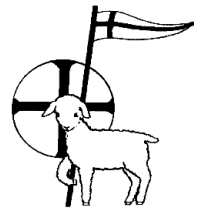


St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



Sunday 23rd June 2024

**The Birth of John the Baptist (transferred)
Patronal Festival**

Today's Services

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

President: The Revd Joanna Naish

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Mark Hayter

Gloria: *Grayston Ives*. Sanctus/Agnus Dei (from *Spatzenmesse*) *Mozart*

Introit: O come ye servants of the Lord *Christopher Tye*

Processional hymn: 12 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

Gradual hymn: 170 Lo in the wilderness a voice

Offertory hymn: The great forerunner of the morn (*words overleaf*)

During Communion: Give us the wings of faith *Bullock*

Final hymn: 486 We have a gospel to proclaim

Organ Voluntary: Festival Voluntary *Flor Peeters*

Next Sunday 30th June

Benefice Service

St Peter, Swallowcliffe

11.15am Parish Communion – Patronal Festival

President and Preacher: The Rt Revd Tim Thornton

We look forward to welcoming the Rt Revd Tim Thornton, former Bishop of Truro, who some of you may remember from his time as Bishop of Sherborne. After the service, there will be an opportunity to chat with Bishop Tim and with members of the other churches at the Royal Oak pub, close to St Peter's church.

This will be the only service in the benefice on 30th June – do come!

Saturday 29th June at 4.30pm

Ordination of Revd Rebecca McDonnell

Becca will be ordained priest by the Rt Revd Stephen Lake, Bishop of Salisbury, in Salisbury Cathedral on Saturday 29 June at 4.30pm. All are welcome at the service.

Please pray for Becca as she prepares for this important occasion, and also for Stewart, Cullin and Murdo.

Becca continues to serve as Assistant Curate in the Sherborne Benefice.

In Memoriam

The funeral of the late **David Collis** will take place at St John's at 11.00am on Monday 24th June. Please pray for Jane and the family as they mourn.

For your prayers

In our linked diocese of Cueibet, South Sudan, we are asked to pray this month for the work of the various NGOs in Cueibet, especially those engaged in health care. Please pray for the struggle against malaria and other major diseases that affect the community there.

Please continue to pray for the forthcoming General Election in the UK. You are invited to use the resources provided by the Church of England, which you can find at:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/about/topics/pray-your-part-general-election-2024>



Congratulations!

Our stalls at the village fete last weekend raised well over £900, a truly magnificent sum! A huge thank you to our fund-raising committee for all their hard work in achieving this wonderful result. Thank you very much, too, to all of you who donated cakes, produce and plants, and to all who came and supported the stall on the day.

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The Collect for the Birth of John the Baptist

Almighty God, by whose providence your servant John the Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way of your Son our Saviour by the preaching of repentance: lead us to repent according to his preaching and, after his example, constantly to speak the truth, boldly to rebuke vice, and patiently to suffer for the truth's sake; 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 Reading: Acts 13.16-26

Paul stood up and with a gesture began to speak:

'You Israelites, and others who fear God, listen. The God of this people Israel chose our ancestors and made the people great during their stay in the land of Egypt, and with uplifted arm he led them out of it. For about forty years he put up with them in the wilderness. After he had destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan, he gave them their land as an inheritance for about four hundred and fifty years. After that he gave them judges until the time of the prophet Samuel. Then they asked for a king; and God gave them Saul son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, who reigned for forty years. When he had removed him, he made David their king. In his testimony about him he said, "I have found David, son of Jesse, to be a man after my heart, who will carry out all my wishes." Of this man's posterity God has brought to Israel a Saviour, Jesus, as he promised; before his coming John had already proclaimed a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. And as John was finishing his work, he said, "What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. No, but one is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of the sandals on his feet."

'My brothers, you descendants of Abraham's family, and others who fear God, to us the message of this salvation has been sent.

The Gospel: Luke 1.57-66, 80

Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbours and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her.

On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. But his mother said, 'No; he is to be called John.' They said to her, 'None of your relatives has this name.' Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. He asked for a writing-tablet and wrote, 'His name is John.' And all of them were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. Fear came over all their neighbours, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. All who heard them pondered them and said, 'What then will this child become?' For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him.

The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.

The Offertory Hymn

1 The great forerunner of the morn,
the herald of the Word, is born;
and faithful hearts shall never fail
with thanks and praise his light to hail.

2 With heavenly message Gabriel came,
that John should be that herald's name,
and with prophetic utterance told
his actions great and manifold.

3 His mighty deeds exalt his fame
to greater than a prophet's name.
Of woman-born shall never be
a greater prophet than was he.

4 To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three in One,
praise, honour, might, and glory be
from age to age eternally.

The Venerable Bede c 672-735, trans J M Neale 1818-1866

To ponder: John Wesley on voting

1. Vote without fee or reward for the person/cause that is most worthy
2. Speak no evil of the person/cause that you vote against
3. Don't become sharp in your spirit with those who vote differently

For your diary: Jazz in the Garden

Don't miss this event, which will take place on **Saturday 10th August** from 4.00 to 8.00pm. Details to follow – but why not put it in your diary now?