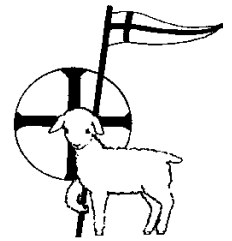


St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



Sunday 17th January

The Second Sunday of Epiphany



From the Revd Juliette Hulme

Have you ever sensed God's voice calling you? This is such a beautiful story from the Book of Samuel. It is not always easy to discern what is the voice of God and what is *not*, as young Samuel found out. He needed the wisdom of Eli, the priest, to realise it was God calling the boy. I remember well my year on the Island of Iona in 1990 where I had left a teaching post to work for the Iona Community as a programme worker. The Iona Community is a Christian ecumenical community founded by Revd George MacLeod who described Iona as 'a thin place' meaning that the material and the spiritual were very close. I certainly found it so. I had left teaching sensing God was calling me to some sort

of ministry and knew Iona was the place to explore this. As I met people from all walks of life and went on island pilgrimages, I sensed a new calling taking place. As I walked the rugged terrain alone and stood on the white beaches of Iona, was blown about by the gales and rained on in the regular downpours, as Spring arrived with the first lambs frolicking and the primroses flowering this voice spoke to my inner self - it was not a physical voice but an inner voice calling me towards what seemed to be ordained ministry. It took a long walk along a sandy beach on Iona with a wise minister from the Church of Scotland to realise it was God calling and not my imagination. He was Eli to me that week. It is now 30 years since my stay on Iona and my change of direction. God calls us all in mysterious ways.

Today's Service – online via Zoom

9.30am Parish Communion

President: The Revd Elaine Brightwell

Preacher: Canon Judy Anderson

Music: Heather and Stuart Robinson

Hymns: Thou whose almighty word; Dear Lord and Father of mankind; We have a gospel to proclaim

Next Sunday, 24th January

The Third Sunday of Epiphany

9.30am Parish Communion Online via Zoom

President: The Revd Dr Graham Southgate Preacher: The Revd Tina Fox

Genesis 14.17–20; John 2.1–11

Services online

Holy Communion (Common Worship) is streamed live via Zoom on Sundays at 9.30am and on Wednesdays at 10.00am, and on Fridays at 8.00am (BCP) <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84966332040> Password: 039012

The daily Office is streamed via Zoom Monday to Friday – full details on the website.

In Memoriam

We give thanks for the life of Jenny Malet, who died in hospital earlier this month.

Church open for private prayer

Although closed for public worship, the church remains open for private prayer and contemplation daily between approx. 9.00am and 4.00pm.

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The Collect for the Second Sunday of Epiphany

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, 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: I Samuel 3.1-10

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

The Gospel: John 1.43-51

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you get to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

Advent boxes

Thank you to those of you who took Advent Boxes in aid of Safe Passage UK www.safepassage.org.uk If you have not yet returned your box, please email Judy (Parish Administrator) on tisburyparishchurch@gmail.com or phone her on 01747 873142 to arrange collection.

Coffee Time!

Fancy a cuppa and a chat? Feeling isolated? We meet on Zoom every Friday morning for an hour or so starting at 10.00 am. 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)

Tisbury Neighbourhood Response is providing an emergency service for people shielding who have no local support network, or who may be falling through the net due to mental health issues, and need urgent assistance with essential shopping, keeping warm or coping with loneliness and anxiety. The TNR helpline is 01747 684010.

Useful phone 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 mob 07587 072900. Our income dropped significantly during the first lockdown, while expenses continued; any donations would be very welcome. Cheques payable to Tisbury PCC.

