St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



Sunday 3rd April The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Welcome to our services! Do stay for refreshments, served near the organ after the 9.30 service.

Today's Service

9.30am All-Age Service

Led by Canon Judy Anderson with the Revd Juliette Hulme

Hymns: 115 I cannot tell; 66 The Servant King; 179 Meekness and Majesty; Ride on ride on in majesty

As well as making palms ready for Palm Sunday, during the service we shall join in the national act of witness organised by Christian Aid and Churches Together in Britain and Ireland, praying and lighting candles for Ukraine, for an end to the conflict and for all those affected by the terrible impact of war.

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, 10th April

Palm Sunday with the Blessing of the Palms

9.00am Parish Communion

Please note earlier start time

President: The Revd Juliette Hulme

10.00am Palm Sunday Procession

We join with Christians from the other Tisbury churches, starting at St John's straight after our service and making our way up the High Street, led by Zephyr the donkey. We sing Palm Sunday hymns and hear the reading of the Passion Narrative in the version according to St Luke.

Would you like to take part in the reading of the Passion Narrative?

If you would be willing to read a small part during the procession, 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?

Wednesday 6th April Lent Lunch Methodist Church Hall

Do come to the last of the Lent lunches, organised by Tisbury Christian Council, in the Methodist Church Hall, between 12 noon and 2.00pm. Delicious home-made soup with bread and cheese. Proceeds to Alabaré Christian Care and Support.

Wednesday 6th April at 7.00pm Annual Meetings

The Annual Meeting of Parishioners, followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, will be held on Wednesday 6th April at 7.00pm in the church. We would love to have more people on the PCC, to represent the whole congregation in making decisions about our church - please consider prayerfully whether God may be calling you to serve in this or some other way. Nomination forms are available in church or from the Parish Administrator.

Sunday 10th April Garden open in aid of Ukrainian refugees

The garden of Gaston Manor will be open on 10th April between 2.00 and 5.00pm. Teas will be served. Cash donations will go to the Disasters Emergency Committee. Parking will be available at Tisbury surgery.

Wednesday 13th April Children's Easter Holiday Workshop Hindon

All welcome for an afternoon (2.00-4.00pm) exploring the Easter story, with lots of craft, games, music, treasure hunt, inventive makes and edible treats. With the Nadder Valley Team. Booking essential, via the Revd Jo Naish on 01747 871820 or email revdjoannanaish@gmail.com All children need to be accompanied by a responsible adult throughout.

Thank you to Trish and the Holy Petals for the beautiful Mothering Sunday posies they put together for last Sunday's service.

The Collect for the Fifth Sunday of Lent

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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: John 12.1-8

Six days before the Passover, Jesus went to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, the man he had raised from death. They prepared a dinner for him there, which Martha helped serve; Lazarus was one of those who were sitting at the table with Jesus. Then Mary took a whole pint of a very expensive perfume made of pure nard, poured it on Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The sweet smell of the perfume filled the whole house. One of Jesus' disciples, Judas Iscariot - the one who was going to betray him - said, "Why wasn't this perfume sold for three hundred silver coins and the money given to the poor?" He said this, not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief. He carried the money bag and would help himself from it.

But Jesus said, "Leave her alone! Let her keep what she has for the day of my burial. You will always have poor people with you, but you will not always have me."

Final Hymn: Ride on, ride on in majesty!

I Ride on, ride on in majesty! Hark, all the tribes hosanna cry, Thy humble beast pursues his road With palms and scattered garments strowed.

2 Ride on, ride on in majesty!In lowly pomp ride on to die:O Christ, thy triumphs now beginO'er captive death and conquered sin.

3 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The wingèd squadrons of the sky
Look down with sad and wondering eyes
To see the approaching sacrifice.

4 Ride on, ride on in majesty! Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh; The Father on his sapphire throne Awaits his own anointed Son.

5 Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die; Bow thy meek head to mortal pain, Then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

Henry Hart Milman, 1791-1868

For your prayers

In our linked diocese of Cueibet, South Sudan, we are asked to pray for all fathers responsible for the care of young children in the diocese.

We continue to pray for peace in Ukraine and for protection for its people and cities. We pray for a Russian withdrawal of troops and a backing down by the Kremlin.

In the UK we pray that our government will find a way to help all who are struggling financially with the higher fuel bills and general cost of living.

We pray for all those affected by the flooding in eastern Australia.

Old Fonthill Abbey Open Garden Ist and I5th 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: <u>Celebration: a Festival of Flowers - Salisbury Cathedral</u>

For Sale in aid of church funds: Delicious Rectory Bantams' Eggs

Available from Juliette after the service – suggested minimum donation £1. Bring your own egg box. All proceeds to the church.