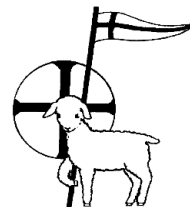


St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



Sunday 24th May 2026

Pentecost

Today's Service

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Barry Blackford

Gloria (St Thomas Mass) *David Thorne*; Sanctus and Agnus Dei (Missa Brevis Sancti Johannis de Deo) *Franz Josef Haydn*

Introit: If ye love me *Thomas Tallis*

Hymns: 137 Come down O love divine; 138 Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire; 367 Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost

During Communion: Listen sweet dove *Grayston Ives* Final hymn: 431 O thou who camest from above

Organ Voluntary: Kyrie, Gott Heiliger Geist *JS Bach*

Next 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!

Sunday 7th June

The First Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Pet Service

All creatures great and small are welcome at our informal pet service, held in the churchyard. Do come, with or without a pet! Chairs will be available for those who need them, and there will be refreshments after the service.

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 the people of the Democratic Republic of Congo, that the Ebola outbreak may be contained. Please pray for all places where there is disease, and for all who are suffering from debilitating or life-threatening illness.

As our schools close for the half term holiday, we pray for families and children, and for school staff, that this will be a restful and refreshing break. We pray for those taking GCSE, A level and other exams this term.



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.

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The Liturgy of the Feast of Pentecost

In place of the Prayer of Preparation at the bottom of page 1, we use a section from the Liturgy of the Feast of Pentecost.

Introduction

The president introduces the service

Responsory

After each bidding, please respond:

Fill us with your Spirit

The Pentecost Reading: Acts 2.1-13

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs – in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Our service continues with the Prayers of Penitence on page 2 of the Parish Communion booklet.

The Collect for the Day of Pentecost

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Old Testament Reading: Numbers 11.24-30

Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, 'My lord Moses, stop them!' But Moses said to him, 'Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!' And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

The Gospel: John 7.37-39

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, 'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, "Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

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.