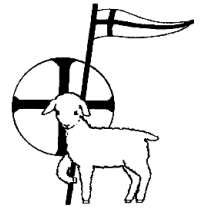


St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



Sunday 13th September 2026

The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Today's Service

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Canon Guy Bridgewater

The Lincoln Setting *Malcolm Archer*

Hymns: 393 Lead us, heavenly Father; Psalm 103.8-13 (*words overleaf*); 461 There's a wideness in God's mercy

During Communion: View me Lord a work of thine *Richard Lloyd*

Hymn 353 Dear Lord and Father of mankind

Organ Voluntary: Final *Denis Bédard*

Wednesday 16th September

10.00am Holy Communion

President: The Revd Mark Hayter

Next Sunday, 20th September

6.00pm Choral Evensong

Led by Canon Judy Anderson

We invite you to bring to the service tins and other non-perishable food items for the Trussell Trust:

<https://www.trusselltrust.org>

The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Harvest Thanksgiving

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.

Can you help?

Trish is kindly co-ordinating the refreshments following the licensing. We are asking members of all the churches to contribute trays of finger food. Please contact Trish on 07765 226705 if you could bring to the Hinton Hall between 6.00 and 6.30 on the day a tray or platter of 25 pieces of finger food, ready to serve? Thank you very much!

In memoriam

The funeral of the Revd Nigel Worn 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.

Peace Pilgrimage passes through Tisbury

The Franciscan Peace Pilgrimage is a spiritual journey across England, inspired by St. Francis of Assisi, promoting peace, reconciliation, and reflection. It is organized by the Society of Saint Francis (SSF) and the Third Order of Saint Francis (TSSF) to commemorate the 800th anniversary of St. Francis of Assisi's death in 1226. Rooted in Franciscan values of simplicity, humility, care for creation, and reconciliation, the pilgrimage is both a physical and spiritual journey, inviting participants to walk in prayer, contemplation, and fraternity.

Six Pilgrims will be in Tisbury overnight on **Monday 14th September**. Anyone who would like to join them for Evening Prayer at approx. 5.30pm on Monday or Morning Prayer at approx. 8.00am on Tuesday, in St Andrew's Chapel, would be very welcome.

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The Collect for the Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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 First Reading: Genesis 50.15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, "Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Psalm 103.8-13

⁸ The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and of great kindness.

⁹ He will not always accuse us, neither will he keep his anger for ever.

¹⁰ He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

¹¹ For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his mercy upon those who fear him.

¹² As far as the east is from the west, so far has he set our sins from us.

¹³ As a father has compassion on his children, so is the Lord merciful towards those who fear him.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

Matthew 18.21-35

Peter came and said to Jesus, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.'

'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister^[a] from your heart.'

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.

As Creationtide continues, a prayer from the Church of England for daily use:

Blessed are you, Lord God, creator of heaven and earth.

Your Word calls all things into being, and the light of dawn awakens us to life.

May your wisdom guide us this day, that we may cherish and care for your good creation, and offer to you the sacrifice of our lips, praising you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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.

