St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ

Sunday 25th October 2026 — The Last Sunday after Trinity

Today's Service

Clocks go back one hour on Saturday night

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Robert Church

Setting: The Tisbury Service *Richard Shepherd*

Hymns: 360 Firmly I believe and truly; Psalm 1 *(words overleaf)*; 373 How shall I sing that majesty

During Communion: I give to you a new commandment *Peter Nardone*

Final hymn: 159 / 278 I bind unto myself today / Christ be with me

We sing hymn 159 verses 1, 2, 4, 5, then hymn 278, then hymn 159 verse 6

Organ Voluntary: Alleluyas *Simon Preston*

Morning Prayer during the week

Morning Prayer is said in the Lady Chapel at 8.30am every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Wednesday 28th October

10.00am Holy Communion

President: The Revd Robert Church

Next Sunday, 1st November — All Saints / All Souls

9.30am All-Age Service for All Saints

Led by the Revd Robert Church

3.00pm Benefice All Souls Service

Led by the Ministers of the Upper Nadder Benefice

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).

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 all migrants and refugees around the world, that they would meet kindness and generosity in their search for a home.

On Bible Sunday, we give thanks that God's written Word continues to inspire us, showing us who he is, how he loves us, how we should live and what we can be.

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The Collect for the Last Sunday after Trinity

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Lesson: Leviticus 19.1-2, 15-18

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

You shall not render an unjust judgement; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbour. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbour: I am the Lord. You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbour, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself: I am the Lord.

Psalm 1

1 Blessed are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked :
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the assembly of the scornful.
2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord : and they meditate on his law day and night.
3 Like a tree planted by streams of water bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither :
whatever they do, it shall prosper.
4 As for the wicked, it is not so with them : they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
5 Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand in the judgement :
nor the sinner in the congregation of the righteous.
6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous : but the way of the wicked shall perish.

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.

The Second Lesson: Matthew 22.34-end

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?' He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.'

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: 'What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?' They said to him, 'The son of David.' He said to them, 'How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

"The Lord said to my Lord,
'Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet'"?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?' No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

PCC meeting

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

St John's Charities Fair Saturday 28th November 10.30-12.30

A message from Trish and Sally:

St John's is holding our annual Charities Fair on Saturday 28th November, 10.30 to 12.30 in Hinton Hall. We hope you will all help us once more. We need helpers to set up the afternoon before. Please can you donate raffle prizes, almost new paperback books, unwanted gifts for the gift stall and goodies for the tombola eg bottles (fizzy drinks and cans of 'pop' too - it doesn't have to be alcohol), chocolates, nice biscuits and produce - such as jams, marmalade, Christmas chutney or pickles, as well as cakes and mince pies for the cake stall and teas.

Please talk to Trish or Sally about how you can support this worthwhile fundraiser for St John's, as well as the charities and the local community. Donations can be delivered to Hinton Hall on Friday 27th November between 3.30 and 5.30 or left in the box at the back of the Church. Please help us and start donating.

Thanks from Trish 07765 226705 & Sally 07929 435474