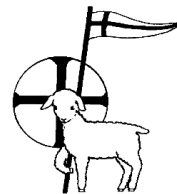


St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



Sunday 17th March 2024

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Today's Services

9.30am Parish Communion

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

Setting: The Brecon Service Philip Moore

Hymns: 76 (omit * verses) Take up thy cross; 64 Be thou my guardian and my guide: 294 Just as I am

During Communion: God so loved the world John Stainer Final hymn: 159 I bind unto myself today

Organ Voluntary: Christus der uns selig macht J S Bach

6.00pm Choral Evensong

Led by the Revd Juliette Hulme

Introit: Lord for thy tender mercy's sake Farrant/Hilton

Responses: ferial Setting: The Third Service Philip Moore Psalm 34.1-10

Hymns: 94 We sing the praise of him who died; 90 vs 1, 4, 5 O sacred head sore wounded

Anthem: Christus factus est Felice Anerio

Organ Voluntary: Erbarm' dich mein, O Herre Gott J S Bach

Next Sunday, 24th March

Palm Sunday

There is no service of Holy Communion at 8.00am on Palm Sunday

9.00am Parish Communion *Please note earlier start time*

President: The Revd Juliette Hulme

10.00am Palm Sunday Procession

Our ecumenical procession, featuring a live donkey, includes the reading of the Passion narrative and hymns for all to sing. We start outside St John's and finish at the Methodist Church. All are welcome!

If you would like to take part in the reading of the Passion narrative, please contact Judy (details overleaf). A few of the smaller solo parts have not yet been allocated, and we'd like to have as many people as possible in the 'crowd.'

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.

Wednesday 20th March

Lent Lunch

Tisbury Methodist Church



The last of our Lent Lunches, provided by the three Tisbury churches, will take place at Tisbury Methodist Church (High Street, Tisbury, next to the garage) on Wednesday 20th March, 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.



Wednesday 20th March

Lent Talk with Supper

Hindon Village Hall

The last of the talks on the theme of creativity in our spiritual life, followed by supper, takes place at Hindon Village Hall on 20 March at 6.30pm. Please let Revd Jo Naish know if you plan to go:

revdjoannaish@gmail.com

Thursday 21st March at 3.00pm

Lent Group

St Andrew's Chapel

Our series of Lent reflections, based on Richard Carter's book *The City is my Monastery*, continues this Thursday at 3.00pm in St Andrew's Chapel. Please note different venue and day of the week. We are delighted that so many people have booked – we have reached our maximum number and regret that we can't accommodate any more.

The Collect for the Fifth Sunday of Lent

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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: Jeremiah 31.31-34

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt - a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the LORD', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The Gospel: John 12.20-33

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say - "Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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.

As we celebrate the 30th anniversary of women's ordination to the priesthood in the Church of England, we give thanks for their many and varied gifts. We pray for their continued ministries and a creative future of inclusive ministry in our dioceses and local communities.



Prayer of St Patrick:

Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me and before me.
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me.
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger
Christ in hearts of all that love me.
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

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.