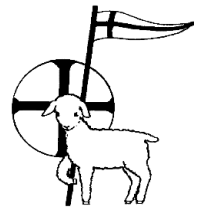


St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



Sunday 4th December 2022

**The Second Sunday of Advent
Christingle**

Today's service

9.30am All-Age Christingle Service

Led by the Revd Juliette Hulme and Canon Judy Anderson

Advent Candles tell their story; 268 This little light of mine;
23 Be still, for the presence of the Lord; 166 Shine, Jesus, shine

Our All-Age service this month is a Christingle service.
We light the second Advent candle, and the children are
invited to make a Christingle during the service.
Our collection is for the Children's Society.



Services during the week

Services of Holy Communion are held on Wednesdays at 10.00am St Andrew's Chapel (CW) and Fridays at 8.00am in the Vestry (BCP). All are welcome.

Details of online services during the week may be found on our website www.tisburyparishchurch.org

St John's C of E Primary School Carol Services

You are very welcome to join parents, carers and friends for either of the school carol services, which will be held in St John's Church on Friday 9th December at 10.00am and Monday 12th December at 5.30pm.

Next Sunday, 11th December

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Mark Hayter

The Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 35:1-10; Matthew 11:2-11

For your prayers

This Advent, Bishop Stephen asks everyone in the diocese to pray together a simple prayer. He says: 'In this time of so many challenges and so much change, I am committing myself to prayer each day. I hope you will join me in saying these simple prayers. By prayer, we are bringing into this time of darkness the light of Christ.'

Faithful God,
your world is full of fear.
Hunger, cold, and loneliness are all around.
Your children are hurting.
Into our darkness comes the child of Bethlehem -
Jesus, the light who cannot be overcome.
He is with us always.
He speaks words of hope and words of truth.
May his Spirit fill our hearts this Advent
and awaken us to your purposes:
making us generous in giving,
active in serving,
and alert to your reign of justice, mercy, and peace,
which he calls us to bring to birth - here, and now.
Amen.



In our linked diocese of Cueibet, South Sudan, we are asked to pray this week for single parents and grandparents raising orphaned children in the diocese.

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A Collect for the Second Sunday of Advent

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God. Amen.

The Reading: John 1.1-5

In the beginning there was the Word. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. All things were made by him, and nothing was made without him. In him there was life, and that life was the light of all people.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overpowered it.

Please give generously for Christmas!

Advent Boxes

Our Advent boxes this year are for the Children's Society. Do please take a box and bring it back (full!) after Christmas. Gift aid envelopes are available in church. Information about the work of the charity may be found on its website: www.childrenssociety.org.uk

Christmas Cheer

Anyone who wishes to contribute to needy individuals or families in Tisbury, to help them have a more cheerful Christmas than they otherwise would have had, is invited to make their donation (in cash please) to a member of the clergy, a Churchwarden or the Parish Administrator in a sealed envelope marked 'Christmas Cheer' no later than **11am on Sunday 18th December** please. All such donations will be gratefully received and will be distributed in time for Christmas.

Christmas Charity Donations

Could you once again help us support local charities at Christmas? Last year your generosity was so gratefully received. This year, it is needed - more than ever.

Salisbury Women's Refuge provides safety for families who have had to flee from abuse. This year, supermarket tokens of any value would be particularly helpful. Donations of non-perishable food items (sell-by date end Jan 2023 or later) are also welcome for the Trussell Trust.

Please contact the Revd Jo Naish on revdjoannanaish@gmail.com or ask any member of the Nadder Valley ministry team to arrange for collection of goods or tokens, or bring your donation to church. **By 11th December**, please.

Food Collection Point in Tisbury

A reminder that there is a box near the tills in the Tisbury Co-op for donations of food for the Salisbury Food Bank. It is very much hoped that those of us who are able will get into the habit of putting something into the box when we do our shopping. Any contributions would be very gratefully received.



Christmas Services at St John's

Monday 19th December at 7.30pm: Village Carol Service

Christmas Eve at 4.00pm: Crib Service (*particularly suitable for children*)

Christmas Eve at 10.00pm: The First Eucharist of Christmas

Christmas Day at 9.30am: Parish Communion