St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ

Sunday 27th September 2026 The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Today's Service

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Robert Church

Gloria: (St Thomas Mass *David Thorne*);
Sanctus & Benedictus, Agnus Dei (from German Mass) *Franz Schubert*

Hymns: 377 Immortal, invisible, God only wise; 341 Blest are the pure in heart;
134 The head that once was crowned with thorns
During Communion: I will dwell in his secret place *Gail Cole and Glen Cummings*
Hymn 486 We have a gospel to proclaim
Organ voluntary: Overture (Royal Fireworks Suite) *G F Handel;*
Prélude (Te Deum) *Marc-Antoine Charpentier*

Morning Prayer during the week

Starting this week, Morning Prayer will be said in the Lady Chapel at 8.30am every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. All are most welcome at this short service, which follows the order in Common Worship (Daily Prayer).

Wednesday 30th September

10.00am Holy Communion

President: The Revd Robert Church

Thursday 1st October

12 noon Requiem Mass for the Revd Nigel Worn

Please pray for Nigel's family and friends as they prepare for his funeral

Next Sunday, 4th October The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am All-Age Service St Francis of Assisi

Led by The Revd Robert Church and Canon Judy Anderson

A note from the newly installed Rector!

A huge thank you to everyone who made my Installation on Tuesday such a special occasion. So many of you were involved in making music, preparing the building and churchyard and welcoming guests, and it is very much appreciated. Many people have remarked to me how good the food was, so a special thank you to everyone who made and served it! Frankie, Clarissa and I feel very blessed to be here, and we look forward to getting to know you all in the coming months.

Thank you from Trish to all who contributed refreshments for the reception, and from Judy to all involved in any way in the evening.

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The Collect for the Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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 Epistle: Philippians 2.1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

The Gospel: Matthew 21.23-32

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?" But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

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.

Please pray for all those who attended the Installation of our new Rector, including our Bishop and Archdeacon, giving thanks for a wonderful occasion in the life of our Benefice.

Do pray also for all those involved in agriculture as the season changes and they prepare for upcoming challenges.

Thank you!

Canon Judy Anderson would like to thank the Churchwardens, PCC and congregation for your generous gift presented after last Sunday's service, and the choir for yours. It has been a privilege to serve St John's and the wider Benefice during the Vacancy, and I look forward now to moving into a supporting role.