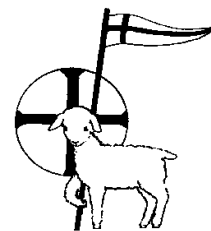


# Church of St John the Baptist, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



## Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December      The Third Sunday of Advent

### Today's services

8.00am      *Holy Communion (BCP)*      *Fonthill Bishop*

President: The Revd Juliette Hulme

9.30am      *Parish Communion*

President: The Revd Juliette Hulme      Preacher: Canon Judy Anderson

During the service, the choir will sing:

Kyrie *Russian Orthodox chant*      Communion setting: Grayston Ives

12 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry; 15 The Lord will come; 55 Hail to the Lord's anointed;

1 Creator of the stars of night; 6 Hark the glad sound

Organ Voluntary: Lobt Gott ihr Christen, allzugleich. JS Bach

### Covid-19 advice from the Church of England

- Please ensure that your mask covers your nose and mouth
- Please re-sanitise your hands before receiving Communion
- After the service, please greet each other outside and refrain from socialising in the church
- Congregational singing is still not allowed

We are delighted to be able to worship together in church. However, we recognise that some may not be able to attend, or remain concerned about mixing with groups, especially as we approach the Christmas break. To this end, for those who are unable to come to church there will be an opportunity to join the congregation at Barford St Martin this Sunday at 9.30am, when a Service of the Word will be streamed live on our usual Zoom channel. The preacher will be the Rt Revd Andrew Rumsey, Bishop of Ramsbury.

### Services during the week

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December 7.30pm      Carol Concert      *Advance booking essential*

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 10.00am      Holy Communion

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### Services continue online

Full details are on the website: [www.tisburyparishchurch.org](http://www.tisburyparishchurch.org)

## Next Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> December

## The Fourth Sunday of Advent

9.30am      *Parish Communion*

President: The Revd Juliette Hulme

2 Samuel 7.1-11,16; Luke 1.26-38

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December 6.00pm

Nadder Valley Drive-in Carols

Bake Barn

To book, contact the Revd Joanna Naish: [revdjoannanaish@gmail.com](mailto:revdjoannanaish@gmail.com)



Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 4.00-5.00pm (approx)      A Feast of Festive Fun!

A bit of fun, especially for those on their own. Join us on Zoom, with a cup of tea, for an anthology of short Christmassy readings, poems, songs, music. If you would like to contribute to the programme, or to find out more, contact Kate Prior on 01747 871559 or [katyaprior@gmail.com](mailto:katyaprior@gmail.com) The Zoom link will be in next week's newsletter.

### Because of limited capacity, booking is essential for all Christmas services

via the Parish Administrator (see below – email bookings preferred). There are very few seats left – do please get in touch if you are planning to come and haven't yet booked!

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## The Collect for the Third Sunday of Advent

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## The Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

## The Gospel: John 1: 6-8, 19-28

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, 'I am not the Messiah.' And they asked him, 'What then? Are you Elijah?' He said, 'I am not.' 'Are you the prophet?' He answered, 'No.' Then they said to him, 'Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?' He said,

'I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness,  
'Make straight the way of the Lord''',  
as the prophet Isaiah said.

Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, 'Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?' John answered them, 'I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.' This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

## Advent boxes

Our Advent Boxes are in aid of Safe Passage UK, an inter-faith charity which works to reunite refugee children with their families. You can find information about the charity at [www.safepassage.org.uk](http://www.safepassage.org.uk) Do please take a box and bring it back (full!) at or soon after Christmas.

## Christmas Cheer

Please let the Revd Juliette Hulme know (in confidence) if you are aware of any who are struggling financially and would welcome a gift of money for Christmas. Any donation you are able to make towards Christmas Cheer would be very welcome.

Please let Juliette know also if you know of anyone who will be on their own at Christmas – irrespective of their financial situation!

## Coffee Time! Fridays at 10.00am via Zoom

Hosted by the Revd Joanna Naish – all welcome!

<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 below)

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](mailto:sjtgiftaid@gmail.com) tel 01747 870731 07587 072900. Our income dropped significantly during the first lockdown, while expenses continued; any donations would be very welcome. Cheques payable to Tisbury PCC.

## We're on YouTube!

We now have our own video channel on YouTube, on which we hope to stream some Christmas fare. Do take a look - go to YouTube and search for Tisbury Parish Church.