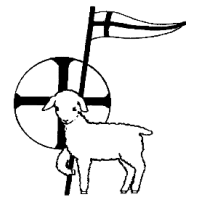


# St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March

The Third Sunday of Lent



El Greco: Christ driving the Money Changers from the Temple (1568)  
National Gallery of Art, Washington DC

The dramatic incident of Christ driving the money changers from the Temple (the Cleansing of the Temple) is recounted in all four Gospels. In the synoptics, it takes place towards the end of Jesus' life, after the final entry into Jerusalem prior to his arrest, crucifixion and resurrection. John, however, places it early in his Gospel, not long after the start of Jesus' ministry. The timing of the incident is not of great importance; far more significant is Jesus' anger at the misuse of his Father's house, and his burning need to cleanse it of dishonest dealing and exploitation of the poor.

Despite his early placing of this event, only John has Jesus speak of his forthcoming death and resurrection, referring to the temple of his body which will be destroyed and then after three days be raised up.

Each of us, at our baptism, was filled with the Holy Spirit and our bodies became a temple, a dwelling-place for God. But there's a danger that, as time has

gone by, we may have succumbed to the influences of the world around us and our hearts may have turned into a 'marketplace.' I pray that, if that is the case, then during Lent the tables in us may be overturned and our hearts cleansed in readiness for Easter and the resurrection.

*Canon Judy Anderson, Licensed Lay Minister*

## Today's Service

9.30am Parish Communion Online via Zoom

President: The Revd Mark Hayter

Preacher: The Revd Joanna Naish

Music: Judy Anderson

Hymns: Be thou my guardian and thy guide; Father, hear the prayer we offer; Just as I am without one plea

## Mondays and Wednesdays

## Art for Lent: A Lent Course on Zoom

Our Lent course, led by members of the Nadder Valley Ministry Team, continues on Mondays at 11.00am, repeated on Wednesdays at 6.15pm. All welcome – no expertise necessary! It's not too late to join – contact Revd Mark Hayter: [revmarkh@icloud.com](mailto:revmarkh@icloud.com) 01722 785176

## Next Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> March

9.30am Parish Communion

President: The Revd Joanna Naish

## Mothering Sunday (The Fourth Sunday of Lent)

Online via Zoom

Preacher: The Revd Tina Fox

## Public Worship and Private Prayer

The church will re-open for public worship on Easter Day, 4<sup>th</sup> April, with a service of Parish Communion at 9.30am. 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 Digby Hulme. We hold his widow Elspeth, Juliette and her siblings, and all Digby's family and friends in our thoughts and prayers.

We were sorry to hear of the death of Richard Shephard, composer of church music, including two of the settings of the Communion service which we have used regularly at St John's over several years.

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## The Collect for the Third Sunday of Lent

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, 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: Exodus 20.1-17

Then God spoke all these words: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

## The Gospel: John 2.13-22

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

## For your prayers

Please continue to pray for all who are suffering in any way as a result of the covid-19 virus, and for those who are anxious or lonely. Give thanks for the reduction in the number of cases due to the vaccination programme and the lockdown 3 restrictions. In our linked diocese of Cueibet, South Sudan, we are asked to pray this week for all mothers and grandmothers caring for children there.



## 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.

With the improvement in the Covid-19 situation locally, Tisbury Neighbourhood Response is suspending its emergency service. We thank all those who have provided assistance to the community through TNR.



## 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 [sjtgiftaid@gmail.com](mailto:sjtgiftaid@gmail.com) tel 01747 870731 mob 07587 072900. Cheques payable to Tisbury PCC.

# Sources of Support

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

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## 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