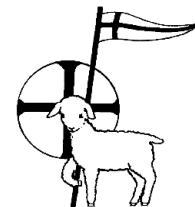


St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



Sunday 30th April 2023

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Today's Services

10.00am Parish Communion St John the Baptist, **Hindon**

President and Preacher: The Revd Mark Hayter

This is the only service in the western part of the benefice today. Do come!

Please note the start time, which was incorrect in last week's newsletter - apologies.

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 can be found on our website (see below)

Next Sunday, 7th May

9.30am All-Age Service in celebration of the Coronation

Led by the Revd Juliette Hulme and Canon Judy Anderson

For your prayers

In our linked diocese of Cueibet, South Sudan, we are asked to pray this week for pregnant women in the diocese and those with babies and small children, that they may receive appropriate medical support.

We continue to pray for the situation in Sudan - you may wish to use the special prayer printed overleaf. We pray for all parts of the world where there is conflict, asking that peace will come.

We pray for our King, Charles III, and Camilla, Queen Consort, as they prepare for their coronations on Saturday. We pray this would be a moment for all to encounter afresh the person of Jesus Christ - the servant King - and be renewed in our calling to serve Him by serving others.



Old Fonthill Abbey Open Gardens Sundays 30th April and 14th May

The grounds of Old Fonthill Abbey will be open between 10am and 5pm, in aid of Cure Parkinson's and local charities. Come and enjoy a walk around the woods and lake and admire the bluebells – donations on the gate (£8 suggested donation). Why not enjoy BBQ sausages for lunch, or a cup of tea with delicious cake? Dogs welcome on leads.

Lunch at Tisbury Methodist Church First Wednesday of every month

The Communita Café will be offering lunch in the Methodist Church Hall between 11.30am and 1.30pm on the first Wednesday of each month. Soup and cheese with cake or a pudding to follow; vegetable sticks and tempting treats for children. There is no charge, but a donation towards costs would be welcome. For further information, contact Christine Fordham tmchurch14@gmail.com



Support Salisbury Hospice!

Geoff Naish, husband of the Revd Joanna Naish, is about to start his walk of the full length of the Pennine Way, to raise money for Salisbury Hospice in support of all their good work in our local community. Starting at Edale in the Peak District, he will be walking 268 miles, unsupported, finishing at Kirk Yetholm in Scotland.

You can donate via Geoff's 'Just Giving' page: <http://www.justgiving.com/page/geoff-naish-1673726083958?fbclid=IwAR3Ow7WZhxXfmSzhMD6QJqktVhZOC1kQ5QN6cBXjtZqx6zdiezI0PGjN8L8>

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The Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Reading: Acts 2.42-47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The Gospel: John 10.1-10

Jesus said, 'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

A Prayer for Sudan from the Diocese of Salisbury

God our Father,
whose son Jesus Christ wept over your people
because they knew not the way of peace and were as sheep without a shepherd;
hear our prayer for the all the people of Sudan.
Turn the hearts of their leaders to reconciliation and peace.
Bless Archbishop Ezekiel, his bishops and clergy,
that they may have the strength and support to be true shepherds of your people in the midst of war.
Strengthen those who seek to bring peace, who heal the sick and feed the starving,
and hasten the time when all nations will own your just and gentle rule
and receive your gift of peace.
Amen

Lent Boxes

Thank you to all who took a Lent boxes in aid of the project to provide a security fence to protect the Bishop's compound in our linked diocese of Cueibet, South Sudan. If you have not yet returned your box, please would you do so today, so that we can pass on the donations.

Annual Meetings

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

Have you considered becoming a member of the PCC (Parochial Church Council)? This is your opportunity to contribute to decision-making about church matters - do talk to Juliette or Judy if you would like more information. This year we also need to elect representatives to the Chalke Deanery Synod, which covers the five benefices in the area. Nomination forms for both are available in church.