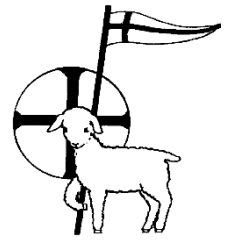


# St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February**

**The Second Sunday before Lent**



In the beginning was the Word ...

When bibles were first produced, the scribes would illuminate the precious manuscript working in prayerful focus to produce wonderful illustrations of minute detail and intricacy. One such is the Book of Kells, from around 800 CE, whose focus is very much on the visual impression of the art. The beholder is thus drawn into the majesty and mystery of God's word.

To celebrate the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the King James Bible, a new set of illustrated meditations on the text was commissioned from the abstract Japanese artist Makoto Fujimura. You see here his frontispiece for St John's Gospel, entitled 'In the beginning was the Word.'

John 1 speaks not only about Jesus, the Word which was in the beginning at the origin of creation, but also about the mystery of all creation.

In this abstract picture we too are drawn into this mystery; we see the darkness dispersing in the colours of creation – the light appearing within colour itself. The picture is not intended to depict the story – for the words do that much better; but to slow the reader down as their eye drifts through the illustration, opening mind and heart as they contemplate the Word of God.

And while echoing Japanese traditions, here we have art with no borders, no limits.

In the beginning was the Word. And the Word was with God and the Word was God.

*Revd Joanna Naish, Associate Priest*

## **Today's Service – online via Zoom**

9.30am Parish Communion

President: The Revd Joanna Naish

Preacher: The Revd Juliette Hulme

Music: Tilly Cooper

Hymns: O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height; At the name of Jesus; Father, Lord of all Creation

## **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February**

6.30pm Online Service of Healing and Wholeness (usual Nadder Valley Services Zoom code)

## **Next Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> February**

9.30am Parish Communion

## **The Sunday next before Lent**

Online via Zoom

2 Kings 2:1-12; Mark 9:2-9

## **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February**

10.00am Holy Communion with Ashes

## **Ash Wednesday**

Online via Zoom

## **Art for Lent: A Lent Course on Zoom**

Mondays and Wednesdays, starting on Ash Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> February.

All welcome – no expertise necessary! Please see separate flyer for details of the course and how to join.

## **In Memoriam**

We give thanks for the lives of Jenny Malet and of Hugh Barstow. Please pray for their families and friends in this time of loss.

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## The Collect for the Second Sunday before Lent

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. Amen.

## The Old Testament Reading: Proverbs 8. 1, 22-31

## The Gospel: John 1.1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

## Public Worship and Private Prayer

The Standing Committee of the PCC has agreed that, given the ongoing seriousness of the Covid-19 situation, it is prudent to continue to keep the church closed for public worship for the time being.

Services continue on Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84966332040> Password: 039012 - details on the website.

The church remains open for private prayer and contemplation daily between approx. 9.00am and 4.00pm.

## For your prayers

Please pray that the Coronavirus vaccination programme will be successful in stemming the spread of the virus, for all who are suffering in any way as a result of the virus, and for those who are anxious or lonely. Please pray for all frontline workers at this difficult time, especially the staff of Salisbury District Hospital.

In our linked diocese of Cueibet, South Sudan, we are asked to pray this week for the role of the police and army in Cueibet Diocese, and for those members of the Church employed by them.



## The Great Big Zoom Pancake Party

## Shrove Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb 3.30-4.30

Join us for games, activities, music, stories and pancakes (the make your own at home ones!) Find out about Lent and why we eat Pancakes this day! Order our special pack 'Lent in a Bag' for the family to share. Run by the Nadder Valley Team. To book and to get your Zoom code and link just email [revdjoannanaish@gmail.com](mailto:revdjoannanaish@gmail.com) or [elainebri57@gmail.com](mailto:elainebri57@gmail.com)

## Coffee Time!

Fancy a cuppa and a chat? Feeling isolated? We meet on Zoom every Friday morning for an hour or so starting at 10.00 am. Hosted by the Revd Joanna Naish. Just click on the link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81306923058?pwd=U2VBWDhodkppZDkrdEhuUEc0aFpYdz09> Passcode: 567559

or phone 0203 481 5237

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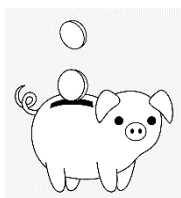
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## If you need support

As always, the Revd Juliette Hulme (Parish Priest) is available to give pastoral and spiritual support.

Members of our team of Lay Pastoral Assistants are happy to chat on the phone if you are feeling lonely – contact the co-ordinator, Revd Mark Hayter, on 01722 785176.

Additional sources of support are listed on the next page.



## Giving to the church

Thank you very much to those who continue to give regularly to the church. If you haven't committed to regular giving, why not consider joining the Parish Giving Scheme or setting up a standing order? Details from Paul Naish, email [sitgiftaid@gmail.com](mailto:sitgiftaid@gmail.com) tel 01747 870731 mob 07587 072900. Cheques payable to Tisbury PCC.

# Sources of Support

This list will accompany the newsletter on the first Sunday of each month – you may like to print it and keep it for reference

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## Tisbury Neighbourhood Response

TNR is providing an emergency service for people shielding who have no local support network, or who may be falling through the net due to mental health issues, and need urgent assistance with essential shopping, keeping warm or coping with loneliness and anxiety. The TNR helpline is 01747 684010.

## Helplines

Useful phone numbers with trained listeners (calls to these numbers are free):

The Samaritans      116 123

Childline 0800 1111

Domestic Abuse Helpline 0808 2000 247

Silverline (age 55+) 0800 4 70 80 90

Wiltshire Domestic Abuse Helpline 01225 775276 [weekends and out of hours 01793 610610]

*Calls to these numbers are charged at national rate*

## Local organisations offering financial support

The Alice Combes Trust      01747 871258      alicecombestrust@gmail.com

Grants for relief in need and for education & training

The Lord Arundell of Wardour Charity      thearundelltrust@outlook.com

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## Other organisations

Ask for ANI (Action Needed Immediately)

Ask at any branch of Boots

For those at risk of or suffering abuse

Home Start Charity      www.homestartsouthwilts.org.uk

Supporting families with at least one child under five or expecting their first baby

Wiltshire Citizens Advice      0800 144 8848 (9.00-5.00 Monday-Friday)

www.citizensadvicewiltshire.org.uk

Advice on a wide range of topics, including benefits, money & debt, consumer rights, family issues

Wiltshire Wellbeing Hub      0300 003 4576

wellbeinghub@wiltshire.gov.uk

For vulnerable people in need of support