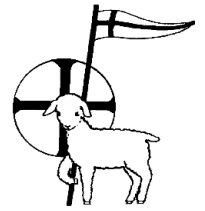


St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



Sunday 7th April 2024

The Second Sunday of Easter

Today's Service

9.30am All-Age Service

Led by Canon Judy Anderson

Hymns: Thine be the glory; 226 Rejoice in the Lord always; 66 The Servant King; 271 To God be the glory
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.

Wednesday 10th April

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!

Other 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 www.tisburyparishchurch.org

Next Sunday, 14th April

The Third Sunday of Easter

9.30am Parish Communion

President: The Revd Juliette Hulme

Preacher: Julie Dunstan

Monday 8th April at 3.00pm Lent Group St Andrew's Chapel

The last of our Lent reflections, based on Richard Carter's book *The City is my Monastery*, takes place on Monday at 3.00pm in St Andrew's Chapel. We look forward to seeing all the members of the group for our final session and to celebrate Holy Communion together.

Saturday 13th April at 6.00pm Concert in aid of Save the Children Gaza Appeal

Do come to this concert, presented by Michael Maxwell Steer, at St John's on Saturday evening. Alexia-Cristiana Pasquariello (flute) and Clara Gatti-Comini (harp) are Cherubim Young Musicians who are kindly donating their services to raise funds to support the people of Gaza. Music will range from Bach to Berio and will include the well-known Méditation from Thaïs. Tickets £14/£19 in advance, or £16/£22 on the day. To book via Eventbrite, please go to <https://rb.gy/xixq4b>

Lent Boxes

Thank you to all who took Lent Boxes to support the British Red Cross - Israel and Occupied Palestinian Territory Appeal. Please would you bring your box back, to any service, by the end of this month, so that we can send our donation.

Thank you!

Thank you to all who worked so hard behind the scenes to ensure that our services in Holy Week and at Easter ran smoothly, especially Anthony and John, our Churchwardens, Nigel, our Sacristan, and Judy, our Parish Administrator.

Juliette

The Collect for the Second Sunday of Easter

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Reading: John 20.19-29

It was late on Sunday evening, and the disciples were gathered together behind locked doors, because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities. Then Jesus came and stood among them. "Peace be with you," he said. After saying this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy at seeing the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I send you." Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive people's sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

One of the twelve disciples, Thomas (called the Twin), was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" Thomas said to them, "Unless I see the scars of the nails in his hands and put my finger on those scars and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later the disciples were together again indoors, and Thomas was with them. The doors were locked, but Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and look at my hands; then reach out your hand and put it in my side. Stop your doubting, and believe!" Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Do you believe because you see me? How happy are those who believe without seeing me!"

For your prayers

As we give thanks for the joy of Easter, we also give thanks for the whole Church in South Sudan, its witness in troubled times and the long ministry of Bishop Elijah in the Diocese of Cueibet. We pray for the projects we as a deanery are funding, that the work may not be interrupted.

We continue to 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. We pray for world leaders, that they will strive for peace.

We pray for our community, and especially for our school as the summer term begins.



Open Gardens

Fonthill House

Sunday 28th April

The grounds of Fonthill House will be open from 12.00-5.00 on Sunday 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.

Annual Meetings and Church Electoral Roll

Our church Annual Meetings this year will be held on **Sunday 12th May** at 10.45am (after the 9.30 Parish Communion service) in the church. Do please come!

If you would like your name to be added to the church Electoral Roll, please complete the form which is available in church, and return it to Trish Liddiard, our Electoral Roll Officer, by Sunday 28th April at the latest. The current list is displayed in the porch - if your name is already there, there is no need to fill in a form.

Have you considered becoming a member of the PCC (Parochial Church Council)? This is your opportunity to contribute to decision-making about church matters - do talk to Juliette or Judy if you would like more information.

And finally ...

If anyone can offer a good exchange rate for two US \$1 bills, found in the wall safe in church, Jean (Watson) would love to hear from you!