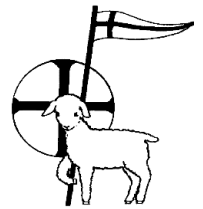


St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



Sunday 22nd January 2023

The Third Sunday of Epiphany

Today's services

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

President and Preacher: The Revd Juliette Hulme

9.30am Parish Communion

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Setting: The Woodard Service *Richard Shephard*

Hymns: 234 Christ whose glory fills the skies; 431 O thou who camest from above;

302 O thou who at thy Eucharist didst pray

During Communion: A Prayer of St Richard of Chichester *LJ White*

499 Thy kingdom come O God

Organ Voluntary: Joie et clarté des Corps Glorieux *Oliver Messiaen*

The Revd Juliette Hulme is also leading worship at Holy Trinity, Fonthill Gifford, this morning

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

Tuesday 24th January at 11.00am

Covenant Service

Methodist Church

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.

Next Sunday, 29th January

Candlemas

10.00am Parish Communion Area service at St John's

President: The Revd Joanna Naish Preacher: The Revd Juliette Hulme

We look forward to welcoming members of the other churches in the western area of the Nadder Valley.

Please note the later start time.

In Memoriam

We continue to pray for the families and friends of members of the community who have died recently:

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. Her funeral will take place at Salisbury Crematorium on Monday 6th February at 1.00pm.

Isobel Vining died on 9th January. Her funeral will take place in St John's on Wednesday 1st February at 11.30am.

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 Third Sunday of Epiphany

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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 9:1-4

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time God brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

The Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles -
the people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death
light has dawned.'

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.'

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

For your prayers

In our linked diocese of Cueibet, South Sudan, we are asked to pray this week for all those women who work as midwives or traditional birth assistants in the diocese.

In this week of prayer for Christian unity, we pray that all Christian churches will work together to bring God's love to those who don't know him.

We give thanks for all who work in medicine. We pray for the staff in our GP surgeries in the Nadder Valley, in Salisbury District Hospital and in Westminster Memorial Hospital, Shaftesbury. We pray for our NHS at this time of short staffing and we pray that our government and NHS leaders will come to a good resolution about pay.

We pray for all struggling with the high cost of living and for help for them,



An invitation: Chalke Deanery Synod

Wednesday 15th February at 6.30pm

All are warmly invited to an open meeting of Chalke Deanery Synod at Wilton Community Centre. The speaker will be the Revd Canon Karen Hutchinson, Lay Ministry Development Officer for the Diocese of Salisbury; her subject 'What is lay ministry? How can each one of us use our gifts?'

Giving to the church



Thank you very much to those who continue to give regularly to the church. If you haven't committed to regular giving, why not consider joining the Parish Giving Scheme? If you go to www.parishgiving.org.uk you can get onto the secure website and set up a login and password. This will enable you set up your own direct debit (and sign up for gift aid if applicable). Alternatively, you can pick up a leaflet in church. If you require help or advice on giving, please contact Paul Naish, email sjtgiftaid@gmail.com tel 01747 870731. Cheques should be made payable to Tisbury PCC.