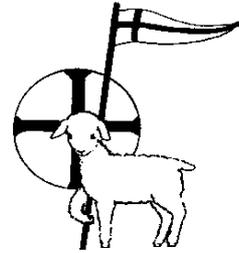


St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



Sunday 16th December 2018 The Third Sunday of Advent

Welcome to this historic church at the centre of a lively rural community. Refreshments are served after the 9.30 service in the Lady Chapel. Please take away this newsletter to read later. Go to www.tisburyparishchurch.org for further information and news.

9.30 am. Parish Communion

Celebrant: The Revd Dr Graham Southgate

Hymns 11, 499, 7, 33 vs 1, 2, 7

Kyrie: *Merbecke* Sanctus, Agnus Dei (The Lincoln Setting) *Malcolm Archer*

O comfort my people *David Ogden*

After receiving communion or a blessing there is an opportunity for private prayer for yourself or someone else. Please go straight through to the St Andrew's Chapel.

Readings overleaf

THIS WEEK.

Morning Prayer is said on Wednesdays at 8.00am. Holy Communion is celebrated on Wednesdays at 10.00am and on Fridays at 8.00am in St Andrew's Chapel.

The Village Carol Service Monday 17th December: 7.30pm

Do come along to hear the Christmas story told through a sequence of lessons and carols. There's a new carol this year; a setting of *I wonder as I wander* receiving its first performance. Join in some favourite carols including *Silent Night*, and *Hark the herald angels sing*. Do come to what is always a joyous occasion!

Memorial Service: The late Judith Wells

We are sorry to report the death of Judith Wells. A Memorial Service will be held in St John's Church on Tuesday 18th December at 3.30pm. We extend our sympathy to family and friends.

Nosh 'n' natter: Wednesday 19th December. 12pm – 2pm

A friendly pop-up café at the Methodist Hall, open for a light festive lunch, carols and a very warm welcome. If you need transport phone Link 07484 284670.

Next Sunday 23rd December The Fourth Sunday of Advent

8.00 am. Holy Communion (1662)

9.30 am. Parish Communion

Christmas services at St John's

Monday 17th December	7.30pm	Village Carol Service
Monday 24th Christmas Eve	11.30pm	Midnight Mass [The First Eucharist of Christmas]
Tuesday 25th Christmas Day	9.30am	Family Communion
Sunday 30th December	<u>10.00am</u>	Area Parish Communion

Christmas Trees

Our grateful thanks to the Fonthill Estate for the donation of a splendid tree. The Ringers' tree was donated by Ansty Farm Shop.

The Revd Juliette Hulme, Team Vicar
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The Third Sunday of Advent

The Collect

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight: for you are alive and reigns with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever, **Amen.**

The First Reading: Zephaniah 3: 14-20

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem!

The LORD has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praise among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.

The Gospel: Luke 3: 7 - 18

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.'

And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.'

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

A collection for the ministry and upkeep of this church is received at all services. Envelopes are provided in the pews if you are able to gift aid your donation. To discuss regular giving please speak to Paul Naish (870731/07587 072900) or e mail sjtgiftaid@gmail.com Cheques should be made payable to Tisbury Parochial Church Council. **Online giving:** You can make an on line donation through our website www.tisburyparishchurch.org/donation.

One voice – Saturday 22nd December: Messums Wiltshire.

This is a free event. Join 200 voices including several local choirs. Bring your voice and best Christmas wishes to raise the roof from 6pm until 8pm. In aid of St John's Church East Window Appeal.

The Annual Mince Pie Appeal

As we know Christmas is a time for giving. There will be many needy congregational, musical and clerical revellers who will welcome some post-service restoration after the Carol Service on Monday December 17th in the Hinton Hall. Please do donate some mince pies for this post-service occasion – either to a churchwarden or to the Parish Office. Thank you!