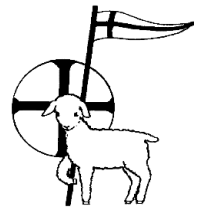


St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



Sunday 11th December 2022

**The Third Sunday of Advent
Gaudete Sunday**

Rejoice in the Lord always! Again I say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.

Philippians 4.4-5

Today's service

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Mark Hayter

Setting: The Brecon Service *Philip Moore* Advent Gospel Acclamation *John Harper*

Hymns: 12 On Jordan's banks; 15 The Lord will come; 55 Hail to the Lord's anointed

During Communion: Like a candle flame *Kendrick arr Ogden*

Final hymn: 5 Hark a herald voice is calling

Organ voluntary: Jésus accepte la souffrance *Olivier Messiaen*

Wednesday 14th December

3.00pm Service of Healing and Wholeness St Andrew's Chapel

Other 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 Service

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

Next Sunday, 18th December

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Juliette Hulme

Isaiah 7:10-16; Matthew 1:18-25

There is no evening service at St John's on 18th December

For your prayers

Please would you continue to pray the prayer which Bishop Stephen has asked everyone in the diocese to pray together during Advent:

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.



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

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The Collect for the Third Sunday of Advent

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

The Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.'

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you."

Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

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 give their donation (in cash please) to 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 passed on to Juliette for distribution in time for Christmas.

Christmas Charity Donations

It's not too late to donate supermarket tokens for Salisbury Women's Refuge or non-perishable food items 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.