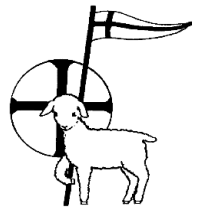


# St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January**

**The Third Sunday of Epiphany**

*Do stay for refreshments after the 9.30 service. Please keep your face covering on while collecting your refreshments, and take them outside to consume them. If the weather is bad and we need to stay inside, please spread out throughout the church and keep social distancing in mind while chatting.*

## Today's Services

**8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)**

President: The Revd Juliette Hulme

**9.30am Parish Communion**

President and Preacher: The Revd Juliette Hulme

Communion setting: *Grayston Ives*

234 Christ whose glory fills the skies; Psalm 19.1-6 (*words overleaf*); 405 Lord of the boundless curves of space

During Communion: If ye love me keep my commandments *Tallis*; Final hymn: 410 My God, how wonderful thou art

Voluntary: Joie et clarté des Corps Glorieux. *Oliver Messiaen*

*The Revd Juliette Hulme is also leading worship at Fonthill Gifford this morning*

## Services during the week

**St Andrew's Chapel**

Said services of Holy Communion take place on Wednesdays at 10.00am (CW) and Fridays at 8.00am (BCP)

**Next Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> January**

**Candlemas**

**10.00am Parish Communion**

**Area Service at St John's**

President: The Revd Juliette Hulme

*Malachi 3.1-5; Luke 2.22-40*

## In Memoriam

The funeral of Bill Liddiard will take place on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 2.00pm at St John's, followed by tea in the Hinton Hall. All who knew Bill are very welcome. Please keep Trish, their children Sally, Kate and Jim, and all the family in your prayers at this sad time.

## For your prayers

In our linked diocese of Cuebiet, South Sudan, we pray for all those women who work as midwives or traditional birth assistants in the Diocese.

In the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity we pray for Pope Francis and the Roman Catholic Church, Patriarch Bartholomew and the Orthodox Churches, The Methodist, Baptist and URC Churches and for the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, and the Churches of the Anglican Communion. We pray for continued dialogue and growing unity between us all.

We pray for the people of Tonga after the devastating Tsunami and we pray that neighbouring nations may be able to provide aid and support.



## Can you help?

### Refreshments after services

We would love to have more people to help serve refreshments after Sunday morning services. If you feel able to do this (in a pair) once a month, please contact the Parish Administrator.

### Summer fete

The PCC is wondering if anyone would be willing to take on the running of a summer fete in aid of St John's, probably in late June? If you are interested, please speak to Juliette or Judy.

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## The Collect for the Third Sunday of Epiphany

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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: Nehemiah 8.1-3, 5-6, 8-10

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law.

And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

## Psalm 19:1-6

- 1 The heavens are telling the glory of God: and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
- 2 One day pours out its song to another: and one night unfolds knowledge to another.
- 3 They have neither speech nor language: and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Yet their sound has gone out into all lands: and their words to the ends of the world.
- 5 In them has he set a tabernacle for the sun:  
that comes forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber and rejoices as a champion to run his course.
- 6 It goes forth from the end of the heavens and runs to the very end again:  
and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

## The Gospel: Luke 4.14-21

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

## Advent Boxes

Thank you to those who have returned their Advent Box in aid of **Save the Children** – so far we have over £200. If you have not yet returned your box, please would you do so by next Sunday (30<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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? For details, go to [www.parishgiving.org.uk](http://www.parishgiving.org.uk) where you can 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](mailto:sjtgiftaid@gmail.com) tel 01747 870731. Cheques are payable to Tisbury PCC.