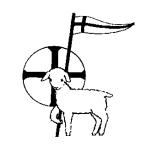
St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



Sunday 6th January 2019 The Epiphany of our Lord

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. Visit our website www.tisburyparishchurch.org for further information and news.

9.30 am. Family Service

led by the Youth Ministry Team

Songs: All NHWS We Three Kings, Riding out across the desert, 66, 207, 285, 62

6.00 pm. Holy Communion

Celebrant: Revd Joanna Naish

THIS WEEK.

Morning Prayer is said on Wednesdays at 8.00am. Holy Communion is celebrated on Wednesdays at 10.00am and on Fridays at 8.00am in St Andrew's Chapel.

The late Dennis Bernard Alfred Black

We are sorry to report the death of Dennis Bernard Alfred Black of Albany House on 12th December aged 90. The funeral will be held on Tuesday 8th January at 2pm. We send our condolences to family and friends.

The Revd Dr Graham Southgate

Congratulations to our Rector, the Revd Dr Graham Southgate, who is to take on an additional role as Rural Dean of the Chalke Deanery - in which our parish and benefice is situated. Graham will also be Co-Chairman of Chalke Deanery Synod. He will be commissioned in a special service at Saint George's Church, Fovant on Tuesday 8th January at 8pm.

Next Sunday 6th January 2019: The Baptism of Christ

8.00 am Holy Communion
Celebrant: The Revd Joanna Naish

9.30 am. Parish Communion
Celebrant: The Revd Juliette Hulme

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6.00pm. Questioning Faith

Led by the Revd Elaine Brightwell.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The Epiphany of our Lord

The Collect

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth; mercifully grant that we, who know you know by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever, **Amen.**

The Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 60 vs 1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

The Gospel: Matthew 2 vs I - I2

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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 sitgiftaid@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.

FILM NIGHT: THE CHILDREN ACT (12A)

Our first Film Night of 2019 on Friday I Ith January at 7pm is a showing of the 2017 film *The Children Act* (12A) directed by Richard Eyre. As her marriage crumbles, the eminent High Court Judge Fiona Maye (played by Emma Thompson) must rule on a case involving a teenage boy who is refusing a blood transfusion on religious principle. Tickets (£6) are available from Kate Good Pottery, High St (closed Mondays) Tel 01747 870367. Film Nights take place at the Nadder Centre in Weaveland Rd, Tisbury, SP3 6HJ. Doors open at 6.30pm. Proceeds go to the St John's East Window Appeal.