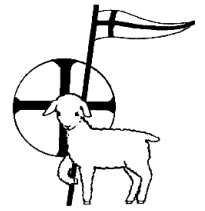


St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



Sunday 12th May 2024

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Today's Service – and Annual Meetings

9.30am Parish Communion

President: The Revd Juliette Hulme Preacher: Canon Judy Anderson

Setting: Mass of St Thomas *David Thorne*

Hymns: 134 The head that once was crowned with thorns;

Spirit of God unseen as the wind (*words overleaf*)

Gospel Acclamation for the Days after Ascension *Plainsong*

338 (omit * verses) At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow

During Communion: Above all praise and majesty *Felix Mendelssohn*;

Final hymn: 352 Crown him with many crowns

Organ Voluntary: Heut' triumphiret Gottes Sohn *JS Bach*

10.45am Church Annual Meetings

Do please come to these important meetings, where reports will be received on last year and future plans will be considered. A copy of the annual accounts may be inspected in church and hard copies will be provided at the meeting; electronic copies may be obtained from the Parish Administrator. A glass of wine will be served after the meetings.

Have you considered becoming a member of the PCC (Parochial Church Council)? This is your opportunity to contribute to decision-making about church matters - do talk to Juliette or Judy if you would like more information. Nomination forms are available in church.

Next Sunday, 19th May

Pentecost

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Juliette Hulme

6.00pm Choral Evensong

Led by the Revd Juliette Hulme

For your prayers

In our linked diocese of Cueibet, South Sudan, we are asked to pray this month that the fathers and grandfathers of the community there may set a good example to their families: and that there be peace and no cattle related violence in the Diocese. We also pray for support for Internally Displaced Persons in Cueibet.

We pray for our local schools and for pupils sitting SATS tests, GCSEs and A levels and their teachers.

We pray for electricity and clean water to reach the people of Gaza and for a ceasefire.

A prayer for our benefice

Almighty God, you know us better than we know ourselves and you hold us in the palm of your hand. Guide us, we pray, as we consider the future shape of ministry in the Nadder Valley; may we be open to hear your voice and to be guided by your Holy Spirit. Amen.

In Memoriam

We were very sorry to hear of the death earlier this week of **Roger Dearden**. He and Sally were on holiday at the time. We pray for Sally and the family at this time of loss.

The funeral of the late **Elaine Stolten** will take place at St John's on Thursday 16th June at 12 noon.

The Collect for the Seventh Sunday of Easter

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, 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 1.15-17, 21-26

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus – for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.'

So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.' So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.' And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

The Gradual Hymn

*Spirit of God, unseen as the wind,
gentle as is the dove:
teach us the truth and help us believe,
show us the Saviour's love!*

You spoke to us - long, long ago –
gave us the written word;
we read it still, needing its truth,
through it God's voice is heard.

Spirit of God ...

Without your help we fail our Lord,
we cannot live his way;
we need your power, we need your strength,
following Christ each day.

Spirit of God ...

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The Gospel: John 17.6-19

Jesus prayed, 'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.'

Open Gardens: Old Fonthill Abbey Gardens

Sunday 19th May

The grounds of Old Fonthill Abbey, SP3 6SP, will be open between 10.30am and 4.30pm, in aid of Cure Parkinson's and local charities. Come and enjoy a walk around the woods and lake and admire the bluebells – donations on the gate (£10 suggested donation). Why not enjoy BBQ sausages for lunch, or a cup of tea with delicious cake? Dogs welcome on leads.