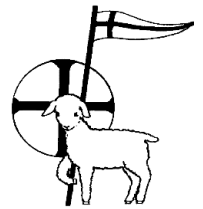


St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



Sunday 8th January 2023

**The Baptism of Christ
Plough Sunday**

Today's service

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Mark Hayter

Setting: Mass of St Thomas *David Thorne*

Hymns: 52 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; Psalm 29 (*words overleaf*); 55 Hail to the Lord's anointed

During Communion: A New Year Carol *Benjamin Britten*

Final hymn: 49 Brightest and best of the sons of the morning

Organ Voluntary: Von Himmel hoch *J Pachelbel*

Wednesday 11th January

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

A quiet service of prayer and contemplation for all the churches of the Nadder Valley Benefice, held in St Andrew's Chapel, including a reading, a song, meditation and prayers for yourself and for those about whom you care.

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

Next Sunday, 15th January

The Second Sunday of Epiphany

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Juliette Hulme

6.00pm Epiphany Carol Service

A special service for Epiphany, with readings and poetry as well as Epiphany hymns and carols to sing. Do come!

Led by the Revd Juliette Hulme Music led by Stuart Robinson and St John's Choir

In Memoriam

We have been sorry to hear of a number of deaths in recent weeks:

Greta Tanswell, a loyal member of the choir for many years, died at Albany House in December. Her funeral will take place at St John's on Tuesday 17th January at 1.00pm.

Geoff Mullins, who helped to take care of the church grounds, died also at Albany House before Christmas. His funeral will take place at St John's on Friday 20th January at 12 noon.

Norman Savage, who led the church Band from its inception and also sang in the choir, died at home at the end of December. Funeral details are not yet known.

Jessica Gibbs, formerly a faithful attender at Wednesday Holy Communion, died early in the New Year.

Please pray for their families and friends at this time of mourning.

Advent Boxes

Thank you to those of you who took Advent boxes in aid of the Children's Society. Please would you return your box as soon as possible, certainly by the end of January, so that we can send your donations to the charity. Gift Aid envelopes are available in church.

Thank you to all who contributed so generously to collections for the Children's Society at the Christingle Service (£244.00) and for the Trussell Trust at the ecumenical Village Carol Service (£510.31)

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The Collect for the Baptism of Christ

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Psalm 29

- ¹ Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven : ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- ² Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name : worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
- ³ The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders : the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- ⁴ The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation : the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.
- ⁵ The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees : the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- ⁶ He makes Lebanon skip like a calf : and Sirion like a young wild ox.
- ⁷ The voice of the Lord splits the flash of lightning; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness : the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- ⁸ The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare : in his temple all cry, 'Glory!'
- ⁹ The Lord sits enthroned above the water flood : the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.
- ¹⁰ The Lord shall give strength to his people : the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit :
as it was in the beginning, is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

The Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

For your prayers

We continue to give thanks for the coming of the Son of God into the world, and for his revelation to all people, represented by the Magi. We pray for those who don't follow Christ, that they will come to know him.

We pray for the ongoing situation in Ukraine and in other war-torn countries, asking that God will bring peace.

We pray for the church in the whole of Sudan and South Sudan, and especially for Bishop Elijah as he leads the church in the Diocese of Cueurbet.



An invitation: Tuesday 24th January at 11.00am

As part of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (18th-25th January), the Revd Denise Binks and the congregation of Tisbury Methodist Church invite us all to join them for their Covenant Service on Tuesday 24th January at 11.00am, at the Methodist Church. They look forward to welcoming members of St John's and of Sacred Heart RC Church. Refreshments will be served after the service.