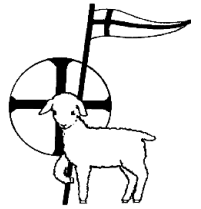


St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



Sunday 26th July 2026

The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Today's Service

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Michael Camp

Setting: Mass of St Thomas *David Thorne*

Hymns: 333 All my hope on God is founded; 391 King of glory, king of peace; 339 Be thou my vision

During Communion: 115 Now the green blade riseth; Final hymn: 499 Thy kingdom come O God

Organ voluntary: Allegro spiritoso *J B Senaillé*

Wednesday 29th July

10.00am Holy Communion

President: The Revd Joanna Naish

Next Sunday, 2nd August

The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am All-Age Service with Baptism

Led by Canon Judy Anderson and the Revd Mark Hayter

On Sundays 2nd and 9th August, we shall be making a collection for the Firefighters Charity. We ask you please to give generously!

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.

Please continue to pray for those parts of the world where there is war, that God may give wisdom to the leaders of nations to choose dialogue over conflict and work together for lasting peace.



A prayer based on this Sunday's Gospel reading:

Heavenly Father,

We pray for the courage of the mustard seed, that we might not be overwhelmed by our smallness.

We pray for the patience of yeast, that we might not try to rush that which needs time.

We pray for the vision of the man in the field, that we might recognise treasure when we find it.

We pray for the wisdom of the merchant, that we might give all that we have for that which is truly precious.

And we pray for the strength of the net, that we might bear all things in life and not be torn.

Tuesday 22nd September at 7.00pm

Licensing of the Revd Robert Church

We are delighted that the Revd Robert Church will be licensed as Rector of the Upper Nadder Benefice on Tuesday 22nd September at 7.00pm at St John's. He will be licensed by the Rt Revd Karen Gorham, Bishop of Sherborne and Acting Bishop of Salisbury. All are warmly invited to come to the service, which will be followed by refreshments.

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The Collect for the Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; 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 Old Testament Reading: 1 Kings 3.5-12

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?'

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.'

The Gospel: Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52

Jesus put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.'

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.'

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

Giving to the church



Thank you very much to those who continue to give regularly to the church. If you haven't committed to regular giving, why not consider joining the Parish Giving Scheme? If you go to www.parishgiving.org.uk you can get onto the secure website and set up a login and password. This will enable you set up your own direct debit (and sign up for gift aid if applicable). Alternatively, you can pick up a leaflet in church. Any cheques should be made payable to Tisbury PCC.