# St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



## Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March

## The First Sunday of Lent

Do stay for refreshments, served near the Lady Chapel after the 9.30 service. Please spread out to consume your refreshments, bearing social distancing in mind.

### **Today's Service**

9.30am All-Age Service

Led by the Revd Juliette Hulme with Canon Judy Anderson

Hymns: There is a green hill far away; 66 The Servant King; 261 There is a Redeemer;

122 I the Lord of sea and sky

A short service particularly suitable for children, during which everyone will be invited to make a cross to take home afterwards.

### Wednesday 9th March

3.00pm Service for healing and wholeness St Andrew's Chapel

A quiet service of prayer and contemplation for all the churches of the Nadder Valley Benefice, including a reading, a song, meditation and prayers for yourself and for those about whom you care.

### Other 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)

### Next Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> March The Second Sunday of Lent

9.30am Parish Communion

President: The Revd Juliette Hulme Preacher: The Revd Joanna Percival

## Wednesday 9th March Lent Lunch Methodist Church Hall

Do come to the Lent lunches held in the Methodist Church Hall on the Wednesdays in Lent between 12 noon and 2.00pm. A simple lunch of soup, bread and cheese, provided by members of the Tisbury churches, under the auspices of Tisbury Christian Council. St John's will be providing and serving the lunches on 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March. Proceeds to Alabaré Christian Care and Support, a local charity supporting vulnerable, homeless and marginalised people.

## Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March Lent Course begins

The Revd Juliette Hulme will be leading a Lent Course on Thursdays, starting 10th March, from 3.00 to 4.30pm, in the Hinton Hall. Based on Paula Gooder's book *Women of Holy Week*, it will be equally suitable for men! Paula Gooder is one of the UK's leading biblical scholars, who writes in an engaging and accessible style. A Reader (LLM), she is Canon Chancellor of St Paul's Cathedral. If you are interested in participating, please either sign the list in church or email the Parish Administrator.

### For your prayers

In our linked diocese of Cueibet, South Sudan, we are asked to pray for all mothers and grandmothers caring for children in Cueibet, especially those struggling.

We pray for the people of Ukraine and the people of Russia; for their countries and their leaders. We pray for all those who are afraid; that God's everlasting arms hold them in this time of great fear. We pray for all those who have the power over life and death; that they will choose for all people life, and life in all its fullness.

We pray for leaders on the world stage; that they are inspired by the wisdom and courage of Christ. Above all, we pray for peace for Ukraine.



### The Collect for the First Sunday of Lent

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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: Luke 4.1-13

Jesus returned from the Jordan full of the Holy Spirit and was led by the Spirit into the desert, where he was tempted by the Devil for forty days. In all that time he ate nothing, so that he was hungry when it was over. The Devil said to him, "If you are God's Son, order this stone to turn into bread." But Jesus answered, "The scripture says, 'Human beings cannot live on bread alone."

Then the Devil took him up and showed him in a second all the kingdoms of the world. "I will give you all this power and all this wealth," the Devil told him. "It has all been handed over to me, and I can give it to anyone I choose. All this will be yours, then, if you worship me." Jesus answered, "The scripture says, 'Worship the Lord your God and serve only him!"

Then the Devil took him to Jerusalem and set him on the highest point of the Temple, and said to him, "If you are God's Son, throw yourself down from here. For the scripture says, 'God will order his angels to take good care of you.' It also says, 'They will hold you up with their hands so that not even your feet will be hurt on the stones." But Jesus answered, "The scripture says, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test." When the Devil finished tempting Jesus in every way, he left him for a while.



#### **Lent Boxes**

Our Lent boxes this year are for World Vision's Ukraine Appeal. World Vision is a Christian charity which particularly focuses on children and families. They are on the ground in Eastern Europe, preparing to meet the needs of those forcibly displaced as a result of the crisis. They come under the umbrella of the DEC (Disasters Emergency Committee). Please do take a box and bring it back (with your donation!) at Easter.

### **Annual Meetings**

The Annual Meeting of Parishioners, followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, will be held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00pm. Please consider prayerfully whether God may be calling you to serve as a member of the PCC, or in some other way. Nomination forms are available from the Parish Administrator.

#### **Church Electoral Roll**

Only those whose names are on the church electoral roll are entitled to attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. Do check that you are on it - there is a copy in the porch. Forms are available in church, or from Trish Liddiard: 01747 871108 or <a href="mailto:billandtrish9@gmail.com">billandtrish9@gmail.com</a> Completed forms must be returned to Trish by Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. If you are already on the electoral roll and your contact details have changed, please would you let Trish know?

## Fonthill House Open Gardens - Sunday 20th March

Lord Margadale is kindly opening his wonderful gardens to the public in aid of the National Garden Scheme on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March, between 12pm and 5pm. Tickets can be bought online via the NGS website or at the gate on the day.