St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ

Sunday 4th October 2026 The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Today's Service

9.30am All-Age Service St Francis of Assisi

Led by The Revd Robert Church and Canon Judy Anderson

Hymns
All creatures of our God and King *(words on service sheet)*
290 Who put the colours in the rainbow?
Creation sings *(words on service sheet)*
173 Make me a channel of your peace
166 Shine, Jesus, shine

On this final day of Creationtide, we celebrate St Francis of Assisi and especially his love for nature and for birds and other animals.

Morning Prayer during the week

Morning Prayer is 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 7th October

10.00am Holy Communion

President: The Revd Robert Church

Next Sunday, 11th October The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Canon Guy Bridgewater

For your prayers

In our linked diocese of Cueibet, South Sudan, we are asked to pray this month for the whole community in Cueibet as South Sudan embarks on an election called by the President who has blocked opposition leaders from participating. Please also continue to pray for those tasked with discerning a new a Bishop for Cueibet.

Please remember Fr Nigel Worn in your prayers, and pray for all those who attended his requiem mass on Thursday.

Pray also for our local schools, their teachers, pupils, parents and governors, in all the joys and challenges they face.

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The Collect for Francis of Assisi

O God, you ever delight to reveal yourself to the childlike and lowly of heart: grant that, following the example of the blessed Francis, we may count the wisdom of this world as foolishness and know only Jesus Christ and him crucified, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Reading: Genesis 1.20-25

Then God commanded, "Let the water be filled with many kinds of living beings, and let the air be filled with birds." So God created the great sea monsters, all kinds of creatures that live in the water, and all kinds of birds. And God was pleased with what he saw. He blessed them all and told the creatures that live in the water to reproduce and to fill the sea, and he told the birds to increase in number. Evening passed and morning came—that was the fifth day.

Then God commanded, "Let the earth produce all kinds of animal life: domestic and wild, large and small"—and it was done. So God made them all, and he was pleased with what he saw.

Giving to the church

Thank you very much to those who continue to give regularly to the church. If you haven't committed to regular giving, why not consider joining the Parish Giving Scheme? If you go to www.parishgiving.org.uk you can get onto the secure website and set up a login and password. This will enable you set up your own direct debit (and sign up for gift aid if applicable). Alternatively, you can pick up a leaflet in church. Any cheques should be made payable to Tisbury PCC.