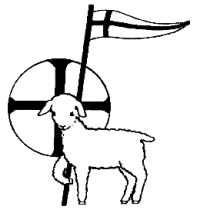


St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



Sunday 2nd January

The Second Sunday of Christmas

We hope to be able to offer refreshments after the service, depending on the weather. Please keep your face covering on while collecting your refreshments and take them outside to consume them.

Today's Service

9.30am All-Age Service for Epiphany

Led by Canon Judy Anderson

Music played by the Church Band

Carols: 32 O come all ye faithful, verses 1, 2, 4, 6; 50 We three kings of Orient are;
6 Away in a manger; 25 Joy to the world

A short service particularly suitable for children, who will be making crowns during the service to wear for the second carol. The crib scene in front of the altar will be completed with the arrival of the Wise Men.

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)

Online services

These resume with Morning Prayer on Tuesday 4th January

Tuesday-Thursday 08.00 Morning Prayer

Tuesday-Friday 17.30 Evening Prayer

All very welcome to join via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84966332040> Password: 039012

The orders of service for Morning and Evening Prayer can be found online at <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>

Next Sunday, 9th January

The Baptism of Christ

Plough Sunday

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Juliette Hulme

Isaiah 43.1-7; Luke 3.15-17,21-22

6.00pm Reflective Service

Led by the Revd Elaine Brightwell

A date for your diary:

Sunday 16th January at 6.00pm

Epiphany Carol Service

A special service for Epiphany, with readings and poetry as well as Epiphany hymns and carols to sing.

Led by the Revd Juliette Hulme

Music led by Stuart Robinson and St John's Choir

Advent Boxes

Thank you to those who took an Advent Box in aid of **Save the Children**. Please would you return your box as soon as possible, certainly by the end of January, so that we can send our donation to the charity? If you did not take a box but would like to donate, please hand your contribution, in an envelope marked *Save the Children*, to a sidesmen or a member of the ministry team.

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The Collect for Epiphany

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; 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 Reading: Matthew 2.1-12

Jesus was born in the town of Bethlehem in Judea, during the time when Herod was king. Soon afterward, wise men who studied the stars came from the East to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the baby born to be the king of the Jews? We saw his star when it came up in the east, and we have come to worship him."

When King Herod heard about this, he was very upset, and so was everyone else in Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the teachers of the Law and asked them, "Where will the Messiah be born?" "In the town of Bethlehem in Judea," they answered. "For this is what the prophet wrote:

'Bethlehem in the land of Judah,
you are by no means the least of the leading cities of Judah;
for from you will come a leader
who will guide my people Israel.'"

So Herod called the visitors from the East to a secret meeting and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem with these instructions: "Go and make a careful search for the child; and when you find him, let me know, so that I too may go and worship him."

And so they left, and on their way they saw the same star they had seen in the East. When they saw it, how happy they were, what joy was theirs! It went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. They went into the house, and when they saw the child with his mother Mary, they knelt down and worshipped him. They brought out their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, and presented them to him.

Then they returned to their country by another road, since God had warned them in a dream not to go back to Herod.

For your prayers

Please pray for the whole church in South Sudan and for Bishop Elijah as he leads the church in our linked diocese of Cueibet.

As we reflect on the journey of the Wise Men, we pray for all refugees forced to leave their countries because of war or disaster. We pray for safe journeys for them and for welcome, food and shelter on the way.

We pray for all who are bereaved over this Christmas season, that they may know the comfort of friends and family and the peace of the Christ child.

