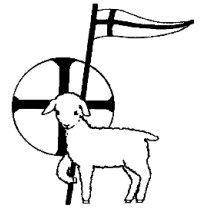


# St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

*reflecting Jesus Christ*



**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2026**

**The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**

## **Today's Service**

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Canon Tony Monds

Setting: Mass of St Thomas *David Thorne*

Hymns: 467 Through all the changing scenes of life; 360 Firmly I believe and truly;

205 Christ is made the sure foundation; During Communion: 272 All for Jesus

172 Thou art the Christ

## **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August**

10.00am Holy Communion

President: The Revd Mark Hayter

## **Next Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> August**

## **The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity**

10.00am Benefice Communion

Hindon

President and Preacher: The Revd Canon Guy Bridgewater

Essential repair work taking place outside Chilmark Church is making access difficult. The Benefice service at 10.00am on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August will therefore be held at **St John the Baptist, Hindon**, not at Chilmark as stated on the published rota.

## **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August 11.00-16.30 Open Garden: Hatch House, Newtown, SP3 6PA**

Featuring Lady Rumbold's and Mrs Fairhurst's celebrated pre-loved clothes marquee; also books, curios, bric-a-brac, jumble, raffle, artisan sellers, BBQ, teas, cakes and ice creams.

Trish Liddiard is again running the cake stall and would be very grateful for your contributions - tel 07765 226705

Any other donations and gifts welcome - tel 07715 639842

Admission £5, children £2. In aid of Salisbury Hospice Charity.

## **For your prayers**

In our linked diocese of Cueibet, South Sudan, we are asked to pray this month for the work of the hospital and the NGOs who work there. Please also pray for the church communities in Cueibet Diocese and the part they play in welcoming people who have fled their homes elsewhere in South Sudan and Sudan.

Please pray for all who carry civic and political responsibilities throughout the world. Pray that the leaders of the nations will put aside all selfish ambition and seek to be the instruments of God's will for humanity, working for the welfare of all people.

We pray for church leaders locally and throughout the world. We pray for all who preach your word, inspire, lead and grow us as disciples as we reach out to those in need in our communities and in our world.

Please pray for Fariba Seyed-Rezai and Jonathan White, married at St John's on 22<sup>nd</sup> August.



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## The Collect for the Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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 First Reading: Isaiah 51.1-6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be for ever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

## The Gospel: Matthew 16.13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

## Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September

## Ride & Stride

As always, this annual event takes place on the second Saturday of September. You are invited to walk or ride a route of your choice, visiting as many churches as possible en route. Sponsorship forms can be printed from <https://www.wiltshirehistoricchurchestrust.org.uk/rider-strider-information/> or obtained from our local organiser, John Dalton. The money you raise is divided between Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust and St John's.

Volunteers are also needed to man the church on the day – please contact John if you are able to help: 01747 871047, [johnrollodalton@outlook.com](mailto:johnrollodalton@outlook.com)

## Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.