St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ

Sunday 18th October 2026 The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

Today's Service

6.00pm Choral Evensong

Led by Canon Judy Anderson

Introit: O come ye servants of the Lord *Christopher Tye (c 1505-1570)*

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: 357 Father, hear the prayer we offer

Psalm 96 (*page 251 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 by Charles Wood (1866-1926)

Anthem: O thou the central orb *Charles Wood* (*1866-1926*)

Hymn 251 Sun of my soul

Organ voluntary: Prelude in C (BWV 547) *J S Bach*

We welcome to our service this evening members of the Prayer Book Society

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 21st October

10.00am Holy Communion

President: The Revd Joanna Naish

Next Sunday, 25th October The Last Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Robert Church

All Souls Service – 1st November at 3.00pm

Our annual quiet, reflective service, at which all whose funerals have been conducted by ministers of the Upper Nadder Benefice in the last year are remembered. If there is anyone else whose name you would like to have read during the service, please write their name on the list in church or contact the Parish Administrator (details below).

PCC meeting

The next meeting of the Parochial Church Council is on Monday 26th October at 7.00pm.

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The Collect for the Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

O Almighty and most merciful God, of thy bountiful goodness keep us, we beseech thee, from all things that may hurt us; that we, being ready both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things that thou wouldest have done; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The First Lesson: Isaiah 45.1-7

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him – and the gates shall not be closed: I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the Lord do all these things.

The Second Lesson: Matthew 22.15-22

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' They answered, 'The emperor's.' Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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 pray for our local and national politicians, and all who support them.

Please continue to pray for Nick Turnbull and all those who mourn him, following his funeral last week.