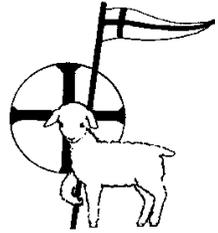


St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury  
*reflecting Jesus Christ*



## **NEWSLETTER**

**Sunday 26th November 2017**

**Sunday next before Advent**

**Christ the King**

*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.*

**8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)**

*Celebrant: The Revd John Hamilton*

**9.30 a.m. Parish Communion**

*Celebrant: The Revd Mark Hayter*

Readings overleaf

Hymns: 436; 295; 338; NHWS 37; Psalm 95 vs 1-7

Communion setting: *Grayston Ives*

Ubi caritas: *Ola Gheilo*

*After this service 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**

### **SERVICES DURING THE WEEK:**

Holy Communion is said on Wednesday at 1000 a.m. and on Friday at 0800 a.m. in the Vestry

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## **The Sunday next before Advent**

### **The Collect**

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever **Amen**

### **The First Reading: Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24**

For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

### **Psalm 95. 1-7**

O come, let us / sing to the / Lord:  
let us heartily rejoice in the / rock of / our sal /vation

Let us come into his / presence with / thanksgiving:  
and be / glad in / him with / psalms.

For the Lord is a / great / God:  
and a great / king a /bove all / gods.

In his hand are the / depths of the / earth  
and the heights of the / mountains are / his / also

The sea is his, / for he / made it:  
and his hands have / moulded the / dry / land.

Come, let us worship and / bow / down:  
and kneel be /fore the / Lord our / Maker.

For / he is our / God:  
we are the people of his / pasture and the / sheep of his hand

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 Second Reading: Ephesians 1.15-end**

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

### **The Gospel: Matthew 25.31-end**

When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

#### **Gift Aid envelopes**

**A collection for the ministry and upkeep of this church is received at all Sunday services.** If you are not a regular giver and pay income tax, please use the blue envelopes in the pews, adding clearly your name and address. If you would prefer to give on a regular basis please contact Paul Naish (870731/07929 435474) Please make cheques payable to **Tisbury PCC.**

**Do come and join in singing carols for 'Tis the Season'.  
We meet in the Dentists' car park at 4 p.m. on Saturday  
9<sup>th</sup> December.**



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**WELCOME! JOIN US...**

**Saturday 25th November 2017**  
10.00am: [New Catholics 2017](#) in the Hinton Hall

**Sunday 26th November 2017**  
**CHRIST THE KING**  
8.00am: Holy Communion (field)  
9.30am: Parish Communion  
6.00pm: Prayer and Praise

Our latest newsletter  
[November's service 5.11.17](#)

**CHRISTMAS FAIR!**  
Saturday 26th November

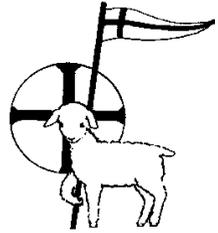
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Associate Priest

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The Nadder Valley Team

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**SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER 2017**  
**The First Sunday of Advent**

**9.30 a.m. Family Service**  
*led by the Youth Ministry Team*

**6.00 p.m. Parish Communion**  
*Celebrant: The Revd Joanna Naish*  
Readings: Isaiah 64.1-9; Psalm 80. 1-8, 18-20;  
I Corinthians I. 3-9; Mark 13. 24-end

There is a “pop up” shop in the Sacred Heart’s parish room (Station Road, Tisbury SP3 6JR) on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November** from 10 to 4 p.m. run by the Sisters of Belarus selling Christmas gifts, icons, CDs, much of which has been made by the Sisters to support their 2 x 180 bed psychiatric hospitals, school and orphanage. Do come along and support them.

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 2.15 p.m.** Tisbury Primary School will be holding their Carol Service in the Church. All are welcome.

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 4.00 p.m.**  
**Christingle Service and Blessing of the Christmas Tree.**  
Come and join in an informal Advent festival of light with special “Christingles” made from oranges studded with sweets and a candle for each family to take home. The orange represents the world; the red ribbon around it, the blood of Jesus; the sweets are symbols of God’s creation; and the candle shows the light and hope Jesus brings into the world. It is in aid of the Children’s Society. All are welcome.

**Thought for the week**

The object of religion is not to get a man into Heaven; but to get Heaven into him.

*Thomas Hardy*