St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



Sunday 13th March

The Second 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 Parish Communion

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

The Revd Joanna Percival is a retired Priest and Spiritual Director

The Brecon Service Philip Moore

148 v 1, 3, 8 The God of Abraham praise; 381 Jerusalem the golden; 400 Light of the minds that know him

During Communion: 507 A Lent Prose Plainsong mode v

346 City of God, how broad and far outspread thy walls sublime

Voluntary: Jésus accepte la souffrance. Olivier Messiden

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, 20th March

The Third Sunday of Lent

9.30am Parish Communion President: The Revd Juliette Hulme

6.00pm Choral Evensong
Officiant: Canon Judy Anderson

Wednesday 16th March

Lent Lunch Methodist Church Hall

Last week's Lent Lunch, with a variety of delicious home-made soup, bread and cheese, was a very happy occasion – thank you very much to the team from St John's who catered and served us. The lunches, organised by Tisbury Christian Council, continue throughout Lent, in the Methodist Church Hall, on Wednesdays between 12 noon and 2.00pm. Proceeds to Alabaré Christian Care and Support, a local charity supporting vulnerable, homeless and marginalised people.

Sunday 20th March Fonthill House Open Gardens

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

For your prayers

In our linked diocese of Cueibet, South Sudan, we are asked to pray that the early rains will fall and that there will be adequate food resources in Cueibet and elsewhere in South Sudan.

We continue to pray for the people of Ukraine. We pray for those uprooted from their homes and lives, for those cowering in basements, for those who have witnessed death and destruction on their streets and for those separated from parents, from children, from spouses and from siblings. We pray for those providing food, clothing and shelter, and for medical workers seeking to help the injured. We pray too for ordinary Russians demonstrating and voicing their distress at the military actions in Ukraine.



Please pray for suffering people in many areas of the world which do not currently feature in the media, and in particular for Ethiopia, where extreme hunger combined with the threat of conflict and of coronavirus has led to a state of emergency being declared.

In this country and locally, we pray for victims of domestic abuse, for the right support and for safety.

The Collect for the Second Sunday of Lent

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Old Testament Reading: Genesis 15. 1-12, 17-18

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

The Gospel: Luke 13.31-end

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."

Buffet Lunch in aid of Ukraine 31st March Nadder Centre

CookForUkraine is organising suppers and other events up and down the country. Tisbury is joining in with a buffet lunch, all home-made and including a vegetarian choice, on 31st March from 12 noon in the Nadder Centre. There will also be a bumper prize raffle. All funds raised will go to Unicef UK.

Tickets are £12 for two courses plus a soft drink or tea/coffee, obtainable from Elizabeth Jones: 01747 870705 or elizabeth.jones18@btopenworld.com Elizabeth can arrange help with transport if needed.

Annual Meetings

The Annual Meeting of Parishioners, followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, will be held on Wednesday 6th 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 billandtrish9@gmail.com Completed forms must be returned to Trish by Tuesday 22nd March. If you are already on the electoral roll and your contact details have changed, please would you let Trish know?

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.



For Sale: Delicious Free-Range Rectory Bantams' Eggs

£1 for half a dozen – available from Juliette after the service. Bring your own egg box. All proceeds to the church.