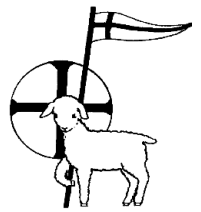


St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



Sunday 9th January

The Baptism of Christ Plough Sunday

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 Services

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Juliette Hulme

Mass of St Thomas *David Thorne*

Hymns: 52 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; 12 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry;

55 Hail to the Lord's anointed

During Communion: A New Year Carol *Benjamin Britten*

49 Brightest and best of the sons of the morning

Voluntary: In dir ist Freude. *JS Bach*

At the end of the service, please exit through the north door for the Blessing of the Plough.

6.00pm Reflective Service

Led by the Revd Elaine Brightwell

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

Monday 08.30 Morning Prayer

Tuesday-Thursday 08.00 Morning Prayer

Monday-Thursday 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, 16th January

The Second Sunday of Epiphany

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Juliette Hulme

Isaiah 62.1-5; John 2.1-11

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? 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 sidesman or a member of the ministry team.

Used postage stamps

There is a box by the north door for used postage stamps in aid of the Royal National Institute of Blind People

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The Collect for the Baptism of Christ

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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 First Reading: Isaiah 43.1-7

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

The Gospel: Luke 3.15-17, 21-22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

For your prayers

We pray for all suffering from the Omicron variant of the Coronavirus, especially those in South Sudan, praying that all the sufferers will recover well.

We pray for all living with war or other conflict, and especially for the people of Kazakhstan.

In this country, we pray for the NHS and all medical professionals suffering under the heavy workload resulting from the Covid-19 situation. We pray too for those waiting for operations or other treatment considered non-urgent as this continues to be delayed.



Update from Cueibet

Most of you will know that the Diocese of Salisbury has links with churches in other countries, including the Episcopal Churches of Sudan and of South Sudan. Chalke Deanery, of which we are part, is specifically linked with the Diocese of Cueibet in South Sudan; the Revd Mark Hayter is Chairman of the Chalke-Cueibet Partnership.

We have been receiving pictures and news from South Sudan which have now been collated into a short video. Do watch it, using the link below - it gives a real flavour of what 'our' part of South Sudan looks like and feels like to those living there, including some of the problems they face.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O8IVSkcXr-g>

We have had even more recent news which suggests that the Omicron variant is now widespread across South Sudan and Kenya, with many suffering 'flu-like symptoms and a cough. It has affected many in Cueibet, including Bishop Elijah, who has, he says, begun to recover.

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? If you go to www.parishgiving.org.uk you can get onto the secure website and set up a login and password. This will enable you set up your own direct debit (and sign up for gift aid if applicable). Alternatively, you can pick up a leaflet in church. If you require help or advice on giving, please contact Paul Naish, email sjtgiftaid@gmail.com tel 01747 870731. Cheques are payable to Tisbury PCC.