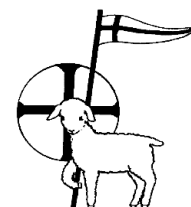


St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



Sunday 24th April

The Second Sunday of Easter

Today's Services

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

President: The Revd Dr Graham Southgate

9.30am Parish Communion

President: The Revd Canon Michael Goater

Communion setting: Mass of St Thomas *David Thorne*

Hymns: 121 This joyful Eastertide; 119 The strife is o'er, the battle done; 375 Lord of the dance

During Communion: O filii et filiae (*NEH 125*)

Final hymn: 112 Jesus lives! Thy terrors now can no more O death appal us

Services during the week

Morning Prayer is said at 8.00am on Wednesdays, and services of Holy Communion take place on Wednesdays at 10.00am (CW) and Fridays at 8.00am (BCP), all in St Andrew's Chapel.

Weekday services elsewhere in the Benefice resume this week:

Tuesdays at 8.00am Holy Communion (CW) Fovant

Thursdays at 8.00am Holy Communion (CW) Dinton

Online services take place as follows:

Mondays at 8.30am Morning Prayer

Mon-Thur at 5.30pm Evening Prayer

All are welcome to join us online via Zoom for any of these services, using the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84966332040>

Password: 039012

Next Sunday, 1st May

9.30am Pet Service In the Churchyard (weather permitting)

Do come, with or without a pet, to our informal outdoor Pet service led by Juliette and Judy, with music provided by members of the church Band. Particularly suitable for children, but all ages welcome! Last year, a large gathering enjoyed the service held in our churchyard at the beginning of May.

Old Fonthill Abbey Open Garden 1st and 15th May

The grounds of Old Fonthill Abbey will be open between 10am and 5pm, in aid of Parkinsons UK and local charities. You are cordially invited for a gentle stroll or a more strenuous walk – donations on the gate.

Salisbury Cathedral Flower Festival 10th to 15th May

A fabulous array of thirty thousand blooms celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and over 800 years of Salisbury Cathedral. A replica of the Queen's coronation robe in flowers forms a centrepiece of this floral art exhibition. Tickets are going fast! Click here for further details and to book: [Celebration: a Festival of Flowers - Salisbury Cathedral](#)

Congratulations!

We congratulate Paul Waterman and Rowena Tucker, married at St John's on 23rd April, and we pray for them as they begin their married life together.

The Collect for the Second Sunday of Easter

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The New Testament Reading: Acts 5.27-32

When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

The Gospel: John 20.19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

For your prayers

In our linked diocese of Cueibet, South Sudan, we pray for the men and women who serve as archdeacons, pastors and priests in the diocese, and for Bishop Elijah as he leads them.

We pray that the light and joy of the Easter season will reach into the darkest places of the world, praying especially for Ukraine.

We pray for all who serve our local community, and for our schools as staff and children return following the Easter break.

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? For details, go to www.parishgiving.org.uk where you can set up your own direct debit (and sign up for gift aid if applicable). Alternatively, you can pick up a leaflet in church. If you require help or advice on giving, please contact Paul Naish, email sjtgiftaid@gmail.com tel 01747 870731. Cheques are payable to Tisbury PCC.