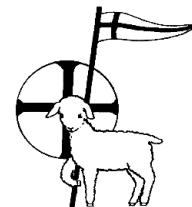


St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



Sunday 14th January 2024

The Second Sunday of Epiphany

Today's Service

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Juliette Hulme

Setting: Mass of St Thomas *David Thorne*

Hymns: 52 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; I the Lord of sea and sky (*words overleaf*)

343 Bright the vision; During Communion: Christ has no body now but yours *David Ogden*

49 Brightest and best of the sons of the morning

Organ voluntary: Processional *William Mathias*

The Revd Juliette Hulme is also leading worship at Holy Trinity Church, Fonthill Gifford, this morning

Thursday 18th January

3.00pm Vespers of the Day Ecumenical service at Sacred Heart Church, Tisbury

The three Tisbury churches invite you to a joint service, led by Fr Jonathan Creer, to mark the beginning of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Refreshments will be served in the Parish Room after the service. Do come!

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.

Next Sunday, 21st January

The Third Sunday of Epiphany

9.30am Parish Communion

President: The Revd Juliette Hulme Preacher: Canon Judy Anderson

6.00pm Epiphany Carol Service

Led by the Revd Juliette Hulme

As the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity continues, all are invited to this ecumenical service of readings and carols for Epiphany, led by the Revd Juliette Hulme with the choir of St John's. Seasonal refreshments will be served.

In memoriam

We were very sorry to hear of the death on 5th January of **Jeremy Saye**. We pray for Carol and the family at this time of loss.

The funeral of **Roy Wallom** will be held at St John's at 10.00am on Monday 22nd January.

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



Your church needs you!

Juliette writes:

Following an inspiring meeting with Anna Hardy, the new diocesan giving adviser, we invite you to join us at the Hinton Hall on **Monday 22nd January at 7.00pm** to talk, over a glass of wine, about the exciting ideas she has put forward to help us ensure the financial future of our church.

If you are able to come, please email Judy (on tisburyparishchurch@gmail.com) who will send you a copy of the paper Anna has sent for our consideration. We hope to see you there!

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.

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The Collect for the Second Sunday of Epiphany

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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 Old Testament Reading: I Samuel 3.1-10

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

Gradual Hymn

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin,
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them?
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart*

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have born my peoples pain.
I have wept for love of them,
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them,
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord ...

Dan Schutte b. 1947

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3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them,
My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide,
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them,
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord ...

The Gospel: John 1.43-51

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

For your prayers

Please pray for the deanery visit this month to our linked diocese of Cueibet, South Sudan, for Revd Ali Alexander and Geoff Taylor as they prepare for this long-awaited visit beginning on the 29th.

A prayer for Christian Unity:

God of life, You have created us to have life, and life in all its fullness.

Help your wounded Church to be a source of hope and healing.

As we follow Jesus' way with determination, may we lead others to you.

We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.



Praying for Cueibet

The Chalke-Cueibet Partnership is now publishing a monthly prayer diary. Do please take one, and pray regularly for our linked diocese in South Sudan.