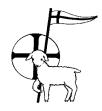
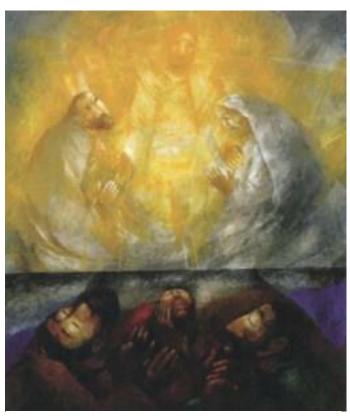
St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



Sunday 14th February The Sunday next before Lent



Transfiguration by Sieger Köder

Transfiguration – a meditation

As we look at this painting, we can use our imagination. Feel yourself in the Presence of Christ, Moses and Elijah. Notice the way the three figures in the painting look at each other: Christ looks at Elijah, Elijah looks at Moses and Moses looks at Jesus in such a way as to form a circle, a union. In Köder's work, the vision is seen in prayer by the disciples; their eyes remain closed. In the darkness of prayer, in their innermost selves, they see the Divine. God dwells within each one of us. It is also the disciples who are transfigured. The Light of God shines continually upon and through Christ, but only fleetingly and seldom do the disciples see Jesus as he truly is. The transfiguration is a moment when they do. This vision will stay with them as they journey towards the cross with Jesus.

We too need to recall moments of joy and glory in our lives to sustain us as we come towards the season of Lent. Lent this year begins during a time of lockdown with many of the things we enjoy having been curtailed. That in itself will have helped us to prepare us spiritually to enter the season. May we all take strength from the Gospel story and painting and know that as we travel through lockdown Lent, hope is on the horizon.

Revd Juliette Hulme

Today's Service

9.30am Parish Communion Online via Zoom

President: The Revd Juliette Hulme Preacher: The Revd Elaine Brightwell Music: Sally Hayter

Hymns: Morning has broken; Just as I am; Love Divine

Shrove Tuesday 16th Feb 3.30-4.30 The Great Big Zoom Pancake Party

Join us for games, activities, music, stories and pancakes! Find out about Lent and why we eat Pancakes on 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 or elainebri57@gmail.com

10.00am Holy Communion with Ashes Online via Zoom

President: The Revd Elaine Brightwell

You are invited to have some ash prepared with which to ash yourself (and members of your household)

Starting Wednesday 17th February Art for Lent: A Lent Course on Zoom

Each session will run twice, on Wednesdays at 6.15pm and Mondays at 11.00am (starting 22 Feb). Led by members of the Nadder Valley Ministry Team. All welcome – no expertise necessary! To join, please contact Revd Mark Hayter: revmarkh@icloud.com 01722 785176

Next Sunday, 21st February The first Sunday of Lent

9.30am Parish Communion Online via Zoom Genesis 9:8-17; Mark 1:9-15

President: The Revd Tina Fox Preacher: The Revd Mark Hayter

The Collect for the Sunday next before Lent

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Old Testament Reading: 2 Kings 2.1-12

The Gospel: Mark 9.2-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Public Worship and Private Prayer

Due to the Covid-19 situation, the church remains 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.

In Memoriam

We give thanks for the life of Bridget Jupp, a much-loved member of our congregation and choir, who died peacefully in Salisbury District Hospital on Monday.

The funerals of Jenny Malet and Hugh Barstow take place this week – please pray for their families and friends.

For your prayers

Please pray 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. We are asked to pray for all in South Sudan suffering from the virus.



Lent Boxes

Our donations this Lent will go to the British Red Cross (www.redcross.org.uk), to support their international work during the Covid-19 pandemic. For those who are out and about and able to collect one, there are boxes in church; alternatively, why not designate a box at home for this purpose?

Advent Boxes

Thank you to all who returned Advent boxes. We collected £347.61 for Safe Passage UK.

One box contained a number of foreign coins (about 60 from around the world) – if this was an error and you would like your collection back, please email the parish office and we will return your coins to you.

Coffee Time!

Coffee and chat on Zoom every Friday morning from 10.00 am. Hosted by the Revd Joanna Naish - all welcome! https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81306923058?pwd=U2VBWDhodkppZDkrdEhuUEc0aFpYdz09 Passcode: 567559 or phone 0203 481 5237 Meeting ID: 813 0692 3058 Passcode: 567559

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.

A list of additional sources of support is published with the newsletter on the first Sunday of each month.



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 tel 01747 870731 mob 07587 072900. Cheques payable to Tisbury PCC.