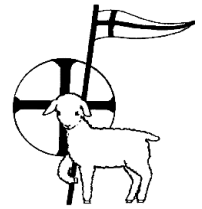


St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



Sunday 28th November

The First Sunday of Advent

Do stay for refreshments after the 9.30 service. Please wear a face covering while collecting your refreshments and move away from the table once you have them; please keep social distancing in mind as you chat.

Today's Services

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

President: The Revd Dr Graham Southgate

9.30am Parish Communion

A special service for Advent Sunday, with the lighting of the first Advent candle.

President and Preacher: The Revd Juliette Hulme

Setting: The Brecon Service *Philip Moore*

Hymns: 11 O come, O come Emmanuel; 3 Come thou long expected Jesus; 16 Wake, O wake!

During Communion: The truth from above *Trad Herefordshire arr John Barnard*

Closing hymn: 9 Lo he comes with clouds descending

Voluntary: Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme *JS Bach*

The Revd Juliette Hulme is also leading worship at Holy Trinity, Fonthill Gifford, this morning

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)

Advent Boxes

Our boxes this year are for *Save the Children*. This long-established charity helps children around the world get the medicine, good food and education they need, as well as responding to crises in places such as Yemen, Syria and Afghanistan. Do please take a box and give generously to this very worthy cause.

Next Sunday, 5th December

The Second Sunday of Advent

9.30am All-Age Christingle Service

Led by the Revd Juliette Hulme

Tuesday 30th November

Advent Quiet Day at Hilfield Friary

There are still places available for the Quiet Day, which Juliette will be leading for us on Tuesday. As well as our own sessions, we plan to join the Community for worship in their chapel and also for a light lunch. There will be plenty of time for quiet contemplation and for enjoying the peaceful grounds or going for a longer walk. We shall travel in shared cars, leaving Tisbury at 9.00am and departing from Hilfield at around 4.30pm.

Please would you let us know TODAY if you would like to go, either by signing the list in church or by contacting the Parish Administrator (details below)

For your prayers

In our linked diocese of Cueibet, South Sudan, we pray that Archbishop Justin and Bishop Elijah will be good Christian leaders of their people.

We pray for migrants and refugees in countries around the world, and especially for those on the border between Belarus and Poland, on the French coast and in crowded conditions in camps in this country. We remember especially those who lost their lives attempting to cross the English Channel last week.

At the beginning of Advent, we pray that during this season Christ will reveal himself to us in a new way.



The Collect for the First Sunday of Advent

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him 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: Jeremiah 33.14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

The Gospel: Luke 21.25-36

"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then Jesus told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Christmas charity donations

At Christmas many of us like to give something to those who are in need. Instead of bringing a present to church at Christmas, can you once again help us support local charities? Last year your generosity was so gratefully received. This year, it is needed more than ever.

Salisbury Women's Refuge provides safety for families who have had to flee from abuse. They welcome items both as Christmas presents and for use throughout the year - please see the list available in church. All items should be NEW, please, not second-hand, and unwrapped so that they can be distributed appropriately.

Please contact the Revd Jo Naish on revdjoannanaish@gmail.com or ask any member of the Nadder Valley ministry team to arrange for collection of goods or tokens. By 10th December, please, so that we can get the gifts to the Refuge in time for distribution at Christmas.

Thank you so much for your help. *Juliette and the Nadder Valley Ministry Team*

Christmas Services

Monday 20 th December at 7.30pm	Village Carol Service
Friday 24 th December at 4.00pm	Crib Service (<i>particularly suitable for children</i>)
Friday 24 th December at 10.00pm	The First Eucharist of Christmas (<i>essentially Midnight Mass, but earlier!</i>)
Saturday 25 th December at 9.30am	Parish Eucharist for Christmas Day

Advance booking is essential for all these services. Some socially distanced pews will be available. To book, please contact the Parish Administrator (see below), stating which service(s) you wish to attend, how many seats you require, and whether you need socially distanced seating.

We look forward to celebrating Christmas with you!

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? And if you already give by standing order, or using envelopes, we ask you to consider transferring to the Parish Giving Scheme, which is a more efficient method from the church's point of view. Leaflets are available in church – do take one and find out more.

If you would like help or advice on giving, please contact Paul Naish, email stjgiftaid@gmail.com tel 01747 870731. Any cheques are payable to Tisbury PCC.

