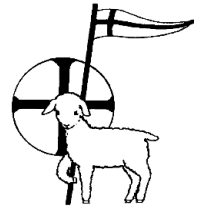


St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



Sunday 5th July 2026

The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Today's Service

9.30am All-Age Service

Led by Canon Judy Anderson

Songs: 266 This is the day; 52 Father God, I wonder; 26 Bind us together; Love divine (*words overleaf*)

The theme of our service is God's love. As usual, we have songs, prayers and a Bible reading; the children will be invited to help with an active illustration of God's love. In the absence of several Band members, the music is led by Quentin and Maggie.

Wednesday 8th July

10.00am Holy Communion

President: The Revd Mark Hayter

4.00pm Service of Healing and Wholeness

Do come to this service, held 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!

Next Sunday, 12th July

The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Rt Revd and Rt Hon Lord Richard Chartres, former Bishop of London

Our new Rector

We are delighted that the Revd Robert Church has been appointed as Rector of the Upper Nadder Benefice. Robert was ordained in 2017 and is currently a Royal Navy Chaplain. Prior to that, he served his curacy in Gloucester Diocese. Robert brings a breadth of skills and experience both from parish ministry and from his chaplaincy in the Royal Navy. The plan is for Robert and his family to move here in the late summer and to be licensed in the autumn. This is great news for the benefice as it moves into its next stage of mission and ministry.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming Robert and his family into our community.

For your prayers

In our linked diocese of Cueibet, South Sudan, we are asked to pray this month for the work of the Mothers Union, and for the Young Women's Ministry working to support young mothers there. Especially we pray that girls will have full access to and benefit from education throughout the diocese.

As the death toll following the earthquakes in Venezuela exceeds 2,500 and continues to rise, please pray for those grieving and for those still awaiting news of loved ones. Please pray for courage, strength and safety for all those working in the rubble, risking their own lives to search for people trapped in collapsed buildings. Please pray, too, for medical personnel working to save lives and treat people with life-threatening injuries



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The Collect for the Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Reading: I Corinthians 13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body to be burned, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Final Hymn: Love Divine

1 Love Divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

2 Come, almighty to deliver,
Let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.

3 Finish, then thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in thee,
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

Charles Wesley 1707-1788

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