# St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



# Sunday 26th March 2023

# The Fifth Sunday of Lent

**British Summer Time begins** 

Don't forget to put your clocks

forward one hour overnight!

## **Today's Services**

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
President and Preacher: The Revd Juliette Hulme

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Setting: Ireland in C Kyrie: Mass for four voices William Byrd

Hymn 94 We sing the praise of him who died; Psalm 130 (words overleaf); Hymn 404 Lord of our life

During Communion: Shepherd of souls John Barnard

Final hymn: Lift high the cross (words overleaf)

Organ Voluntary: Fantazia of foure parts Orlando Gibbons.

## 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> April

### Palm Sunday

**9.00am** Parish Communion

Please note earlier start time

President: The Revd Juliette Hulme

### 10.00am Palm Sunday Procession

The procession, led by a donkey, begins outside the North Porch of St John's and makes its way up the High Street to the Methodist Church, stopping *en route* for the reading of the Passion Narrative. Do join us!

# Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March Lent Course

**Hinton Hall** 

The last session of our Lent Course takes place on 27th March, from 3pm-5pm, in the Hinton Hall.

# Wednesday 29th March

#### **Lent Lunch**



The last of our Lent Lunches, organised by Tisbury Christian Council, takes place at the Methodist Church this Wednesday, between 12 noon and 2pm. This year we are supporting Salisbury Hospice. Do come - and bring your friends!



# Wednesday 29th March

#### Lent Talk

## Hindon Village Hall

The last in this series of short Lent talks, followed by supper, is this Wednesday, 29th March, at 6.30pm. All are welcome - please contact the Revd Joanna Naish if you would like to go: <a href="mailto:revdjoannanaish@gmail.com">revdjoannanaish@gmail.com</a>

# Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April Children's Easter Workshop Fovant Village Hall

The workshop, led by the Nadder Valley Team, will be held at Fovant from 2.00-4.00pm. We shall explore Easter with big makes, small makes, craft, inventions, yummy bakes, story and music. Children need to be accompanied by a responsible adult throughout. Advance booking essential: <a href="mailto:revdjoannanaish@gmail.com">revdjoannanaish@gmail.com</a> or 01747 871820.

We are in need of plastic meat/fruit/veg trays (any size) and ring-pull tins (400g) for the workshop - if you can help, please bring them to church or contact the Revd Jo Naish. Thank you!

The Revd Juliette Hulme, Team Vicar Canon Judy Anderson, Parish Administrator revjmhulme@gmail.com tisburyparishchurch@gmail.com 01747 871957 01747 873142

### The Collect for the Fifth Sunday of Lent

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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.

#### Psalm 130

- I Out of the depths have I cried to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice : let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
- If you, Lord, were to mark what is done amiss: O Lord, who could stand?
- 3 But there is forgiveness with you: so that you shall be feared.
- 4 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him: in his word is my hope.
- 5 My soul waits for the Lord, more than the night watch for the morning : more than the night watch for the morning.
- 6 O Israel, wait for the Lord : for with the Lord there is mercy;
- With him is plenteous redemption: and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins. 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.

### **Final Hymn**

Lift high the Cross, the love of Christ proclaim Till all the world adore His sacred name!

- I. Come, Christians, follow where our Saviour trod, O'er death victorious, Christ the Son of God.
- 2. Led on their way by this triumphant sign, The hosts of God in joyful praise combine.
- 3. Each new disciple of the Crucified Is called to bear the seal of him who died.

- 4. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, As thou hast promised, draw us unto Thee.
- 5. For Thy blest Cross which doth for all atone, Creation's praises rise before thy throne.
- 6. So let the world proclaim with one accord The praises of our everliving Lord.

George William Kitchin (1827-1912) alt Michael Robert Newbolt (1874-1947)

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# For your prayers

In our linked diocese of Cueibet, South Sudan, we are asked to pray this week for those who seek to establish an effective primary health care service in South Sudan, and for adequate staff and resources in Cueibet Diocese.

We pray for all those who have lost homes, livelihood and loved ones in the recent cyclone in East Africa, the tornadoes in Mississippi and the earthquakes in Syria and Turkey. We pray that aid may reach all these places.

We pray for migrants and refugees and that safe passages may be created by governments for them as they seek sanctuary.

We pray for all who work in care homes and hospices praying especially for the staff and residents of Albany House and staff and patients of Salisbury Hospice.



On Palm Sunday (2<sup>nd</sup> April) we shall have the usual procession through the village, with the reading of the Passion Narrative. Volunteers to read solo and group parts are urgently needed! If you would be willing to participate, please contact Judy on tisburyparishchurch@gmail.com or 01747 873142. Thank you!

# **Annual Meetings and Church Electoral Roll**

Our Annual Meetings this year will be held on Tuesday 9th May at 7.00pm in the church.

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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.



### The Readings for the Fifth Sunday of Lent

### The Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord GOD, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.'

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, 'Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.'

The Gospel is printed overleaf

### The Gospel: John 11:1-45

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?' Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.'

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.