Judy Anderson

Do come and be part of our celebration of Ascension Day, when the church marks the bodily ascension of Christ into heaven after various appearances to his disciples and others over the 40 days following the Resurrection.

Next Sunday, 17th May

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

6.00pm Choral Evensong

Led by Canon Judy Anderson

Please note that, in accordance with the new services rota which is currently being trialled, there is no service in St John's at 9.30am on 17th May. Why not come at 6.00pm and experience Choral Evensong, if this is not a service you normally attend? Alternatively, you would be very welcome at Chilmark's All-Age Communion service at 11.15am.

For your prayers

In our linked diocese of Cueibet, South Sudan, we are asked to pray this month that the ongoing discussions to discern a new Bishop may be fruitful and that those who are currently leading our partners in Cueibet may be filled with the Holy Spirit and be supported by all.

A prayer for the world:

Heavenly Father, we lift the world before you today. Let your peace reach every nation, your healing touch every broken life, and your truth shine in places of darkness. Strengthen leaders with wisdom, comfort those who are suffering, and provide for those in need. In Jesus' name, Amen.

In our own country, please pray for our Government, our Members of Parliament and all in local government, for stability following the local elections last week.



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The Collect for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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 First Reading: Acts 17.22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him – though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said,

"For we too are his offspring."

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

The Gospel: John 14.15-21

Jesus said, 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in^[a] you.

'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

New services rota

The post of Rector has now been advertised three times, and there have been no expressions of interest. It is felt that one reason for this is that the current pattern of services within the Upper Nadder Benefice is unsustainable. From the beginning of May, we are trialling a new pattern of services, agreed by all the PCCs; we hope that this will make the post of Rector more attractive to potential applicants. A letter from the Rural Dean explaining the rationale is available in church. Services at St John's will be as follows:

1st Sunday 9.30am All-Age Service 2nd Sunday 9.30am Parish Communion 3rd Sunday 6.00pm Choral Evensong
4th Sunday 9.30am Parish Communion On 5th Sundays, a Benefice Service will be held in one of the churches

The full Upper Nadder rota is published each month on the church website: www.tisburyparishchurch.org/unb_rotas/

Old Fonthill Abbey Grounds

Open 17th May 10.30-4.30

The extensive grounds are open in aid of Cure Parkinson's and local charities this Sunday and again in two weeks' time. Why not spend the afternoon there – or go for a barbecue lunch? Bluebell woods and rhododendrons; lakeside walks and Abbey views; barbecue and home-made refreshments. Suggested entry donation £10, and 'polite dogs' are welcome. The entrance is on the Hindon-Newtown lane, SP3 6SP.

A date for your diary: Two events on Saturday 13th June

Village Fete

The annual Village Fete will take place on Saturday 13th June, starting at noon. St John's will again have stalls at the fete – watch out for requests for items to sell! In the meantime, do please put the fete in your diary and plan to come.

Concert in aid of Ukraine

On Saturday 13th June at 7.30pm in the church, Norton Camerata (a group of professionally trained and experienced amateur musicians) will be playing an exciting programme of lively and tuneful wind music - Beethoven's Octet and Dvorak's Serenade. Entry is free but there will be a collection for Christian Aid's humanitarian work in Ukraine.