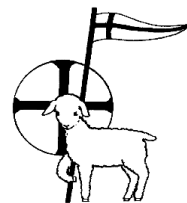


St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



Sunday 11th April

The Second Sunday of Easter

Today's Service

9.30am Parish Communion (in Church)

President and Preacher: Revd Juliette Hulme

Communion setting: Mass of St Thomas *David Thorne*

Hymns: 121 This joyful Eastertide; 119 The strife is o'er, the battle done;

112 Jesus lives! Thy terrors now can no more O death appal us; I vow to thee my country (separate sheet)

During Communion: O filii et filiae (NEH 125)

There is no need to book for any regular services – do come!

For anyone who is not able to come to church, the 9.30 service will be streamed live via Zoom. You are very welcome to join, using the usual services link.

Thank you to those who decorated the church so beautifully with Easter flower arrangements and who made the Easter Garden outside the north porch. It was wonderful to have our celebration of the Resurrection enhanced in this way.

Services during the week

St Andrew's Chapel

Services of Holy Communion take place on Wednesdays at 10.00am (CW) and Fridays at 8.00am (BCP)

Thursday 15th April

A Family Celebration of Easter

10.30-11.45am in Dinton Churchyard (and church). All welcome! Advance booking is essential: Revd Jo Naish, 01747 871820 or revdjoannanaish@gmail.com

Next Sunday, 18th April

The Third Sunday of Easter

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: Revd Dr Graham Southgate (Team Rector)

Acts 3:12-19; Luke 24:36b-48

6.00pm Choral Evensong

Led by the Revd Dr Graham Southgate

HRH The Duke of Edinburgh

We offer our condolences to Her Majesty the Queen on the death of her husband, Prince Philip, on 9th April.

We pray for the Queen, Prince Charles, Princess Anne, Prince Andrew, Prince Edward and all the Royal Family in their loss.

*God of our lives,
we give thanks for the life of Prince Philip,
for his love of our country,
and for his devotion to duty.
We entrust him now to your love and mercy,
through our Redeemer Jesus Christ. Amen.*

Government advice, endorsed by the Church of England, is that books of condolence should be online only, due to the risk of transmitting the Covid-19 virus via a paper book. You can find online books of condolence at:

www.churchofengland.org or www.royal.uk



The Collect for the Second Sunday of Easter

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ 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: Acts 4.32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

The Gospel: John 20.19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

For your further prayers

We give God thanks and praise for the resurrection of his Son to save us from sin and assure us of eternal life. We are asked to pray for those who seek to establish an effective primary health care service in South Sudan in the face of the pandemic, and for adequate staff and resources in our linked diocese of Cueibet.

Pet Service – a date for your diary!

Sunday 2nd May at 9.30am in the churchyard (*weather permitting*)

Do come, with or without a pet. Why not bring a friend along, too?



Annual Meetings

The Annual Meeting of Parishioners, followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, will be held on Wednesday 12th May at 7.00pm. Please consider prayerfully whether God may be calling you to serve as a member of the PCC, or in some other way. Nomination forms are available from the Parish Administrator.

Church Electoral Roll

Only those whose names are on the church electoral roll are entitled to attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. Do check that you are there! Forms are available in church, or from Trish Liddiard: 01747 871108 or billandtrish9@gmail.com Completed forms must be returned to Trish by Tuesday 27th April.

Fonthill House Garden Opening

Fonthill House Garden will be open on Sunday afternoon 9th May in aid of local churches (including St John's) and in memory of Clare, Lady Margadale. Save the date – and watch this space for further details!