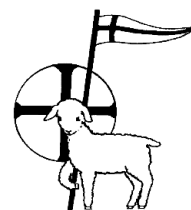


St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



Sunday 7th January 2024

The Baptism of Christ



Today's Service

9.30am All-Age Service

Led by Canon Judy Anderson

We celebrate the Baptism of Christ, with a reading, prayers, songs led by the Band and an activity for the children.

On Plough Sunday, we pray that God will bless the work of our farmers and others who work the land.

Hymns: 149 Joy to the world

Christ, when for us you were baptised (*words overleaf*)

292 Will you come and follow me

We plough the fields and scatter (*words overleaf*)

Wednesday 10th January

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.

Services online

With the exception of Bank Holidays:

Morning Prayer (Common Worship) is said online via Zoom on Mondays at 8.30, and Tuesdays & Thursdays at 8.00.

Evening Prayer (Common Worship) is said each day Monday-Thursday at 5.30pm. All are welcome to participate.

Please note the new Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81281928812> Passcode: 964580

Next Sunday, 14th January

The Second Sunday of Epiphany

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Juliette Hulme

For your prayers

At a start of a new year, we pray for the whole church in South Sudan, and for Bishop Elijah in his task of leading the church in our linked diocese of Cueibet.

We continue to pray for the situation in Gaza and the surrounding area, and for restraint in the wake of the killing of the Hamas deputy leader in Beirut last week. We pray for a ceasing of hostilities and for negotiations towards a lasting peace in Israel-Palestine and throughout the region.

As Vladimir Putin vows to intensify attacks on Ukraine, we pray for the people there living under the shadow of constant attack. We pray for a cessation of the conflict there, and for peace throughout the world.



In memoriam

The funeral of **Chris Davies** will be held in Sacred Heart Church, Tisbury, at 10.00am on Friday 12th January. All who knew Chris are very welcome to attend.

A thanksgiving service for the life of **Prue Gingell** will be held at St John's in March - date not yet finalised.

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A Collect for the Baptism of Christ

Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognise him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

The Reading: Mark 1.9-11

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

Hymns

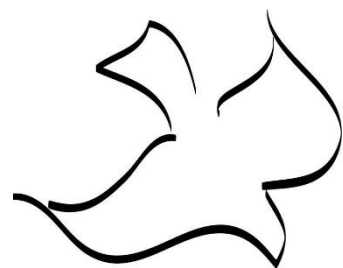
Christ, when for us you were baptised

1 Christ, when for us you were baptised,
God's Spirit on you came,
as peaceful as a dove,
and yet as urgent as a flame,
God called you, 'My beloved Son';
you are God's servant true,
sent to proclaim the reign of heaven,
God's holy will to do.

2 Straightway and steadfast until death
you then obeyed the call
to serve with free and willing heart,
to give your life for all.
Baptise us with your Spirit, Lord;
your cross on us be signed,
that likewise in God's service we
may perfect freedom find.

Francis Bland Tucker 1895-1984

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We plough the fields, and scatter

1 We plough the fields, and scatter
The good seed on the land,
But it is fed and watered
By God's almighty hand;
He sends the snow in winter,
The warmth to swell the grain,
The breezes and the sunshine,
And soft refreshing rain:

*All good gifts around us
Are sent from heaven above,
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,
For all his love.*

2 He only is the Maker
Of all things near and far,
He paints the wayside flower,
He lights the evening star.
The winds and waves obey him,
By him the birds are fed;
Much more to us, his children,
He gives our daily bread:

3 We thank thee then, O Father,
For all things bright and good;
The seed-time and the harvest,
Our life, our health, our food.
No gifts have we to offer
For all thy love imparts,
But what which thou desirest,
Our humble, thankful hearts:

Matthias Claudius (1740-1815)
trans. Jane M Campbell (1817-1878)

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Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – 18-25 January

The three Tisbury churches invite you to a joint service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, to take place at **Sacred Heart Church** on **Thursday 18th January** at **3.00pm**. Refreshments will be served in the Parish Room after the service. Do come!

Advent Boxes

Thank you to all who took an Advent Box in aid of *Embrace the Middle East*. Please would you bring your box back as soon as possible – we'd like to send the donations to the charity by the end of this month.