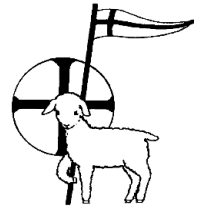


St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



Sunday 21st June 2026

**The Third Sunday after Trinity
The Birth of John the Baptist (transferred)**

Today's Service

6.00pm Choral Evensong on our Patronal Festival

Minister: Canon Judy Anderson

Introit: O come ye servants of the Lord *Christopher Tye (c1505-1573)*

Processional Hymn: 12 On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's cry

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: 168 On this high feast day honour we the Baptist

Psalms 85.7-13 Chant: *Edward Cutler (page 239 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 A by Herbert Sumson (1899-1995)

Anthem: Te Deum laudamus (setting in B flat) *Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)*

The words of the Te Deum may be found on page 10 of the Book of Common Prayer

Hymn 197 (vs 1,6,7,8): For all the saints

Organ voluntary: Te Deum (Trois paraphrases grégoriennes) *Jean Langlais (1907-1991)*

Wednesday 24th June

10.00am Holy Communion

St Andrew's Chapel

President: The Revd Tina Fox

Next Sunday, 28th June

The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Canon Guy Bridgewater

We look forward to welcoming the Revd Canon Guy Bridgewater to lead our service. Guy and his wife Jebbs came to live in Tisbury in the autumn of 2025, following his retirement after seven years as Rector of Bath Abbey. They have been worshipping regularly at St John's since their arrival.

In Memoriam

We were sorry to hear of the death of Maggie Paul, a well-known member of the Tisbury community. Her funeral will be held at St John's at 12 noon on Friday 3rd July. Please pray for her family and friends as they mourn.

Thursday 18th – Sunday 21st June

Art Exhibition

St John's

'Spirit and Landscape' is an exhibition of paintings by Cherida Daniel, Frederick Dunstan and Jonathan Tetley, members of St John's and Sacred Heart churches in Tisbury. The exhibition is open 9.00am-6.00pm daily. If you haven't yet been, do come and be inspired by these works, some of which are for sale.

Thank you

A huge thank you to Jessica and her team for all the hard work they put into our stall at the Village Fete. Over £1,000 was raised for much-needed church funds. Thank you, too, to all who contributed to the stall and all who came and supported it on the day.

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The Collect for the Birth of John the Baptist

Almighty God, by whose providence your servant John the Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way of your Son our Saviour by the preaching of repentance: lead us to repent according to his preaching and, after his example, constantly to speak the truth, boldly to rebuke vice, and patiently to suffer for the truth's sake; 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 Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 40.1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

The New Testament Reading: Luke 1.57-66, 80

Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbours and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her.

On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. But his mother said, 'No; he is to be called John.' They said to her, 'None of your relatives has this name.' Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. He asked for a writing-tablet and wrote, 'His name is John.' And all of them were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. Fear came over all their neighbours, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. All who heard them pondered them and said, 'What then will this child become?' For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him.

The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.

For your prayers

For our linked diocese of Cueibet, South Sudan, we are asked to pray this month with the people of the diocese that the effects of climate change - which is affecting all places but especially the poorest in Africa - may not overwhelm them and that there be sufficient food for all, now and hereafter.

We continue to pray for the war-torn regions of the world, especially Ukraine and Russia, Iran, Lebanon, Israel, Gaza and the wider Middle East, Sudan and so many other places.

In this country, we pray for political stability in the light of rumours of leadership challenges.

Please pray for the interview on Monday of the applicant for the post of Rector of the Upper Nadder Benefice, that God's will will be clear and the right decisions will be made.



Road closure

You may have seen signs warning that Church Street will be closed for the day on 24th June.

Contrary to what was stated in the newsletter as circulated via email, the retained firefighters have confirmed that in fact Church Street will not be closed for their practice on Monday evening 22nd June, although there could be some brief hold-ups for those wishing to access the Hinton Hall. Please don't worry about the presence of fire engines outside the church – it is just a practice!