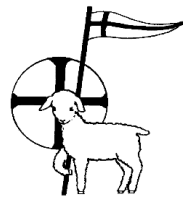


# St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March**

**Mothering Sunday**  
**(The Fourth Sunday of Lent)**



This weekend the Church marks Mothering Sunday. On such a day, it may be hard to read the Gospel story of Mary, Mother of Jesus, at the foot of the cross. Here we see the fulfilment of the prophecy of Simeon made to the young Mary bringing the infant Jesus to the temple. 'A sword will pierce your own side too.'

In the grounds of our Diocesan Mother Church we see the sculpture of the Walking Madonna by Elizabeth Frink. It is, in contrast with other art works, such as Michelangelo's Pieta in St Peter's Rome or the tenderness of Botticelli's Madonna, a gaunt, emaciated figure. The lines in her face are etched with all the marks of suffering; this is truly a Mary who has known grief but who is unbowed. Frink is unapologetic for the realism – this is an artwork which expresses a physicality, movement, and demands engagement. For with motherhood comes immense love and commitment, but also a readiness to bear grief. And motherhood is not restricted to birth mothers, but to all those who offer us solace, compassion, guidance. For all these, we give thanks to God today.

There is a significance in the placing of this sculpture. For Frink's Mary is striding with purpose, taking the Gospel from the Cathedral out to the city. And if you spend time to watch, you see how many people approach, take her by the hand and pause awhile; a companion on the

road. In the bronze, Frink has made a figure that draws us to be comforted, empowers us to go out. Art and faith in action. Spend a while today in contemplation and wonder and thanks.

*Revd Joanna Naish*

## Today's Service

9.30am Parish Communion

Online via Zoom

President: The Revd Joanna Naish

Preacher: The Revd Tina Fox

Music: Judy Anderson

Hymns: Jesus good above all other; Lord of all hopefulness; Through all the changing scenes of life

## 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, 21<sup>st</sup> March

President: The Revd Juliette Hulme

## The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Preacher: Canon Judy Anderson

## Public Worship and Private Prayer

The church will re-open for public worship on Easter Day, 4<sup>th</sup> April, with a service of Parish Communion at 9.30am.

**Advance booking is essential, via the Parish Administrator** (see below for contact details).

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 Annabelle Dominy, who died last week. We pray for her family and her friends as they mourn.

The Revd Juliette Hulme, Team Vicar  
Canon Judy Anderson, Parish Administrator

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# Mothering Sunday

## The Collect

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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 New Testament Reading: 2 Corinthians 1.3-7

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

## The Gospel: John 19.25b-27

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

## For your prayers

We give thanks for the reduction in the number of cases of Covid-19 due to the vaccination programme and the lockdown 3 restrictions, and we pray for those countries where the virus continues to spread unchecked. In our linked diocese of Cueibet, South Sudan, we are asked to pray this week that the early rains will fall and that there be adequate food resources there and elsewhere in South Sudan.



## Coffee Time!

Coffee and chat on Zoom every Friday morning from 10.00 am. Hosted by the Revd Joanna Naish - all welcome!

<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.

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.

With the improvement in the Covid-19 situation locally, Tisbury Neighbourhood Response is suspending its emergency service. We thank all those who have provided assistance to the community through TNR.



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

## Advance notice – and a request

The Nadder Valley Benefice will be holding a family workshop at Dinton on Thursday 15 April (see separate notice). Can you help by donating materials? Details may be found on the notice.

# **A Family Celebration of Easter!**

**Celebrating the Resurrection  
with the Nadder Valley team  
Dinton Churchyard (and Church)**

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> April 10.30 am to 11.45 am**

**We're making musical instruments, Story, Worship,  
a fantastic Easter hunt in the churchyard, a special  
edible construction kit and masses of fun.**

**BOOKING ESSENTIAL!**

**email - [revdjoannanaish@gmail.com](mailto:revdjoannanaish@gmail.com) or contact Revd Jo Naish on  
01747 871820**

## **Can you help by donating materials?**

So that we can make sure we have enough materials, we'd like to gather these - ideally by Easter.

If people contact Revd Jo Naish or Revd Elaine Brightwell we can arrange safe drop off and storage, so that we can put packs together before the session which will be safe for each family to handle.

We are seeking:

- Jars.
- Strong cardboard boxes i.e. not cereal boxes, but delivery boxes/shoeboxes etc
- Elastic bands – large/medium
- Pulses – dried (any). We are making rainsticks/shakers/percussion.
- Insides of kitchen roll/foil/wrapping paper but NOT loo rolls – we need the longer ones.

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