St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ

Sunday 20th September 2026 — The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity
Harvest Thanksgiving

Today's Service

6.00pm Choral Evensong

Led by Canon Judy Anderson

Introit: O taste and see *Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)*

Processional hymn 259 Come, ye thankful people, come

The service follows that of Evening Prayer in the Book of Common Prayer, beginning on page 15

Preces, Responses and Collects*: Richard Seal (1935-2022)*

Office Hymn 413 Now thank we all our God

Psalm 65 (*page 211 in the Book of Common Prayer)*

The service continues with the Magnificat on page 19

The Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis are sung to the setting in D minor by T A Walmisley (1814-1856)

Anthem: For the beauty of the earth *John Rutter (b 1945)*

Final Hymn 262 We plough the fields and scatter

Final Responses *Edward Naylor (1867-1934)*

Organ voluntary: Marche Triomphale: 'Nun danket alle Gott' *Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)*

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.

Wednesday 23rd September

10.00am Holy Communion

President: The Revd Robert Church

Next Sunday, 27th September — The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Robert Church

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.

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The Collect for Harvest Thanksgiving

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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 Lesson: Deuteronomy 8.7-18

For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you.

Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous[a] snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.' But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

The Second Lesson: Luke 12.16-30

Then Jesus told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

He said to his disciples, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.

For your prayers

In our linked diocese of Cueibet, South Sudan, we are asked to pray for the Archdeacons and Deans there as they fill the gap until a Bishop is appointed.

A harvest prayer:
Creator God, you have given the human race a rich land, a land of streams and springs, wheat and barley, vines and oil and honey. We pray for your world, that we may share and conserve its resources, and live in reverence for your creation and in harmony with one another.

As the Revd Robert Church begins his ministry among us this week, please continue to pray for him and his family as they begin this new phase of their lives. May we be a blessing to them as we pray that they will be to us.