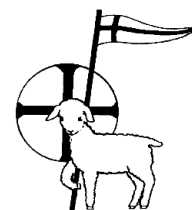


St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



Sunday 3rd December 2023

Advent Sunday



Today's Service

9.30am All-Age Service with Christingles

Led by Canon Judy Anderson

Hymns: Advent candles tell their story (*words overleaf*)

Come, thou long expected Jesus (*words overleaf*)

40 Colours of day

23 Be still, for the presence of the Lord ...

166 Shine, Jesus, shine

Next Sunday, 10th December

The Second Sunday of Advent

9.30am Parish Communion

President: The Revd Juliette Hulme Preacher: Julie Dunstan

For your prayers

In our linked diocese of Cueibet, South Sudan, we are asked to pray this week for single parents and for grandparents raising orphaned children in the diocese.

In the Holy Land, we give thanks for the exchange of hostages and prisoners over the last week. With the end of the temporary ceasefire, we pray that negotiations will bring about a permanent solution to the conflict there, and a lasting peace.

As we begin to look towards Christmas, we remember that Christ was born in poverty, in a stable, and we pray for the homeless and all who live in poverty. May those who have much be generous in giving to those who have little.



Advent Course from our Bishops

Our three Bishops, together with the Dean of Salisbury Cathedral, have put together an Advent course on the theme of the diocesan vision *Making Jesus Known*. The course is available electronically from the Parish Administrator, and hard copies are available in church for those who are not able to print their own. There will be an opportunity, for those of you who wish to, to gather at the Rectory at **4.00pm on Monday 11 December** to share thoughts on the meditations. **Please note the change of date and time.**

Advent Boxes

Our Advent Boxes this year are for the charity Embrace the Middle East. The decision to support this charity was made many months ago, and has proved particularly appropriate in the light of current events in the Holy Land. Do please take a box and bring it back (full!) after Christmas. You can find information about the charity at <https://embraceme.org>

Christmas Cheer

Anyone who wishes to contribute to needy individuals or families in Tisbury, to help them have a more cheerful Christmas than they otherwise would have had, is invited to make their donation (in cash please) to a member of the clergy, a Churchwarden or the Parish Administrator in a sealed envelope marked 'Christmas Cheer' no later than **11am on Sunday 17th December** please. All such donations will be gratefully received and will be distributed in time for Christmas.

Christmas gifts

At Christmas many of us like to give something to those who are in need. Instead of bringing a present to church at Christmas, we invite you to contribute to the work of two of our local charities, Salisbury Food Bank and Salisbury Refuge. Please see the separate notice for details of what items would be helpful and how to donate. Thank you!

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The Collect for Advent Sunday

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Reading: Mark 13.24-37

“In the days after that time of trouble the sun will grow dark, the moon will no longer shine, the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers in space will be driven from their courses. Then the Son of Man will appear, coming in the clouds with great power and glory. He will send the angels out to the four corners of the earth to gather God's chosen people from one end of the world to the other.

“Let the fig tree teach you a lesson. When its branches become green and tender and it starts putting out leaves, you know that summer is near. In the same way, when you see these things happening, you will know that the time is near, ready to begin. Remember that all these things will happen before the people now living have all died. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

“No one knows, however, when that day or hour will come—neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son; only the Father knows. Be on watch, be alert, for you do not know when the time will come. It will be like a man who goes away from home on a trip and leaves his servants in charge, after giving to each one his own work to do and after telling the doorkeeper to keep watch. Watch, then, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming—it might be in the evening or at midnight or before dawn or at sunrise. If he comes suddenly, he must not find you asleep. What I say to you, then, I say to all: Watch!”

Advent candles tell their story

1 Advent candles tell their story
as we watch and pray,
longing for the Day of Glory,
'Come, Lord, soon,' we say.
Pain and sorrow, tears and sadness
changed for gladness on that Day.

2 Prophet voices loudly crying,
making pathways clear;
glimpsing glory, self-denying,
calling all to hear.
Through their message - challenged, shaken -
hearts awaken: God is near!

3 John the Baptist, by his preaching
and by water poured,
brought to those who heard his teaching
news of hope restored:
'Keep your vision strong and steady,
and be ready for the Lord.'

4 Mary's gift, beyond all telling,
was to give Christ room.
She gave God a human dwelling
in a mother's womb.
Who could guess the final story?
cross and glory; empty tomb!

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Come, thou long-expected Jesus

1 Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set thy people free,
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in thee.

2 Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth thou art,
Dear desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

3 Born thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a king,
Born to reign in us for ever,
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.

4 By Thine own eternal Spirit,
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all-sufficient merit
Raise us to thy glorious throne.

Charles Wesley 1707-1788 NEH 3

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Choir for the Carol Service

Additional singers would be welcome to join the choir for the village Carol Service on Monday 18 December. You would need to attend practices on Thursday 14 December at 7.15pm and Monday 18 December at 6.00pm for the service at 7.30pm. Please email Stuart Robinson if you would like to participate: stuart@stuartrobinson.co.uk