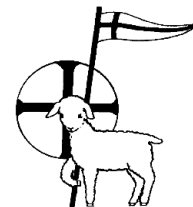


St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



Sunday 11th February 2024

The Sunday next before Lent

Today's Service

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Juliette Hulme

Gloria: Peruvian The Tisbury Service *Richard Shephard*

Hymns: 234 Christ, whose glory fills the skies; Psalm 50.1-6 (*words overleaf*); 353 Dear Lord and Father of mankind

During Communion: O nata lux de lumine *Thomas Tallis*

373 How shall I sing that majesty Organ Voluntary: Choral Song SS Wesley

The Revd Juliette Hulme is also leading worship at St James Church, Ansty, this morning.

Wednesday 14th February

Ash Wednesday

10.00am Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes

This year our Ash Wednesday service, led by the Revd Juliette Hulme, will take place in the morning, in St Andrew's Chapel. It will include hymns, and the Imposition of Ashes. All are welcome.

Next Sunday, 18th February

The First Sunday of Lent

9.30am Parish Communion

President: The Revd Juliette Hulme Preacher: Julie Dunstan

6.00pm Choral Evensong

Led by the Revd Juliette Hulme

Tuesday 13th February 2.30-4.30pm

Children's Holiday Workshop

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 revdjoannanaish@gmail.com or 01747 871820. All children must be accompanied throughout by a responsible adult.

Lent Groups

The Lent Course led by Juliette begins on Monday 19 February at 3.00pm. **Please note change of venue to the Hinton Hall**, due to numbers.

The first of the talks on the theme of creativity in our spiritual life, followed by supper, takes place at Hindon village hall on 21 Feb at 6.30pm. Please let Revd Jo Naish know if you plan to go: revdjoannanaish@gmail.com

Lent Lunches – do come!



The three Tisbury churches will again be providing lunch at Tisbury Methodist Church every Wednesday during Lent, between 12 noon and 1.30pm, starting on Wednesday 21st February.

Do please put the dates in your diary and come along and enjoy a light lunch, with delicious home-made soup – why not bring a friend or two? Proceeds will go to Wiltshire Air Ambulance.



In memoriam

The funeral of **Michael Taylor** 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.

Please continue to pray for their friends and families at this time of loss.

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The Collect for the Sunday next before Lent

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; 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: 2 Kings 2.1-12

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.'

Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.'

Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Psalm 50.1-6

- 1 The Lord, the most mighty God, has spoken : and called the world from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- 2 Out of Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth : our God comes and will not keep silence.
- 3 Consuming fire goes out before him : and a mighty tempest stirs about him.
- 4 He calls the heaven above : and the earth, that he may judge his people:
- 5 'Gather to me my faithful : who have sealed my covenant with sacrifice.'
- 6 Let the heavens declare his righteousness : for God himself is judge.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit : as it was in the beginning, is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

The Gospel: Mark 9.2-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

For your prayers

We pray for the safe return of Revd Ali Alexander and Geoff Taylor following the mission to our linked diocese of Cueibet. We pray also for the Mothers' Union in Cueibet.

We pray for King Charles and his family as he undergoes treatment for cancer.

We pray for those whose time is spent caring for others; we pray for the staff and residents of Albany House and other local care homes, and for the doctors and staff at Tisbury, Hindon and Fovant surgeries.

We pray for Aid agencies working in Gaza, for your protection upon them and for safe delivery of food and medical supplies to the people in need. We pray for a lasting ceasefire.



Stop Press: Tickets going fast!

Friday 12th April, 6.30pm, Nadder Centre. A talk by Sean Moran celebrating the National Galley's 200th Anniversary, to raise funds for the Hinton Hall East Window. Tickets £20, to include a glass of wine, from Trish Liddiard: 01747 871108 or trishliddiard9@gmail.com Don't miss out - get yours now! Further details on separate flyer.