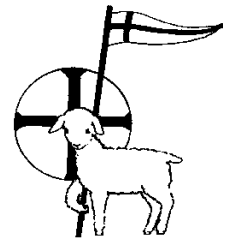


St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



Sunday 24th January

The Third Sunday of Epiphany



'Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory.' During January, our Gospel readings have taken us through the early events of Jesus' life: the visit of the Magi, Jesus' baptism in the river Jordan, the calling of the first disciples, and now his first miracle, the turning of water into wine at the wedding at Cana.

Matthew, Mark and Luke refer to Jesus' miracles, but John calls them signs, because they offer testimony to Jesus' identity as the Son of God. This sign, or miracle, recounted only in John's Gospel, occurred prior to the beginning of his public ministry, and the only witnesses of the event

were the servants, his disciples, and his mother. Apparently, the rest of the guests and the master of the feast had no idea that the miracle had even taken place. It showed that Jesus had divine authority, and the result was that his disciples believed in him.

It is more than two thousand years since Jesus lived as a human being on earth, and we today don't have the opportunity to witness physically miraculous signs of his divinity. But signs of his work are everywhere around us. We see him in the wonders of creation, in the miracle of the birth of a baby, in the person of those around us, in all the gifts we enjoy day by day. May we have eyes to see him and hearts to believe, as did the disciples.

Canon Judy Anderson, Licensed Lay Minister

Today's Service – online via Zoom

9.30am Parish Communion

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

Music: Mark and Sally Hayter

Hymns: Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim

Next Sunday, 31st January

The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

9.30am Parish Communion

Online via Zoom

Deuteronomy 18.15-20; Mark 1.21-28

President: The Revd Mark Hayter

Preacher: The Revd Dr Graham Southgate

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, and of Hugh Barstow, former resident of Albany House. Please pray for their families and friends in this time of loss.

Church open for private prayer

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

The Third Sunday of Epiphany

The Collect

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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: Genesis 14.17-20

The Gospel: John 2.1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

For your prayers

Please pray that the Coronavirus vaccination programme will be successful in stemming the spread of the virus, for all who are suffering in any way as a result of the virus, and for those who are anxious or lonely. Please pray for extra strength and help for all the staff at Salisbury District Hospital working in extreme conditions with the Covid outbreak.

Please continue to pray for the Church in Sudan and in South Sudan, and especially for all those women who work as midwives or traditional birth assistants in the Diocese of Cueibet.



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

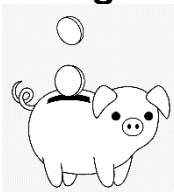
Childline 0800 1111

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.