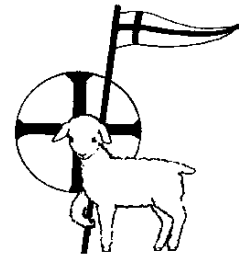


St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



Christmas Services 2022



Saturday 24th December Christmas Eve

4.00pm

Crib Service

Led by the Revd Juliette Hulme and Canon Judy Anderson

A short service during which the Christmas story is retold and figures are brought forward to build the nativity scene in front of the altar. With well-known carols for us all to sing.

Children are encouraged to come dressed as Nativity characters.

Saturday 24th December

Christmas Eve

10.00pm

The First Eucharist of Christmas

President: The Revd Juliette Hulme Preacher: Canon Judy Anderson

Setting : Missa Brevis Sancti Johannis de Deo Haydn

Carols: 35 (omit v4) O little town of Bethlehem; 42 (version 1) Silent Night

Gospel Acclamations: Celtic Alleluya Walker / O'Carroll

Offertory: 24 It came upon the midnight clear

During Communion: O magnum mysterium Malcolm Archer

Closing hymn: 18 Hark the herald angels sing

Organ Voluntary: Fantasia and Fugue in G minor Buxtehude



Sunday 25th December

Christmas Day

9.30am

Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Juliette Hulme

Christmas Gloria Philip Ledger

Sanctus, Benedictus, Agnus Dei (Mass of St Thomas) David Thorne

Carols: 32 O come all ye faithful (omit v 4 & 5)

46 The Holly & the Ivy; 41 See amid the winter's snow

During Communion: All bells in paradise John Rutter

Closing hymn: 18 Hark! the herald angels sing

Organ voluntary: Sortie 'Laissez paître vos bêtes' César Franck

The Revd Juliette Hulme is also leading the Christmas service at Holy Trinity Church, Fonthill Gifford, this morning

Services during the week

There will be a said service of Holy Communion (CW) on Wednesday 28th December at 10.00am in St Andrew's Chapel.

There will be no service of Holy Communion on Friday 30th December.

There will be no online services in the Nadder Valley between Christmas and New Year - these resume on Tuesday 3rd January 2023.

Sunday 1st January 2023

The Second Sunday of Christmas

9.30am

All-Age Service

Epiphany

A short service particularly suitable for children, who will be making crowns during the service to wear for the second carol. The crib scene in front of the altar will be completed with the arrival of the Wise Men.

Christmas Eve

The Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.' Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the LORD to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

The Gospel: John 1.1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Christmas Day

The New Testament Reading: Titus 3.4-7

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Saviour appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Saviour, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

The Gospel: Luke 2.1-20

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see - I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Thank you!

A huge thank you to all who have decorated the church so beautifully for Christmas. Thank you too to Stuart, Chris and the choir for the wonderful music which has enhanced our worship over the Christmas period. And thank you to all those who have contributed in so many ways to the life of our church this Christmas.

Juliette



**The Vicar, Lay Minister and Churchwardens of St John's
wish you all a very happy Christmas**

