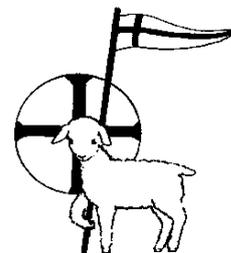


St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



Sunday 22nd December 2019 The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Welcome to this historic church at the centre of a lively rural community. Refreshments are served near the Lady Chapel after the 9.30 service. Toilets are in the Hinton Hall, across the car park. Please take this newsletter away to read later. For further information and news, visit our website www.tisburyparishchurch.org

8.00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

President: The Revd Joanna Naish

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Juliette Hulme

Hymns: 11, 3ii, 185, 186

Kyrie: *Russian Orthodox chant*

Sanctus, Agnus Dei: The Lincoln Setting *Malcolm Archer*

O radiant dawn *James MacMillan*

Readings overleaf

There is no service at St John's this evening. The Revd Juliette Hulme will be leading a Carol Service at Holy Trinity, Fonthill Gifford, at 4.00pm – all very welcome.

THIS WEEK

Children's Christmas workshop: Monday 23rd December 10.00-1.00 at Teffont. Please take a flier.

Christmas services at St John's

Tuesday 24th December at 11.30pm

President and Preacher: The Revd Juliette Hulme

Christmas Eve

Midnight Mass

Isaiah 9.2-7; John 1.1-14

Wednesday 25th December at 9.30am

President and Preacher: The Revd Juliette Hulme

Christmas Day

Family Communion

Luke 2.1-20

Next Sunday 29th December The First Sunday of Christmas

10.00am Parish Communion (Area Service here at St John's)

President and Preacher: The Revd Juliette Hulme

Isaiah 63.7-9; Matthew 2.13-23

Advent Boxes

Our Advent boxes are again in aid of the Children's Society. Please do take a box from beside the North Door and bring it back (full!) after Christmas. Gift Aid envelopes will be available.



Christmas Cheer

Anyone who wishes to contribute to needy individuals or families in Tisbury, to help them have a more cheerful Christmas than they otherwise would have had, is invited to make their donation (in cash please) to a Minister in a sealed envelope marked 'Christmas Cheer' **after the service today**, please. All such donations will be gratefully received and will be distributed in time for Christmas.

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The Fourth Sunday of Advent

The Collect

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; 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 7.10-16

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

The Gospel: Matthew 1.18-25

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel',

which means, 'God is with us.' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Church Clock

Would you be willing to help with winding the church clock? One of our volunteers will shortly be stepping down. If you are interested, please contact Anthony Lovell-Wood (01747 871121)

Christmas Tree

Thank you to Ansty Farm Shop who have provided the Christmas tree hanging above the altar.

Greetings from Tisbury, Massachusetts

I send you warm Advent Greetings from Grace Episcopal Church in Tisbury Massachusetts! Our part of Tisbury is known as Vineyard Haven, which is on the island of Martha's Vineyard. I, like Rev'd Hulme, have been here a little over a year, having been installed formally as Rector last July.

Part of this year has been spent in learning about the parish, and I was delighted to see a photograph of your Church on our gallery wall, with an explanation that our font is a copy of yours, and that Thomas Mayhew, the one-time owner(!) of Martha's Vineyard and its first governor, was baptised in your font. We have a yew tree in our churchyard, which I am told was given to us as a seedling from yours. I am pleased to report that the tree is tall and flourishing.

I send the parish's best wishes to you for a blessed Advent and all the joy and blessings of the Christmas Season.

God bless you,
The Reverend Stephen Harding, Rector

Parish Office

The Parish Office will be closed from Monday 23 December to Friday 3 January (inclusive). Email and voicemail will be checked periodically.