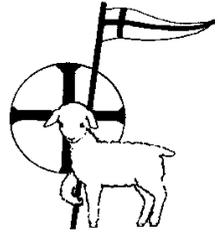


St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury
reflecting Jesus Christ



NEWSLETTER

Sunday 10th December 2017

The Second Sunday of Advent

Welcome to this historic church at the centre of a lively rural community. Refreshments are served after the 9.30 service. Do take this newsletter away to read later.

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (traditional)

Celebrant: The Revd John Hamilton

9.30 a.m. Parish Communion

Celebrant: The Revd Dr Graham Southgate

Readings: overleaf

Hymns: 12, 6, 9, 500; Psalm 85 vs.1-2; 8-13

Kyrie, Sanctus, Agnus Dei: Ireland in C

Advent Gospel Acclamation: John Harper

O radiant dawn: James MacMillan

After this service there is an opportunity to receive prayer either for your own or another's needs in St Andrew's Chapel at the east end of the Church

4.00 p.m. Christingle Service and Blessing of Christmas Tree

led by the Revd Joanna Naish

6.00 p.m. Questioning Faith

led by The Revd Mark Hayter

SERVICES DURING THE WEEK:

Holy Communion (said) Wednesdays 1000; Fridays 0800

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www.tisburyparishchurch.org

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The Collect

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life; grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever
Amen

The First Reading: Isaiah 40.1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.' A voice says, 'Cry out!'

And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass.

The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!'

See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.

He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Psalm 85. 1-2; 8-13

Lord, you were gracious / to your / land;
you re /stored the / fortunes of / Jacob.

You forgave the of /fence of your / people:
and / covered / all their / sins.

I will listen to what the Lord / God will / say:
for he shall speak peace to this people and to the faithful,
that they / turn not a /gain to / folly.

Truly his salvation is near to / those who / fear him:
that his / glory may / dwell in our / land.

Mercy and truth are / met to /gether:
righteousness and / peace have / kissed each / other.

Truth shall spring / up from the / earth:
and / righteousness look / down from / heaven.

The Lord will indeed give / all that is / good:
and our / land will / yield its / increase.

Righteousness shall / go be /fore him: and di /rect his /steps in the / way.

Glory to the Father and / to the / Son: and / to the / Holy / Spirit;
as it was in the be /ginning is / now: and shall be for / ever. /A-/men.

The Second Reading: 2 Peter. 3.8-15a

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

The Gospel: Mark. 1.1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight" '

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

Gift Aid envelopes

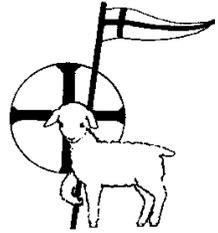
A collection for the ministry and upkeep of this church is received at all Sunday services. If you are not a regular giver and pay income tax, please use the blue envelopes in the pews, adding clearly your name and address. If you would prefer to give on a regular basis please contact Paul Naish (870731/07929 435474) Please make cheques payable to **Tisbury PCC.**

Christingle Service this afternoon at 4pm. In aid of The Children's Society. We provide oranges, ribbons, sweets, and candles. You just need to bring yourself – in good voice!

www.tisburyparishchurch.org/christingle2017

The Advent boxes are available at the North Door. The chosen charity this year is The Children's Society. Do take one and give generously. These should be returned after Christmas.

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SUNDAY 17th DECEMBER 2017

The Third Sunday of Advent

9.30 a.m. Parish Communion

Celebrant: The Revd Mark Hayter; Preacher Judy Anderson
Readings: Isaiah 61.1-4; 8-11; Psalm 126;
I Thessalonians 5.16-24; John 1.6-8; 19-28
Kyrie, Sanctus, Agnus Dei, *Ireland in C*
Advent Gospel Acclamation: *John Harper*
Come thou Redeeme of the earth: *Trad arr Lumsden*

6.00 p.m. No service

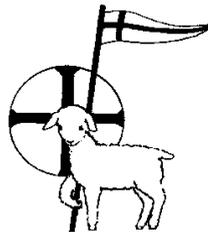
Service of Healing and Wholeness Wednesday 13th
December at 7.30 p.m. in St Andrew's Chapel. All are welcome.

Barnabas House

Morag McGregor, Volunteer Co-ordinator writes:

"I would like to thank everyone for their kind donations given to Barnabas House which provides accommodation for nine female residents with support needs who are given the skills and confidence to develop and move on to independent living. Some residents arrive with only the clothes they stand in so your donations are always much appreciated. With Christmas just around the corner, if you have any gifts, smellies, scarves, selection boxes, anything which you would like to donate, please leave them in the Church no later than Sunday 17th December. Thank you and a Happy Christmas to all."

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CHRISTMAS SERVICES IN ST JOHN'S

Monday 18th December 2017

7.30 p.m. The Village Carol Service

Our annual festival of lessons and carols celebrating the Christmas story followed by mulled wine, soft drinks and mince pies in the Hinton Hall.

Sunday 24th Christmas Eve

8.00 a.m.

Holy Communion (said)

Celebrant: The Revd Joanna Naish

9.30 a.m.

no service

11.30p.m

Midnight Mass (The First Eucharist of Christmas)

Celebrant: The Revd Dr Graham Southgate

Monday 25th Christmas Day

9.30 a.m.

Family Communion.

You are invited to bring a toy present for children in need. *Celebrant: The Revd Joanna Naish*

More information on our website www.tisburyparishchurch.org

Day of Prayer Saturday 20th January 2018

9.00 a.m until 4.00 p.m. This is advance notice of the next Prayer Day. Remember, St John's needs all our help to keep going; to be able to afford the day to day costs of running the church, and we also pray for our next Team Vicar, yet to be appointed.

Thought for the week

The Christian Church is the one organisation that exists for the benefit of non members.

William Temple