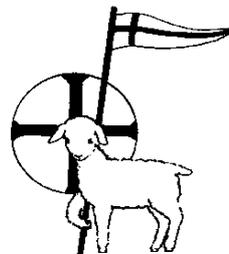


St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



Sunday 5th January Epiphany

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 away this newsletter to read later. For further information and news, visit our website www.tisburyparishchurch.org

9.30am Family Service

Led by Canon Judy Anderson

Songs (NHWS): 149, 47, 66, 277, 292, 207

Matthew 2.1-12 (see overleaf)

6.00pm Holy Communion

President and Preacher: The 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.

Wednesday 8th January at 7.30pm, Tisbury Methodist Church

Ecumenical service of praise and worship with prayer for healing.

Next Sunday 12th January The Baptism of Christ

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Parish Communion with the Baptism of Alexandra Lawson

President and Preacher: The Revd Juliette Hulme

Isaiah 42.1-9; Matthew 3.13-17

Christmas Cheer

Thank you to all who gave so generously. I was able to deliver, in time for Christmas, cards with gifts of money to a number of needy families and individuals in Tisbury. *Revd Juliette Hulme.*

Advent Boxes

Please would those who have Advent Boxes return them as soon as possible? You can hand them to a Sidesman, Churchwarden or Minister after a service or take them to the Parish Office during opening hours. Gift Aid envelopes are available.

Christmas Tree

Thank you to the Fonthill Estate who provided our Christmas tree, and to those who decorated it.

Thanks also to Ansty Farm Shop who provided the small Christmas tree above the altar.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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Epiphany

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 60.1-6

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 2.1-12

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.

<p>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 (01747 870731 07587 072900) or e mail sjtgiftaid@gmail.com Cheques should be made payable to Tisbury Parochial Church Council. For your convenience, a card reader is available near the north door.</p>

Can you help?

Parish Office

We are looking for a volunteer to staff the Parish Office on Friday mornings from 9.30 to 11.00. There are some tasks to be done, but the main role is to be a friendly face to greet any callers. This could be shared between two people. If you are interested, please talk to the Revd Juliette Hulme (contact details overleaf) or Canon Judy Anderson (Parish Administrator) on 01747 873142 or tisburyparishchurch@gmail.com

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)

A date for your diary

Members of Salisbury Baroque will be coming to Tisbury Parish Church again to give a concert of music from the baroque period on Saturday 25 January at 4pm. The concert will include works by Corelli, Telemann, Vivaldi and Handel, and Angus Menzies will be providing a narration. The concert will last about an hour. Admission free - there will be a retiring collection in aid of Alabaré Christian Care and Support.