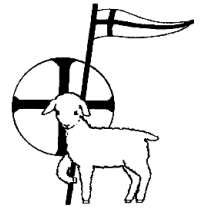


St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



Sunday 6th September 2026

The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity
Creationtide begins

Today's Service

9.30am All-Age Service for the Creation Season

Led by Canon Judy Anderson

Hymns: 180 Morning has broken; 290 Who put the colours in the rainbow: Creation sings (*on service sheet*); 198 O Lord my God

Creationtide began on 1st September, and continues until St Francis' Day, 4th October. Today we celebrate God's creation with hymns and songs and the reading of part of the Creation story; the children will be invited to experience something of the wonder of creation by planting a bulb and watching it grow over the coming weeks and months.

Wednesday 9th September

10.00am Holy Communion

President: The Revd Tina Fox

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, 13th September

The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Canon Guy Bridgewater

Sunday 20th September at 6.00pm

Harvest Thanksgiving

Our Harvest service this year takes place in the context of Choral Evensong. We invite you to bring to the service tins and other non-perishable food items for the Trussell Trust <https://www.trusselltrust.org>

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 instituted and inducted by the Rt Revd Karen Gorham, Bishop of Sherborne and Acting Bishop of Salisbury, and installed by the Ven Louise Ellis, Archdeacon of Wilts. Bishop Karen will preach. All are warmly invited to come to the service, which will be followed by refreshments in the Hinton Hall.

In memoriam

We were very sorry to hear of the death on Wednesday of the Revd Nigel Worn. Many of us will remember the wonderful service he led at St John's on Easter Day, not long before his illness was diagnosed. His funeral will be a Requiem Mass at St John's at 12 noon on Thursday 1st October. Please pray for Nigel's family and friends as they mourn.

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A Collect for Creationtide

God of unchangeable power, when you fashioned the world the morning stars sang together and the host of heaven shouted for joy; open our eyes to the wonders of creation and teach us to see all things for good, to the honour of your glorious name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

from A New Zealand Prayer Book

The Reading: Genesis 1.26-31

Then God said, 'And now we will make human beings; they will be like us and resemble us. They will have power over the fish, the birds, and all animals, domestic and wild, large and small.' So God created human beings, making them to be like himself. He created them male and female, blessed them, and said, 'Have many children, so that your descendants will live all over the earth and bring it under their control. I am putting you in charge of the fish, the birds, and all the wild animals. I have provided all kinds of grain and all kinds of fruit for you to eat; but for all the wild animals and for all the birds I have provided grass and leafy plants for food' - and it was done. God looked at everything he had made, and he was very pleased. Evening passed and morning came - the sixth day.

For your prayers

In our linked diocese of Cueibet, South Sudan, we are asked to pray for the work of MAF (Mission Aviation Fellowship) who provide essential flights to the outlying communities in South Sudan and elsewhere. They are facing difficulty sourcing finance and fuel to keep the operation flying.



We pray for all caught up in the escalating conflict in the Middle East. We continue to pray for the people of Ukraine and Russia, the people of Sudan, and all living in places of unrest.

Please continue to pray for all suffering from the effects of natural disasters, especially for the people of Nepal and Tibet following the flash floods there. We pray for those who have lost loved ones, for those whose loved ones are still missing, for injured survivors, and for those who have lost homes and possessions. We pray too for all involved in the rescue effort and in bringing aid to those in great need.

Please continue to pray for the Revd Robert Church and his family as they settle into the Rectory and prepare for the start of his ministry among us.

Saturday 12th 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

Hatch House Open Garden

We are delighted to report that the event last Sunday raised around £36,000 for Salisbury Hospice. This includes over £1,000 from the cake stall – Trish would like to thank everyone who contributed. Congratulations to all involved in the event, and thanks to all who supported it.