# St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December

# The Second 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 Service

# 9.30am All-Age Christingle Service

Led by the Revd Juliette Hulme with Canon Judy Anderson

Hymns: Advent Candles tell their story (words in service leaflet); 268 This little light of mine; 23 Be still for the presence of the Lord; 166 Shine Jesus Shine

We light the second Advent candle, and we invite the children to make a Christingle during the service.

## 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)

# Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 3.00pm Service of Healing and Wholeness

A quiet service of prayer and contemplation in St Andrew's Chapel, including a reading, a song, meditation and the opportunity for prayer for yourself and those you care about through this season.

Online Services continue on weekdays - please see our website for details

# Next Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> December The Third Sunday of Advent

#### 9.30am Parish Communion

President: The Revd Juliette Hulme Preacher: The Revd Mark Hayter

A special service in which we celebrate and give thanks for the faithful ministry of our Lay Pastoral Assistants over several years.

## 6.00pm Reflective Service

Led by the Revd Joanna Naish

## For your prayers

In our linked diocese of Cueibet, South Sudan, we are asked to pray for parents and grandparents raising children in the diocese.

We continue to pray for migrants and refugees in countries around the world, for safety as they undertake hazardous journeys to escape fighting or oppressive regimes.

We pray for wisdom for governments as they put into place measures to counter the spread of the Omicron variant of the Covid-19 virus.

# **Christmas Services**

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

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

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#### The Collect

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

#### The Reading: John 1.1-5

In the beginning there was the Word. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. All things were made by him, and nothing was made without him. In him there was life, and that life was the light of all people.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overpowered it.

# Please give generously for Christmas!

#### **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.

## **Christmas Cheer**

Anyone who wishes to contribute to needy individuals or families in Tisbury, to help them have a more cheerful Christmas than they otherwise would have had, is invited to make their donation (in cash please) to a member of the clergy, a Churchwarden or the Parish Administrator in a sealed envelope marked 'Christmas Cheer' no later than **I I am on Sunday I9**<sup>th</sup> **December** please. All such donations will be gratefully received and will be distributed in time for Christmas.

## **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 <u>revdjoannanaish@gmail.com</u> or ask any member of the Nadder Valley ministry team to arrange for collection of goods or tokens. By 10<sup>th</sup> 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!