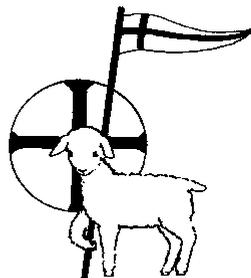


St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury
reflecting Jesus Christ



NEWSLETTER
Sunday 25th February 2018
The Second Sunday of Lent

Welcome to this historic church at the centre of a lively rural community. Refreshments are served after the 9.30 service. Do take this newsletter away to read later.

0800 a.m. Holy Communion (said)
Celebrant: The Revd John Hamilton

0930 a.m. Parish Communion
Celebrant: The Revd Dr Graham Southgate
Readings overleaf
Hymns: 238; 410; 364; 461
Setting: *John Merbecke*
Lord for thy tender mercy's sake *Farrant/Hilton*
A Sad Pavane for these distracted times: *Tomkins*

After Communion there is an opportunity to receive prayer either for your own or another's needs in St Andrew's Chapel at the east end of the Church.

6.00 p.m. Prayer and Praise
led by The Revd Dr Graham Southgate

Morning Prayer: Wednesdays 0800
Holy Communion (said) Wednesdays 1000; Friday 0800

THIS WEEK: Lent lunches continue on Wednesday 12pm-2pm Hinton Hall in aid of Team Rubicon UK. Delicious soups, bread and cheese.

FILM NIGHT Friday 2nd March 7pm. *The Exception (12A)* at the Nadder Centre. Tickets £6 from Kate Good Pottery (01747870367) closed on Mondays. Any profits in aid of St John's Church. More on our website.

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The Collect

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness; grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever **Amen**.

The Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

Psalm 22: 22-30

I will tell of your / name to my /people:
in the midst of the congre/gation/ will I /praise you.

Praise the Lord, / you that / fear him;
O seed of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of / him O / seed of / Israel.

For he has not despised nor abhorred the suffering of the poor; neither has he hidden his / face / from them; but when they / cried to / him he / heard them.

From you comes my praise in the great / congre/gation;
I will perform my vows in the / presence of / those that / fear you.

The poor shall / eat and be / satisfied; those who seek the Lord shall praise him; their / hearts shall / live for / ever.

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn / to the / Lord;
and all the families of the / nations shall / bow be /fore him.

For the kingdom / is the Lord's: and he / rules / over the / nations.

How can those who sleep in the earth bow / down in / worship,
or those who go down to the / dust / kneel be/fore him?

He has save my life for himself; my des/cendants shall / serve him;
this shall be told of the Lord for / generations to / come.

Glory to the Father and / to the / Son: and / to the / Holy / Spirit;
as it was in the be /ginning is / now: and shall be for / ever. /A-/men.

The New Testament Lesson: Romans 4. 13-end

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

The Gospel: Mark 8: 31-38

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

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. Cheques should be made payable to Tisbury Parochial Church Council. **For On line giving:** www.tisburyparishchurch.org/donations

Lent Boxes

Team Rubicon UK is the designated charity for our Lent Box Appeal. You can read more on their website www.teamrubiconuk.org. Please sign for and take away a box to fill with loose change.

Services on 4th March 2018

The Third Sunday of Lent

9.30am: Family Service

6.00pm: Parish Communion

Exodus 20: 1-17; Psalm 19: 1 Corinthians 1.18-25; John 2: 13--22

The late Rodney Simon (Bunny) Corner

We are sorry to report the death of Bunny Corner – he and his wife Judy were regular worshippers at St John's. The funeral service will take place in church on Monday 5th March at 1200. We extend our condolences to his wife and family.