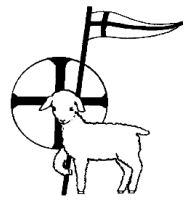


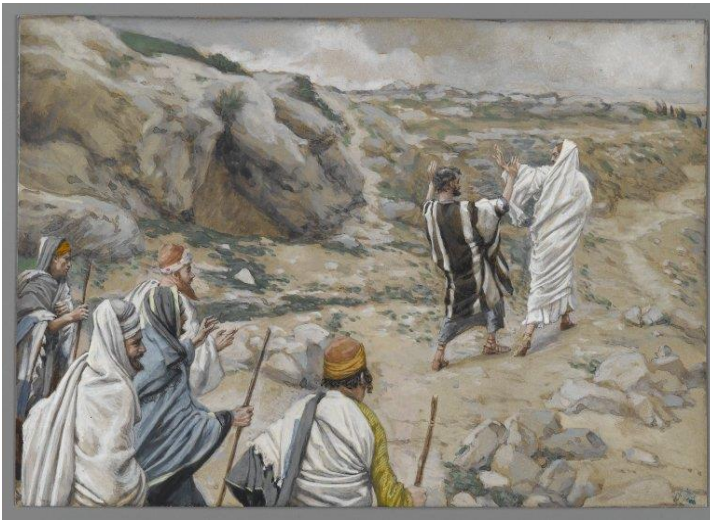
# St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February**

**The Second Sunday of Lent**



In today's Gospel, the disciples come face to face with the reality of following Jesus. Here we see a picture by the artist James Tissot, 'Get thee behind me Satan.'

Mark's Gospel has shown the wonder of Jesus' ministry in Galilee; people come to hear him teach, the sick are healed; crowds gather and are miraculously fed. For very many, following Jesus must have seemed like a party. Yet Jesus knows that path that leads to suffering and to sacrifice is approaching and reveals this truth to his disciples; to follow Jesus, his disciples will have to be ready to give everything.

And Peter argues with Jesus. Peter becomes a new temptation - standing in the devil's place, offering worldly, not Godly opinion. Notice how Peter is dressed in white and black, against the pure white of

Jesus' robe. The only real colour, representing the values of the world, comes in the clothing of the disciples. The path and landscape are rock-filled, barren, reminiscent of the desert of Jesus' time of temptation.

See how much Peter is taken aback - the shock of Jesus' admonition is very evident in his stance - he did not expect this rejection. Peter is pushed aside. How resolute Jesus is; he is striding forward leading all through desert and danger. Unlike the disciples, Jesus carries no staff, no bag; his face is set on the path to Jerusalem, to the cross.

Following Jesus demands our all. And those who follow, must be ready to tread this path. But what we are promised is life in all fullness, joy beyond all things, love without measure or end.

*Revd Joanna Naish*

## Today's Service

9.30am Parish Communion

Online via Zoom

President: The Revd Elaine Brightwell

Preacher: Canon Judy Anderson

Music: Tilly Cooper

Hymns: Jesus shall reign where'er the sun; When I survey the wondrous cross; Ye servants of God

## Mondays and Wednesdays

## Art for Lent: A Lent Course on Zoom

Our Lent course, led by members of the Nadder Valley Ministry Team, continues on Mondays at 11.00am, repeated on Wednesdays at 6.15pm. All welcome – no expertise necessary! It's not too late to join – contact Revd Mark Hayter: [revmarkh@icloud.com](mailto:revmarkh@icloud.com) 01722 785176

## Next Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> March

9.30am Parish Communion

## The Third Sunday of Lent

Online via Zoom

*Exodus 20.1-17; John 2:13-22*

President: The Revd Mark Hayter

Preacher: The Revd Joanna Naish

## Public Worship and Private Prayer

Due to the Covid-19 situation, the church remains closed for public worship for the time being.

Services continue on Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84966332040> Password: 039012 - details on the website.

The church remains open for private prayer and contemplation daily between approx. 9.00am and 4.00pm.

## In Memoriam

We give thanks for the life of Digby Hulme, who died peacefully in a care home last weekend. We hold his widow Elspeth, Juliette and her siblings, and all Digby's family and friends in our thoughts and prayers.

We were sorry to hear of the death last weekend of Richard Shephard, composer of church music, including two of the settings of the Communion service which we have used regularly at St John's over several years.

The Revd Juliette Hulme, Team Vicar  
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## The Collect for the Second Sunday of Lent

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, 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 17:1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him,

'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you.

I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

## The Gospel: Mark 8.31-38

Then Jesus began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

## For your prayers

Please continue to pray 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 all frontline workers at this difficult time, especially the staff of Salisbury District Hospital. Please pray that the West will ensure that inoculation materials may be spread over all the world, and especially into all of South Sudan.



## Lent Boxes

Our donations this Lent will go to the British Red Cross ([www.redcross.org.uk](http://www.redcross.org.uk)), to support their international work during the Covid-19 pandemic. For those who are out and about and able to collect one, there are boxes in church; alternatively, why not designate a box at home for this purpose?

## If you need support

As always, the Revd Juliette Hulme (Parish Priest) is available to give pastoral and spiritual support.

Members of our team of Lay Pastoral Assistants are happy to chat on the phone if you are feeling lonely – contact the co-ordinator, Revd Mark Hayter, on 01722 785176.

A list of additional sources of support is published with the newsletter on the first Sunday of each month.



## 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 [sjgiftaid@gmail.com](mailto:sjgiftaid@gmail.com) tel 01747 870731 mob 07587 072900. Cheques payable to Tisbury PCC.