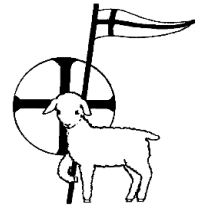


St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



Sunday 12th March 2023

The Third Sunday of Lent

Today's Service

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Mark Hayter

Setting: *Leighton* in D

Hymns: 333 All my hope on God is founded; 445 Rock of ages cleft for me; 339 Be thou my vision;

During Communion: Christ has no body now but yours *David Ogden*

Final hymn: 477 Ye that know the Lord is gracious

Organ voluntary: O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig *JS Bach*

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, 19th March

Mothering Sunday

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Juliette Hulme

Exodus 2:1-10; John 19:25b-27

6.00pm Choral Evensong

Led by Canon Judy Anderson

Monday 13th March

Lent Course

Hinton Hall

Our Lent Course continues on 13th March, from 3pm-5pm, in the Hinton Hall.

Wednesday 15th March

Lent Lunch



Our Lent Lunches, organised by Tisbury Christian Council, continue at the Methodist Church on the five Wednesdays in March, between 12 noon and 2pm. This year we are supporting Salisbury Hospice. Do come - and bring your friends!



A huge thank you to Sally Naish and the team for hosting and catering for the first two lunches - the remaining ones will be hosted by members of the other Tisbury churches.

Wednesday 15th March

Lent Talk

Hindon Village Hall

The next in this series of short Lent talks, followed by supper, is this Wednesday, 15th March, at 6.30pm. All are welcome - please contact the Revd Joanna Naish if you would like to go: revdjoannanaish@gmail.com

Saturday 18th March at 7.30pm

Concert

Hindon Church

Salisbury's St John Singers will be giving a concert in Hindon to raise money for Church funds.

Tickets £12.50 from Musicroom Salisbury, from choir members, from Hindon Village Shop, from Revd Joanna Naish revdjoannanaish@gmail.com and on the door.

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For your prayers

In our linked diocese of Cueibet, South Sudan, we are asked to pray this week that the early rains will fall in the diocese and there be adequate food resources here and elsewhere in South Sudan.

We pray for the war-torn countries of the world, remembering especially the people of Ukraine, and praying for peace between Israelis and Palestinians.

We pray against all forms of prejudice and discrimination, praying especially for an end to the targeting of girls' schools in Iran.

Please pray for our government as they seek to address the problems of refugees and asylum seekers arriving in small boats, that a humane solution will be found. We pray for safety for all who attempt these dangerous crossings.



Lent Boxes

Our Lent boxes this year are for our linked diocese of Cueibet, South Sudan. There is an urgent need for a security fence to protect the Bishop's compound from those who wish to attack it. The compound comprises the church and the school, as well as the Bishop's accommodation. Please do take a box, and bring it back after Easter.

Church Electoral Roll

Each year our Electoral Roll has to be updated in advance of the APCM. Under the Church Representation Rules, this must be completed at least 15 days before the meeting. If you would like your name to be added to the Electoral Roll, please complete the form which is available in church, and return it to Trish Liddiard, our Electoral Roll Officer, by Sunday 23rd April at the latest. The current list is displayed in the porch - if your name is already there, there is no need to fill in a form.

Sunday 19th March

Open Garden at Fonthill House

The gardens at Fonthill House will be open on Mothering Sunday from 12 noon to 5.00pm. The Estate team write:

'It's that time of year when the gardens at Fonthill burst into life, just in time for our first garden opening on Mothering Sunday, 19th March. We have snowdrops in abundance, daffodils, crocuses, rhododendrons, azaleas, so many pops of colour for you to see. Do come and support the National Garden Scheme, who, in addition to raising money for nursing and health charities, are strong advocates of the importance of working, walking, or just sitting in a garden environment to improve health and wellbeing. Our garden team will be on hand to answer any questions you may have and refreshments this year will be provided by Sol Bakery & Café.'

You can purchase tickets on the gate or online at <https://fonthill.co.uk/gardens/>

TisBERRY Community Larder

A reminder that there is a box in the north porch of the church for donations of food, clothing, nappies & baby stuff and toiletries for the Larder. Any donations you can make would be very welcome.

The larder, which is available for anyone in need, is in an unmanned hut at the end of the old cricket pavilion, near the Nadder Centre. It is open from Monday to Saturday 9.30-3.30.



Support Salisbury Hospice!

Geoff Naish, husband of the Revd Joanna Naish, writes:

'I am raising money for Salisbury Hospice, to support all their good work in our local community, helping people at very difficult times in their life. I am walking the full length of the Pennine Way, unsupported, in May 2023.'

You can donate via Geoff's 'Just Giving' page: <http://www.justgiving.com/page/geoff-naish-1673726083958?fbclid=IwAR3Ow7WZhXfmSzhMD6QjktVhZOC1kQ5QN6cBXjtZqx6CzdiezI0PGjN8L8>

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.



The Collect and Readings for the Third Sunday of Lent

The Collect

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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: Exodus 17.1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The Lord said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?'

The Gospel: John 4.5-42

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.'

Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.'

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.'

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'