St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



Sunday 28th January 2024 The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

Today's Services

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

President: The Revd Juliette Hulme

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Juliette Hulme Setting: The Lincoln Service *Malcolm Archer* Hymns: 157 Hail to the Lord who comes; 374 King of glory, king of peace; 324 Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old During Communion: Nunc dimittis *Dyson in F* 55 Hail to the Lord's anointed Organ Voluntary: Fantasia and Fugue in G minor *Buxtehude*

Revd Juliette Hulme is also leading the All-Age Communion Service at St James, Ansty, this morning

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.

For details of online services during the week, please go to our website <u>www.tisburyparishchurch.org</u>

Next Sunday, 4th February Candlemas

9.30am All-Age Service

Led by the Revd Juliette Hulme and Canon Judy Anderson

In memoriam

We were sorry to hear of the recent death of **Michael Taylor**. His funeral will take place at 11.00am on Tuesday 13th February at Salisbury Crematorium.

A Thanksgiving Service for the life of Jeremy Saye will take place at St John's on Friday 16th February at 2.00pm.

A Thanksgiving Service for the life of **Prue Gingell** will be held at St John's on Monday 18th March at 1.30pm.

Lent Course 2024: A Spiritual Path for Lent and Easter

Juliette writes: We shall be meeting at The Rectory to reflect on six key aspects of the Christian faith: Silence, Service, Scripture, Sacrament, Sharing, Sabbath.

Essential to the course is the well-received book 'The City is my Monastery' by Revd Richard Carter (Canterbury Press). A substantial discount will be available if a number are ordered together. Books will be given out on Ash Wednesday 14th Feb after the 10am service. Please sign up at the back of St John's Church or phone or email me (see below) if you'd like to take part, by 7th February, please, so that I can order the books.

We shall be meeting from 3.00-4.30pm on Monday afternoons 19 Feb, 26 Feb, 4 Mar, 11 Mar, NB 21 Mar (Thurs) and 8 April.

Hoping to welcome many of you - don't worry if you're not able to come to all the sessions.

Epiphany Carol Service last Sunday

It was wonderful to welcome so many of you at the Epiphany Service and to join with our Catholic and Methodist friends also. Many thanks to Stuart and our choir for the beautiful music, to Trish and her team for the delicious refreshments and to Judy for the service sheets. *Juliette*

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The Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

God our creator, who in the beginning commanded the light to shine out of darkness: we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief, shine into the hearts of all your people, and reveal the knowledge of your glory in the face of 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: Deuteronomy 18.15-20

The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: 'If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.' Then the Lord replied to me: 'They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.'

The Gospel: Mark 1.21-28

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, 'What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.' But Jesus rebuked him, saying, 'Be silent, and come out of him!' And the unclean spirit, throwing him into convulsions and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, 'What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.' At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

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 set off on Monday for this long-awaited visit. Please pray for Bishop Elijah and the whole community of pastors we support in Cueibet.

We give thanks for our church and its congregation and community. We pray for a strengthening of our Christian faith and witness to the love of Jesus in all we do.

We give thanks for the first signs of Spring: snowdrops, buds on trees and shrubs, lighter days, and birdsong.

We pray for success in the negotiations for a ceasefire in Gaza and the release of the hostages by Hamas.

Online contemplative prayer service

Need an oasis of quiet and inspiration in the middle of the week? This is a simple service of music, scripture reading, a brief reflection, simple prayer and poetry: with 20 minutes of silence in the middle. If you think you might be interested, why not come along to see? There is no obligation to continue or to make a commitment to regular attendance. We are a friendly bunch!

The group is led by Julie Dunstan, LLM in the Nadder Valley and Coordinator for Spiritual Accompaniment in the Diocese of Salisbury. For further information, contact Julie on juliedunstan57@icloud.com

Advent Boxes

Thank you to all who took an Advent Box in aid of *Embrace the Middle East*. If you have not yet brought your box back, please would you do so, so that we can send our donation to the charity at the beginning of February?

Children's Holiday Workshop Tuesday 13th February 2.30-4.30pm Dinton

The Nadder Valley Team are holding a Pancake Day Workshop at Dinton Cricket Pavilion. To book your place, please contact the Revd Jo Naish on <u>revdjoannanaish@gmail.com</u> or 01747 871820. All children must be accompanied throughout by a responsible adult.

Giving to the church

Thank you very much to those who continue to give regularly to the church. If you haven't committed to regular giving, why not consider joining the Parish Giving Scheme? If you go to <u>www.parishgiving.org.uk</u> you can get onto the secure website and set up a login and password. This will enable you set up your own direct debit (and sign up for gift aid if applicable). Alternatively, you can pick up a leaflet in church. If you require help or advice on giving, please contact Paul Naish, email <u>sjtgiftaid@gmail.com</u> tel 01747 870731. Cheques should be made payable to Tisbury PCC.



Wednesdays at 7.00pm