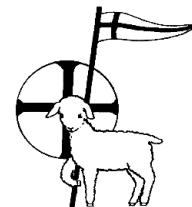


St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



Sunday 10th March 2024

Mothering Sunday

Today's Service

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Juliette Hulme

Setting: Mass of St Thomas *David Thorne*

Hymns: 285 For the beauty of the earth; 387 Jesus, good above all other; 408 Love divine, all loves excelling

During Communion: Ave Maria *Jacob Arcadelt* Final hymn: 413 Now thank we all our God

Organ Voluntary: Marche Triomphale 'Nun danket alle Gott' *Karg-Elert*

A chance to give thanks for our mothers and others who have cared for us, and for all they have meant to us. There will be posies to give to our loved ones. We will also think about the motherhood of God for each of us. Do come!

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

Wednesday 13th March

6.00pm 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!

Next Sunday, 17th March

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

9.30am Parish Communion

President: The Revd Juliette Hulme Preacher: The Revd Nigel Worn

Monday 11th March at 3.00pm

Lent Group

Hinton Hall

Our series of Lent reflections, based on Richard Carter's book *The City is my Monastery*, continues this Monday at 3.00pm in the Hinton Hall. We are delighted that so many people have booked – we have reached our maximum number and regret that we can't accommodate any more.

Wednesday 13th March

Lent Lunch

Tisbury Methodist Church



The Lent Lunches, provided by the three Tisbury churches, continue at Tisbury Methodist Church (High Street, Tisbury, next to the garage) on Wednesdays, between 12 noon and 1.30pm.

Do 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.



Thank you!

A huge thank you to our band of willing helpers who keep our church looking so beautiful with their wonderful floral arrangements. This year, three members of 'The Holy Petals' are retiring from the group: Sally Dearden, Elizabeth Jones and Gay Hawksley. We shall miss their involvement, and we thank them for all their help over many years. If you are interested in joining the Flower Rota, do please speak to Trish Liddiard, who would love to have more help.

Juliette

... and thank you

... and thank you very much to all those who put together the lovely posies for our Mothering Sunday service.

Juliette

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The Collect for Mothering Sunday

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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: Exodus 2.1-10

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

The Gospel: John 19.25b-27

Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

For your prayers

In our linked diocese of Cueibet, South Sudan, we are asked to pray during Lent for the discipleship of young mothers and their children as they prepare to celebrate the Easter feast. Please pray also that the early rains fall abundantly, but not excessively.

On Mothering Sunday, we thank God for our mothers, living or departed, and their love for us. We pray for all mothers, especially those in war zones or places of natural disaster who are struggling to feed and protect their children. We pray for children without mothers, and for mothers who have lost children. We give thanks for all who play a mothering role in the lives of others.



Monday 18th March at 1.30pm

Thanksgiving Service

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

Lent Boxes

Our Lent boxes this year are for the **British Red Cross** - Israel and Occupied Palestinian Territory Appeal. Do please take a box and give generously to help provide impartial humanitarian aid to those in Israel, Gaza and the West Bank affected by the conflict.

You can read more at <https://donate.redcross.org.uk/appeal/israel-and-occupied-palestinian-territory-appeal>

Please don't put foreign currency into your box – thank you!

We have sent £367.27 to **Embrace the Middle East** – thank you very much to all who contributed via the Advent boxes.

Notice re: Nadder Valley Benefice

You may have seen on the church door a notice which we are obliged to display regarding the 'Restriction of Presentation' to the Nadder Valley Benefice for one year. This is a standard procedure when changes to a benefice are being considered, to give time for consultation and discussion. The consultation began with an extra meeting of the Nadder Valley Team Council at the end of January, where Bishop Andrew set out options for our consideration. Parish representatives on the Team Council are reporting back to PCCs, where discussion will continue.

Palm Sunday, 24th March

If you would like to take part in the dramatised reading of the Passion Narrative during the Palm Sunday procession, please let Judy know: tisburyparishchurch@gmail.com