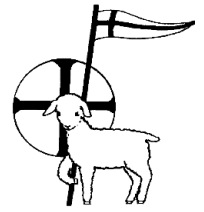


St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



Sunday 31st March 2024

Easter Day

Today's Service

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Juliette Hulme

Gloria *Peruvian* Sanctus, Agnus Dei (from Spatzenmesse) WA Mozart

Introit: This joyful Eastertide *Dutch trad arr Charles Wood* Processional Hymn: 110 Jesus Christ is risen today

Gradual Hymn: 115 Now the green blade riseth

Easter Gospel Acclamation: Modal Alleluia *Daniel Ficarri/Stuart Robinson*

Offertory Hymn: 375 Lord of the dance During Communion: Ave verum corpus WA Mozart

Final Hymn: 120 Thine be the glory

Organ Voluntary: Toccata (Cinquième Symphonie) CM Widor

At the end of the service, the Easter Garden will be blessed, and there will be an Easter Egg hunt in the churchyard for the children. We ask that all children are accompanied by a parent, carer or other responsible adult. Refreshments will be served outside the church, weather permitting.

The Revd Juliette Hulme is leading worship at Holy Trinity, Fonthill Gifford, at 11.15 this morning.



Services during the week

There will be a said service of Holy Communion on Wednesday 3rd April at 10.00am in St Andrew's Chapel.

There is no service of Holy Communion this Friday.

There are no online services this week; Morning and Evening Prayer are said privately in our homes.

Next Sunday, 7th April

The Second Sunday of Easter

9.30am All-Age Service

Led by Canon Judy Anderson

Our celebration of Easter continues, with a reading, a short address, an activity for the children and joyful music led by the Band. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

Thank you!

A huge thank you to Stuart Robinson, Director of Music, and our choir at St John's for the wonderfully moving and uplifting music which has enhanced our worship during Holy Week and Easter.

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The Collect for Easter Day

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. Amen.

The New Testament Reading: Acts 10.34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The Gospel: John 20.1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

For your prayers

We pray for all church communities in our linked diocese of Cueibet, South Sudan, as they, like us, celebrate Easter.

We give thanks for the joy of the Resurrection; may we be open to recognise the risen Christ in our daily lives.

We pray for peace in the Holy Land, and particularly in Gaza, and for a ceasefire to allow aid to get through. We pray too for the people of Ukraine, and for all the troubled regions of the world, for the light of the Resurrection to shine in the darkness of conflict.

We pray for families over the Easter break, especially for healing where there are divisions.

Thank you!

A huge thank you to all those who decorated our church for Easter, and those who contributed in any way to the Easter Garden. The church flowers look beautiful, enhancing our celebration of the Resurrection, and the Garden is a magnificent witness to the Easter story for the whole community.

Open Gardens

Fonthill House

Sunday 28th April

The grounds of Fonthill House will be open from 12.00-5.00 on 28th April. Admission £10, in aid of Seeds4Success. You can read about this very worthwhile charity at <https://www.seeds4success.org.uk>

Old Fonthill Abbey Gardens Sundays 5th and 19th May

The grounds of Old Fonthill Abbey, SP3 6SP, will be open between 10.30am and 4.30pm, in aid of Cure Parkinson's and local charities. Come and enjoy a walk around the woods and lake and admire the bluebells – donations on the gate (£10 suggested donation). Why not enjoy BBQ sausages for lunch, or a cup of tea with delicious cake? Dogs welcome on leads.