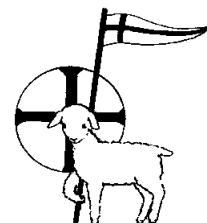


St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



Advent, Christmas and New Year Services 2024/5



Sunday 22nd December The Fourth Sunday of Advent

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

President: The Revd Elaine Brightwell

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Canon Michael Goater

Setting: The Brecon Service *Philip Moore*

Hymns: 19 (omit * verses) Come thou Redeemer of the earth; The Angel Gabriel from heaven came (*words on sheet*)
Modal Alleluia and Gospel Advent Sentence *Ficarrì / S Robinson* Offertory hymn: 185 Sing we of the blessed mother
During Communion: O maiden most gentle. *French trad arr Andrew Carter* Final hymn: 186 Tell out, my soul
Recessional: Von Himmel hoch *J Pachelbel*

Tuesday 24th December Christmas Eve

4.00pm Crib Service

Led by Canon Judy Anderson

At our short, informal Crib Service we hear once again the familiar story of the birth of Jesus in the stable at Bethlehem, through readings and carols. Children are invited to come dressed as angels, shepherds or wise men so that those who wish can participate actively in the telling of the story.



Tuesday 24th December Christmas Eve

10.00pm The First Eucharist of Christmas

President and Preacher: The Revd Canon Tony Monds

Setting: *Missa Brevis Sancti Joannis de Deo Haydn*

Carols: 32 O come all ye faithful; 42 (version 1) Silent night

Gospel Acclamations: Celtic Alleluia *Walker / O'Carroll*

35 (omit v4) O little town of Bethlehem

During Communion: Still, still, still *German trad arr Mack Wilberg*

18 Hark the herald angels sing

Organ Voluntary: Litanies *Jéhan Alain*

Wednesday 25th December Christmas Day

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Mark Hayter

Christmas Gloria *Philip Ledger* The Lincoln Setting *Malcolm Archer*

Carols: 37 Once in royal David's city; 22 In the bleak midwinter;

41 See amid the winter's snow

During Communion: How far is it to Bethlehem? *Trad arr Chris Mahon*

14 (omit verses 2 & 4) God rest you merry, gentlemen

Organ Voluntary: *Sortie 'Laissez paître vos bêtes' César Franck.*



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Services during the week

There will be no service of Holy Communion on Friday 27th December – these resume at 8.00am on Friday 3rd January. There will be no service of Holy Communion on Wednesday 1st January – these resume at 10.00am on Wednesday 8th January.

Services online

There will be no online services in the Nadder Valley between Christmas and New Year - these resume on Tuesday 7th January 2025.

For your prayers

As Advent leads us to Christmas, we reflect on the different way it will be celebrated in our linked diocese of Cueibet, South Sudan, and we pray for real peace therein.

A Christmas Prayer

Loving Jesus,
you were born in a stable but worshipped by the angels.
Be with all who are living in poverty or conflict
Be with all who are lonely or sad this Christmas
Be for us a living hope that lightens their hearts. Amen.



Thank you for your generosity

Thank you very much to all who have given so generously for Christmas Cheer. Several local families and individuals will benefit from your gifts, which will enable them to have a more cheerful Christmas than they might otherwise have had.

The collection taken at the Carol Service, in aid of the Trussell Trust, amounted to over £750. Thank you very much to all who contributed.

And thank you ...

... to all who have decorated the church so beautifully for Christmas. Thank you too to Stuart, Chris and the choir for the wonderful music at the Carol Service, and for their hard work in preparing music to enhance our worship over the Christmas period. And thank you to all those who have contributed in so many ways to the life of our church this Christmas.



**The Churchwardens and Lay Ministers of St John's
wish you all a very happy Christmas**



Next Sunday, 29th December The First Sunday of Christmas

9.30am Benefice Communion at St John's

A short service with carols, led by the Revd Joanna Naish

Sunday 5th January 2025 The Feast of the Epiphany

11.15am Benefice All-Age Communion St Margaret of Antioch, Chilmark, SP3 5AP

President and Preacher: The Rt Revd Andrew Rumsey, Bishop of Ramsbury

Please note, there is no service at St John's on 5th January. Our next All-Age Service will be on Sunday 2nd February.

Wednesday 8th January

3.00pm Service of Healing and Wholeness St Andrew's Chapel

A quiet service of prayer and contemplation for all the churches of the Nadder Valley Benefice, including a reading, a song, a meditation, and prayers for yourself and for those about whom you care. All welcome!