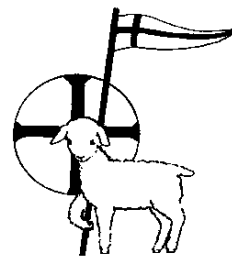


# St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



## Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2018 The Fourth Sunday of Advent

## O Emmanuel

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](http://www.tisburyparishchurch.org) for further information and news.

### 8.00 am. Holy Communion (1662)

Celebrant: The Revd Dr Graham Southgate

### 9.30 am. Parish Communion

Celebrant: The Revd Juliette Hulme

Hymns 48, 3, 32, 186

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

A tender shoot Simon Lole

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

## Christmas services at St John's

### Monday 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve

11.30pm Midnight Mass [The First Eucharist of Christmas]

Celebrant: The Revd Juliette Hulme

Do join us for this atmospheric candlelit service to celebrate the birth of our Lord. There are much-loved carols to be sung. Music by Haydn, Philip Ledger and Philip Stopford.

### Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day

9.30am Family Communion

Celebrant: The Revd Juliette Hulme

Our celebrations continue with this more informal service for young and not-so-young! You are invited to bring a toy present for children in need. These are donated to the Trussell Trust.

### Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> Stephen, deacon, first martyr.

8.00am No Morning Prayer

10.00am Holy Communion

### Friday 28<sup>th</sup> The Holy Innocents

8.00am Holy Communion

### Next Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> The first Sunday of Christmas

**10.00am** Area Parish Communion with carols - please note the later start time.

Celebrant: The Revd Juliette Hulme

Preacher: The Revd Mark Hayter

## Christmas Cheer

If you would like to contribute to needy individuals or families in Tisbury to help them have a more cheerful Christmas than they otherwise would have had, please give your donation (in cash please) to the Vicar in a sealed envelope marked "Christmas Cheer". All such donations will be gratefully received and will be distributed.

The Revd Juliette Hulme, Team Vicar

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Please note the Parish Office is closed until Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

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# The Fourth Sunday of Advent

## The Collect

God our Redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son; grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever,  
**Amen.**

## The First Reading: Micah 5. 2-5a

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

## The Gospel: Luke I. 39-45

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

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](mailto: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](http://www.tisburyparishchurch.org/donation).

## 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.

# HAPPY CHRISTMAS!

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