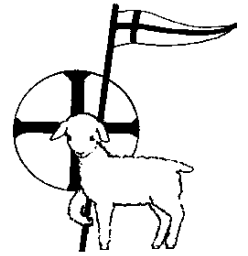


St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



Christmas Services 2020

For Thursday and Friday services please pre-book via the Parish Administrator (details below)



Thursday 24th December

Christmas Eve

4.00pm Crib Service

Led by the Revd Juliette Hulme

A short service during which the Christmas story is retold and figures are brought forward to build the nativity scene in front of the altar. With familiar carols sung by the choir.

Children are encouraged to come dressed as Nativity characters.

Friday 25th December

Christmas Day

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) St Andrew's Chapel

9.30am Parish Communion Nave

President and Preacher: The Revd Juliette Hulme

Christmas Gloria Philip Ledger Mass of St Thomas David Thorne

The choir will sing carols from the Nadder Valley Carol Book:

32 (omit v5) O come all ye faithful; 22 In the bleak midwinter;

35 (omit v4) O little town of Bethlehem; 42 (version 1) Silent night;

18 Hark the herald angels sing

Organ voluntary: In dulci júbilo JS Bach



Sunday 27th December

The First Sunday of Christmas

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Juliette Hulme

Mass of St Thomas David Thorne

The choir will sing carols from the Nadder Valley Carol Book:

48 Unto us a boy is born; 41 See amid the winter's snow;

36 (omit vv 5-7) Of the Father's heart begotten; 23 Infant holy, infant lowly;

14 (omit vv 2 & 4) God rest you merry, gentlemen

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



Services online

We hope to stream the 9.30 Parish Communion on Christmas Day, on the usual Zoom link:

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

Password: 039012

A service will be streamed at 9.30 on Sunday from one of the Nadder Valley churches.

The daily Office will be said privately at home; weekday services on Zoom will resume on Monday 4th January.

Carol Concert now on YouTube!

If you missed the Carol Concert (or would like to hear it again) you can watch it on YouTube. Why not make it a part of your Christmas celebration? Go to <https://youtu.be/GB7YA5jibHA>

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Christmas Day

The Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 9.2-7

The Gospel: Luke 2.1-14

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!"

The First Sunday of Christmas

The Collect

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Epistle: Galatians 4.4-7

The Gospel: Luke 2.15-21

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

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!

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 the first lockdown, while expenses continued; any donations would be very welcome. Cheques payable to Tisbury PCC



**The Vicar, Lay Minister and Churchwardens of St John's
wish you all a very happy Christmas**

