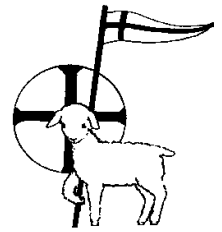


Church of St John the Baptist, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



Sunday 8th November 2020

Remembrance Sunday



Extract from a Letter to the Nation from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York:

Dear Friends,

These are deeply challenging and difficult times for us all. When we are surrounded by fear and suffering, it can be hard to feel hopeful. This coming winter feels like it will be longer and darker than usual.

There is a story in the Bible where Jesus and his disciples are caught in a storm. The disciples are understandably terrified as the wind and waves threaten to overpower them. 'Why are you so afraid?', Jesus asks. This year, we too have been caught in a storm which often feels overwhelming. And yet we can look to Jesus, in the boat with us, who calms the storm and comforts us in our fear.

We are writing to share our belief that whoever you are, and whatever you happen to believe, you are loved by God. Beyond measure. We also want you to know that we are praying for you, particularly asking that Christ's love will comfort us, calm our fears, and lead our nation and our world through this terrible pandemic. Starting this week, we have asked every church to pray each day at 6pm. We invite you to join with us.

This Sunday is Remembrance Day. As we remember the courage and sacrifice of those who gave everything for this nation in war, we are also reminded of the possibility for hope after destruction, of new life after suffering.

You can read the whole letter using this link: [a letter to the nation](#)

Today at 9.30am

Act of Remembrance (churchyard)

Led by the Revd Juliette Hulme

We gather outside the North porch to remember those who gave their lives during two world wars and other conflicts and to give thanks for their sacrifice and the freedom they won for us. There will be a short reflection and hymns sung by the choir.

Please bring a garden chair if you wish to sit down – a few chairs will be available for those who are not able to bring their own.

Although we shall be outside, we ask you to wear a mask, and please do remember to maintain social distancing.

Services continue online

For details, please see our website www.tisburyparishchurch.org

Next Sunday, 15th November

There will be a service online, via Zoom. Please see next week's newsletter for details.

Arrangements during lockdown

Sadly, we are once again unable to meet in church to worship together.

The church will be open for private prayer **every day** between 9.00am and 4.00pm (approx.) We hope that you will find this provision helpful; do please follow the guidelines on the notice at church to minimise the risk of spreading infection.



Remembrance Sunday

The Collect

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Reading: John 15.12-17

Jesus said, 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.'

Hymn

Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.

A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

Beneath the shadow of Thy throne
Still may we dwell secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defence is sure.

Time, like an ever rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly, forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.

Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home.

Coffee Time!

Fancy a cuppa and a chat? Feeling lonely during lockdown? We meet on Zoom on Friday mornings for an hour or so starting at 10 am. In November we'll be there every week except for 20th November when Jo is on leave. Hosted by the Revd Joanna Naish. Just click on the link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81306923058?pwd=U2VBWDhodkppZDKrdEhuUEc0aFpYdz09> Passcode: 567559
or phone 0203 481 5237 Meeting ID: 813 0692 3058 Passcode: 567559

If you need support

As always, the Revd Juliette Hulme (Parish Priest) is available to give pastoral and spiritual support (see over)

Other useful numbers with trained listeners (calls to these numbers are free):

The Samaritans 116 123

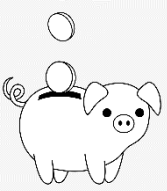
Childline 0800 1111

Domestic Abuse Helpline 0808 2000 247

Silverline (age 55+) 0800 4 70 80 90

Wiltshire Domestic Abuse Helpline 01225 775276 [weekends and out of hours 01793 610610]

Giving to the church



Thank you very much to those who continue to give regularly to the church. If you haven't committed to regular giving, why not consider joining the Parish Giving Scheme or setting up a standing order? Details from Paul Naish, email sjtgiftaid@gmail.com tel 01747 870731 07587 072900. Our income dropped significantly during lockdown, while expenses continued; any donations would be very welcome.