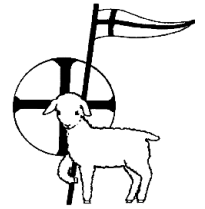


St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



Sunday 5th November 2023 The Fourth Sunday before Advent

Today's Services

9.30am All-Age Service: Remembering Special People

Led by the Revd Juliette Hulme and Canon Judy Anderson

Hymns: For all the Saints; 232 Seek ye first the Kingdom of God; 72 Give thanks with a grateful heart;
91 Great is thy faithfulness

In this short season of remembrance, we give thanks for those who have been special to us, and for those who have been special in a wider context. The children (and others who wish) will be invited to make a poppy in readiness for Remembrance Day, and there will be a sprig of rosemary to take home after the service.

3.00pm Benefice Service for All Souls

Led by Canon Judy Anderson Preacher: Revd Dr Graham Southgate

Hymns: 331 Abide with me; 376 I heard the voice of Jesus say; 459 The Lord's my shepherd;
239 Lord of all hopefulness

During the lighting of the candles: Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom *Taizé chant*

The Contakion of the Dead *Kyiv melody (hymn 526)*

Organ voluntary: Prelude on 'Crimond' *Rebecca Groom Te Velde*

A quiet, reflective service at St John's at which all whose funerals have been conducted by members of the Nadder Valley Team Ministry in the last year are remembered. If there is anyone else whose name you would like to have read during the service, please write their name on the list in church or let Juliette or Judy know.

Wednesday 8th November

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, including a reading, a song, a meditation, and prayers for yourself and for those about whom you care. All welcome!

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 can be found on our website.

Next Sunday, 12th November

The Third Sunday before Advent Remembrance Sunday

9.30am Parish Communion for the Third Sunday before Advent

President: Revd Juliette Hulme

2.45pm Wreath Laying Ceremony at the War Memorial

3.00pm Remembrance Service at St John's

We welcome as our preacher at this ecumenical service for the whole community of Tisbury the Ven Alan Jeans MBE, Archdeacon of Sarum and Chaplain to the Army Cadet Force.

In Memoriam

The funeral of **Rosemary Savage** will be held at 2.00pm on Tuesday 7th November at St Mary's Church, Welshmill, Frome BA11 2LN.

The funeral of **Stuart Jack** will take place at St John's at 1.00pm on Monday 13th November.

Please pray for their families and friends as they mourn.

The Collect for the Fourth Sunday before Advent

Almighty and eternal God, you have kindled the flame of love in the hearts of the saints: grant to us the same faith and power of love, that, as we rejoice in their triumphs, we may be sustained by their example and fellowship; 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 Reading for the All-Age Service: John 15.12-17

Jesus said, 'My commandment is this: love one another, just as I love you. The greatest love you can have for your friends is to give your life for them. And you are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because servants do not know what their master is doing. Instead, I call you friends, because I have told you everything I heard from my Father. You did not choose me; I chose you and appointed you to go and bear much fruit, the kind of fruit that endures. And so the Father will give you whatever you ask of him in my name. This, then, is what I command you: love one another.'

The Readings for the All Souls Service

The Old Testament Reading: Lamentations 3. 22-26, 31-33

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. 'The LORD is my portion,' says my soul, 'therefore I will hope in him.'

The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.

For the Lord will not reject for ever. Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

The New Testament Reading: John 5.19-25

Jesus said to the people, 'Very truly, I tell you, the Son can do nothing on his own, but only what he sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, the Son does likewise. The Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing; and he will show him greater works than these, so that you will be astonished. Indeed, just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whomsoever he wishes. The Father judges no one but has given all judgement to the Son, so that all may honour the Son just as they honour the Father. Anyone who does not honour the Son does not honour the Father who sent him. Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and does not come under judgement, but has passed from death to life.

'Very truly, I tell you, the hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live.

For your prayers

In our linked diocese of Cueibet, South Sudan, we are asked this week to pray for the South Sudan Bishops' conference as they seek new ways to work together and to resolve differences.

We pray for a ceasefire in the Holy Land and for aid to reach the people of Gaza. We pray for the release of the hostages and for peace negotiators in Israel/Palestine. We continue to pray for Ukraine and a withdrawal of Russian troops.

We pray for all in the Channel Islands, South Wales and Southern England affected by Storm Ciarán. We pray for our emergency services and give thanks for their dedicated and untiring work.



Did you know?

Each day, a prayer from the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer is posted on social media. You can find this at <https://www.facebook.com/DioceseofSalisbury> Why not join with others around the diocese in praying for the parishes of the diocese? This week (beginning 6th November) the prayers are read by Canon Judy Anderson.