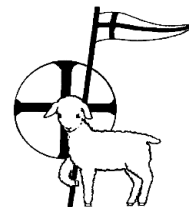


St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



Sunday 20th March

The Third 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 Services

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Juliette Hulme

The Brecon Service *Philip Moore*

64 Be thou my guardian and my guide; 70 Lord Jesus think on me; 358 Father of heaven, whose love profound

During Communion: Wash me throughly *SS Wesley*

76 Take up thy cross

Voluntary: *Ciacona Dietrich Buxtehude*

6.00pm Choral Evensong

Officiant: Canon Judy Anderson

200 Jesus calls us; 507 (A Lent Prose); 244 Glory to thee my God this night Psalms 12, 13

Responses: *Richard Seal* Fauxbourdon setting: *Thomas Morley* Anthem: Through the day *Thomas Morley*

Voluntary: Chorale Prelude on 'Rockingham' *Kenneth Leighton*

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, 27th March

Mothering Sunday (The Fourth Sunday of Lent)

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

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Exodus 2.1-10; John 19.25b-27

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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.

Wednesday 23rd March

Lent Lunch

Methodist Church Hall

Lent 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.

For your prayers

In our linked diocese of Cueibet, South Sudan, we are asked to pray for the work of the Mothers' Union, that despite the difficulties there they may continue to support their members and their communities.

We give thanks for the safe return of Nazanin Zagari-Ratcliffe and for all who worked over many years towards her release. We pray for her and her family at this time of joy and readjustment. We pray for all political prisoners and for the work of Amnesty International.

We continue to pray for an end to the invasion of Ukraine and a ceasefire. We pray for the Kremlin to stop the war crimes they are committing. We pray for safe passage for all refugees, and we pray for Poland as they welcome many thousands of refugees.



The Collect for the Third Sunday of Lent

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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 Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 55.1-9

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

The Gospel: Luke 13.1-9

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

Buffet Lunch in aid of Ukraine

31st March

Nadder Centre

All the tickets for this event, organised by CookForUkraine, have now been sold. If you would like to donate, or to buy raffle tickets, you can do so via Elizabeth Jones: 01747 870705 or elizabeth.jones18@btpopenworld.com

Annual Meetings and Church Electoral Roll

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.

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?

Palm Sunday Procession

Would you like to take part in the Passion Narrative?

As before lockdown, the three Tisbury churches will be leading the procession from St John's to the Methodist Church, via the High Street, on Palm Sunday, 10th April, leaving St John's at 10.00am. We shall again be reading St Luke's account of the Passion of our Lord. If you would be willing to read a small part, either on your own or in a group (such as the Disciples or the Crowd), please would you contact the Parish Administrator as soon as possible?

Fonthill Abbey Open Garden

1st and 15th May

The grounds of Old Fonthill Abbey will be open between 10am and 5pm, in aid of Parkinsons UK and local charities. You are cordially invited for a gentle stroll or a more strenuous walk – donations on the gate.

Salisbury Cathedral Flower Festival 10th to 15th May

A fabulous array of thirty thousand blooms celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and over 800 years of Salisbury Cathedral. A replica of the Queen's coronation robe in flowers forms a centrepiece of this floral art exhibition. Tickets are going fast! Click here for further details and to book: [Celebration: a Festival of Flowers - Salisbury Cathedral](#)

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.