

Welcome to the Carol Service!

The churches of Tisbury welcome you to the annual Village Carol Service.

Our celebration of the Christmas story is told through a series of readings from the Garden of Eden to the story of the birth of Jesus, the message of the angels and the visits of the shepherds and the wise men. The sequence culminates in the Prologue to St John's Gospel: *The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.*

The readings, read by representatives from the local community, are interspersed with Christmas music, sung by the choir, and well-known carols for us all to sing.

Our collection this evening is for Alabaré, which does invaluable work supporting people in the South West who are homeless and vulnerable
<https://alabare.co.uk>

All are very welcome at any of our Christmas services

There is no need to book - just come!

St John's Church

Christmas Eve	4.00pm	Crib Service
	10.00pm	First Holy Communion of Christmas
Christmas Day	9.30am	Parish Communion for Christmas Day

Tisbury Methodist Church

Christmas Eve	10.30am	Crib Service
Christmas Day	9.30am	Christmas Celebration

Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church

Christmas Eve	5.30pm	Carols
	6.00pm	First Mass of Christmas
	11.30pm	Midnight Mass
Christmas Day	9.00am	Holy Mass at Dawn

All Saints Wardour Castle

Christmas Day	10.30am	Holy Mass of the Day
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ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ music before the service:

The Holy Boy	<i>John Ireland</i>
Es ist ein' Ros' entsprungen	<i>Johannes Brahms</i>

The congregation is welcomed by the Revd Juliette Hulme, Parish Priest, after which we keep silence.

Please stand when the lights are extinguished.

Carol 37: Once in Royal David's city v1 solo, v2 choir

Bidding Prayer and The Lord's Prayer
The Revd Juliette Hulme

Carol: I wonder as I wander *trad Appalachian arr Stuart Robinson*
sung by the choir for choir, organ, flute and solo soprano

1st Lesson Genesis 3. 8-14 The Fall
read by Fr Jonathan Creer, Sacred Heart RC Church, Tisbury

Carol 33: O come, O come Emmanuel

2nd Lesson Isaiah 9. 2, 6-7 The prophecy of the Messiah's birth
read by Rob Rowland, Albany House Care Home

Carol 35: O little town of Bethlehem *omit v 4*

3rd Lesson St Luke 1. 26-38 The Annunciation to Mary
read by Cpl Isabelle Forcey, Tisbury Detachment, Army Cadet Force

Carol: A maiden most gentle *trad arr Andrew Carter*
sung by the choir

4th Lesson St Luke 2. 1-7 The Birth of Jesus
read by Henry Sepp, Wardour Catholic Primary School

Carol 22: In the bleak midwinter

5th Lesson St Luke 2. 8-16 The Shepherds go to the Manger
read by Lee Downer, Downer Farm Meats

Carol: I heard an infant weeping *Welsh trad melody*
sung by the choir

6th Lesson St Matthew 2. 1-11 The Magi are led by the star to Jesus
read by Dave Milas, Tisbury Arts Group

Carol: Holy Thorn *Words Quintin Hogg; Music Richard Shephard*
sung by the choir

Please stand

7th Lesson St John 1. 1-14 The Incarnation of the Word of God
read by the Revd Denise Binks, Methodist Minister

Carol 32: O come all ye faithful *omit vv 5&7*
During the singing of this carol, a collection will be taken for Alabaré
You are asked to contribute cash if possible

The Collect for Christmas Eve
The Revd Juliette Hulme

Carol 18: Hark! the herald angels sing

The Christmas Blessing
Fr Jonathan Creer

Organ Voluntary: Final (from Symphonie No 1) *Louis Vierne*

The Churches and Community of Tisbury

Festival of Lessons and Carols



The Parish Church of
St John the Baptist, Tisbury

Monday 18th December 2023
at 7.30 pm