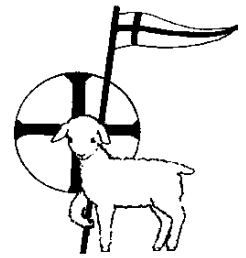


St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



Christmas Services 2021

For Friday and Saturday services please pre-book via the Parish Administrator (details below)



Friday 24th December Christmas Eve

4.00pm Crib Service

Led by the Revd Juliette Hulme

A short service during which the Christmas story is retold and figures are brought forward to build the nativity scene in front of the altar. With well-known carols for us all to sing.

Children are encouraged to come dressed as Nativity characters.

Friday 24th December

Christmas Eve

10.00pm The First Eucharist of Christmas

President and Preacher: The Revd Juliette Hulme

Setting: Missa Brevis Sancti Johannis de Deo Haydn

Carols: 35 (omit v4) O little town of Bethlehem; 42 (version 1) Silent Night

Gospel Acclamations: Celtic Alleluya Walker / O'Carroll

Offertory: 24 It came upon the midnight clear

During Communion: Still, still, still German trad arr Mack Wilberg

Closing hymn: 18 Hark the herald angels sing

Organ Voluntary: Litanies Jehan Alain



Saturday 25th December

Christmas Day

9.30am Parish Communion

President: The Revd Juliette Hulme

Preacher: Canon Judy Anderson

Christmas Gloria Philip Ledger

Sanctus, Benedictus, Agnus Dei (Mass of St Thomas) David Thorne

Carols (NVCB): 32 O come all ye faithful (omit v 4 & 5)

20 I saw three ships come sailing in; 22 In the bleak midwinter

During Communion: Now the holly bears a berry trad arr Alexander L'Étrange

Closing hymn: 18 Hark the herald angels sing

Organ Voluntary: In dulci júbilo JS Bach

The Revd Juliette Hulme is also leading the Christmas service at Holy Trinity Church, Fonthill Gifford, this morning

Sunday 26th December

The First Sunday of Christmas

9.30am Holy Communion (CW) Hindon

A said service of Holy Communion in contemporary language led by the Revd Joanna Naish.

This is the only service in the Nadder Valley Benefice on Boxing Day – there is no service at St John's that day.

Covid-19 precautions

A reminder that it is a legal requirement that face coverings are worn in places of worship.

It has been decided, in view of the spread of the Omicron variant of the Coronavirus, to suspend for the time being the sharing of the chalice at St John's. Communion will be received in one kind only, that is, the wafer only. A reminder that communion in one kind is full communion.

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Christmas Eve

The New Testament Reading: Hebrews 1.1-4

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

The Gospel: John 1.1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Christmas Day

The New Testament Reading: Titus 3.4-7

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Saviour appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Saviour, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

The Gospel: Luke 2.8-20

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see - I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!" When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Services during the week

Between Christmas and the New Year, Morning and Evening Prayer will be said by members of the ministry team individually in their own homes. The next service on Zoom will be Morning Prayer on Tuesday 4th January at 8.00am. Full details of weekday services on Zoom may be found on the church website (see over). All are very welcome to join online for these services.

Services of Holy Communion will take place in St Andrew's Chapel as usual on Wednesday 29th December at 10.00am and Friday 31st December at 8.00am.



**The Vicar, Lay Minister and Churchwardens of St John's
wish you all a very happy Christmas**

