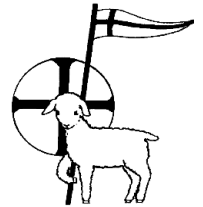


St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



Sunday 17th May 2026

**The Seventh Sunday of Easter
The Sunday after Ascension Day**

Today's Service

6.00pm Choral Evensong

Led by Canon Judy Anderson

Introit: The eternal gates lift up their heads *Christopher Tye (c1505-1573)*

Processional Hymn: 134 The head that once was crowned with thorns

The service follows that of Evening Prayer in the Book of Common Prayer, beginning on page 15

Preces, Responses and Collects: *Richard Seal (1935-2022)*

Office Hymn: 128 Eternal Monarch, King most high

Psalm 68.1-10 (*page 213 in the Book of Common Prayer*)

The service continues with the Magnificat on page 19

The Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis are sung to the setting in C by Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

Anthem: O God the King of glory *Henry Purcell (1659-1695)*

The anthem is a setting of the Collect for the Sunday after Ascension Day. The words may be found on page 71 of the Book of Common Prayer

Final hymn: 443 Rejoice! the Lord is King

Organ Voluntary: Mohrentanz *Tielman Susato (c1510-1570)*

Wednesday 20th May

10.00am Holy Communion

Priest: The Revd Joanna Naish

Next Sunday, 24th May

Pentecost

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Barry Blackford

Please note that, in accordance with the new services rota which is currently being trialled, there is no service at 8.00am today.

Sunday 31st May

Trinity Sunday

10.00am Benefice Holy Communion

Fonthill Gifford

President and Preacher: The Revd Canon Michael Goater

On this fifth Sunday of the month, all the churches of the Upper Nadder Benefice join the congregation at Fonthill Gifford for their Feast of Title. This will be the only service in the Upper Nadder benefice on 31st May - do come!

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.

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The First Lesson: Acts 1.6-14

When they had come together, they asked Jesus, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

The Second Lesson: John 17.1-11

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

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.

Please pray for our own church leaders, and especially for Bishop Karen as she carries episcopal responsibility for the whole diocese in the absence of Bishop Stephen and without a Bishop of Ramsbury.



Please continue to pray for all places torn by war, disaster, or injustice, that God will bring peace where there is conflict, hope where there is despair, and provision where there is need. Please pray for guidance for those in positions of authority, that they may govern with integrity, compassion, and a commitment to the common good.

Vacancy

We are delighted that there has been an application for the post of Rector of the Upper Nadder Benefice. The interview will take place towards the end of June.

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 the usual cake and plant Stall – your contributions for these stalls would be very gratefully received! Any donations can be left at the Hinton Hall on Friday 12th between 4pm and 6pm or brought to the field on the day. 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.