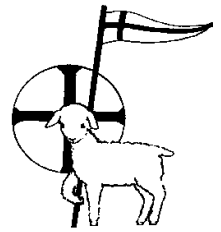


Church of St John the Baptist, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



Sunday 20th December The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Today's service

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Juliette Hulme

During the service, the choir will sing:

Kyrie *Russian Orthodox chant* Communion setting: Grayston Ives
7 Hills of the north rejoice; 3 Come thou long expected Jesus; 185 Sing we of the blessed mother;
Virgin born, we bow before thee (*French melody*); 186 Tell out my soul
Organ voluntary: Von Himmel hoch Pachelbel

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, our Parish Communion service will be streamed via Zoom using the usual link.

Services during the week – booking is essential for all three Christmas services

via the Parish Administrator (see below – email bookings preferred). Do please get in touch if you are planning to come and have not yet booked.

Monday 21st December 6.00pm Nadder Valley Drive-in Carols Bake Barn

To book, contact the Revd Joanna Naish: revdjoannanaish@gmail.com

The barn is just off the A303, near Chicklade. A location map will be sent when you book.

Wednesday 23rd December 10.00am Holy Communion (CW) (*no need to book*)

Christmas Eve at 4.00pm Crib Service

Christmas Day at 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) *St Andrew's Chapel*

Christmas Day at 9.30am Parish Communion (CW) *Nave*

Services online continue up to and including Wednesday 23rd December

Full details are on the website: www.tisburyparishchurch.org

Next Sunday, 27th December

The First Sunday of Christmas

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

Juliette invites you to a bit of fun, especially 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

Although this is not a service (definitely for entertainment!) we shall use the services Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84966332040>

Password: 039012

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The Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

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: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

The Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

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 Do please take a box and bring it back in the New Year - please give what you can to this very worthwhile charity.

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.



Carol Concert on YouTube!

Over a hundred people came to our Carol Concerts, essentially a 'slimmed-down' version of the traditional service of nine lessons and carols, with the carols sung for us by the choir. If you missed it (or would like to hear it again) you can watch it on YouTube from the middle of this week onwards. Why not make it a part of your Christmas celebration? Just go to YouTube and search for Tisbury Parish Church.

Coffee Time!

Coffee Time is taking a break over the festive period. It will reconvene, via Zoom, on Friday 8th January at 10.00

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 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.



Christmas trees

A big thank you to the Fonthill Estate who donated our wonderful large tree, and Ansty Farm Shop who donated the ringers' tree above the altar. Thank you, too, to those who decorated the trees and the church!