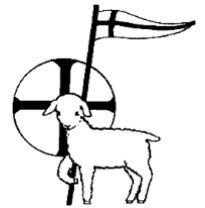


# St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

*reflecting Jesus Christ*



**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

**The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

## Today's Services

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

President: The Revd Juliette Hulme

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Juliette Hulme

Setting: *Grayston Ives*

Hymns: 103 Alleluia, alleluia, hearts to heaven and voices raise; 277 Bread of the world in mercy broken

Easter Alleluia & sentence *David Ogden* Offertory hymn: 296 Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour

During Communion: Ave verum corpus *William Byrd* Final hymn: 113 Love's redeeming work is done

Organ Voluntary: Fantazia of four parts *Orlando Gibbons*

*The Revd Juliette Hulme is also leading the Holy Communion service at St James, Ansty this morning.*

**Next Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> May**

**The Sixth Sunday of Easter**

9.30am All-Age Service

Led by the Revd Juliette Hulme and Canon Judy Anderson

## For your prayers

As we give thanks for the joy of Easter, we also give thanks for the whole Church in South Sudan, its witness in troubled times and the long ministry of Bishop Elijah in the Diocese of Cueibet. We pray for the projects we as a deanery are funding, that the work may not be interrupted.

We pray for all refugees and for your guidance for our government & the French government in these troubled times. We pray that all asylum seekers may receive just treatment.

Almighty God, you know us better than we know ourselves and you hold us in the palm of your hand. Guide us, we pray, as we consider the future shape of ministry in the Nadder Valley; may we be open to hear your voice and to be guided by your Holy Spirit, Amen.



**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April Open Garden Fonhill House**

The grounds of Fonhill House are open from 12.00-5.00 on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April. Admission £10, in aid of Seeds4Success. You can read about this very worthwhile charity at <https://www.seeds4success.org.uk>

## Annual Meetings and Church Electoral Roll

Our church Annual Meetings this year will be held on **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May** at 10.45am (after the 9.30 Parish Communion service) in the church. Do please come!

If you would like your name to be added to the church Electoral Roll, please complete the form which is available in church, and return it to Trish Liddiard, our Electoral Roll Officer, **by Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April** at the latest. The current list is displayed in the porch - if your name is already there, there is no need to fill in a form.

**Have you considered** becoming a member of the PCC (Parochial Church Council)? This is your opportunity to contribute to decision-making about church matters - do talk to Juliette or Judy if you would like more information.

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## The Collect for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen 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 8.26-40

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
so he does not open his mouth.  
In his humiliation justice was denied him.  
Who can describe his generation?  
For his life is taken away from the earth.'

The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

## The Gospel: John 15.1-8

Jesus said, 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

### Lent Boxes

Thank you to all who took Lent Boxes to support the British Red Cross - Israel and Occupied Palestinian Territory Appeal. Please would you bring your box back, to any service, by the end of this month, so that we can send our donation.

### Lent Lunches

The Lent Lunches, provided by the three Tisbury churches, raised just over £1,000, which has been sent to Wiltshire Air Ambulance. Thank you very much to those who catered, those who served and all who attended the lunches.

### Open Gardens

Old Fonthill Abbey Gardens      Sundays 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> May

The grounds of Old Fonthill Abbey, SP3 6SP, will be open between 10.30am and 4.30pm, in aid of Cure Parkinson's and local charities. Come and enjoy a walk around the woods and lake and admire the bluebells – donations on the gate (£10 suggested donation). Why not enjoy BBQ sausages for lunch, or a cup of tea with delicious cake? Dogs welcome on leads.