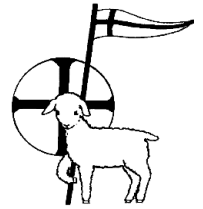


St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



Sunday 8th December 2024

The Second Sunday of Advent

Today's Service

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Michael Camp

Wednesday 11th December

3.00pm 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!

Please note the earlier time during the winter months

Other services during the week

Holy Communion is celebrated at 10.00am on Wednesdays in St Andrew's Chapel (CW) and on Fridays at 8.00am in the vestry (BCP). Do join us!

Next Sunday, 15th December

The Third Sunday of Advent

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Joanna Naish

There is no service of Choral Evensong this month

Advent Boxes

Our Advent Boxes this year are for the Save the Children Middle East Appeal. Do please take a box and bring it back (full!) after Christmas. You can find information about the appeal at <https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/how-you-can-help/emergencies/gaza-crisis>

Christmas Cheer

Anyone who wishes to contribute to needy individuals or families in Tisbury, to help them have a more cheerful Christmas than they otherwise would have had, is invited to make their donation (in cash please) to a Churchwarden or the Parish Administrator in a sealed envelope marked 'Christmas Cheer' if possible by **11am on Sunday 8th December** please, although 15th is not too late. All such donations will be gratefully received and will be distributed in time for Christmas.



The East Window

We are thrilled that the long-awaited new window is now complete and unveiled. It is 12 years since the structural report concluded that the Clutterbuck window was beyond repair, 32 months since the approval for Tom Denny's design, and 22 months since he started painting. The new window is stunning and well worth the wait! Its theme is 'Seeing'. Seeing the Glory of God: Epiphanies in ordinary and extraordinary moments in life. You can read a detailed account of Tom Denny's vision at <https://www.eastwindowtisbury.com/the-design>

Our heartfelt thanks go to the members of the committee who have worked so hard to bring this project to completion, and to Tom Denny, the artist, for his inspirational work to enhance our church. Thanks, too, to all who have supported the window financially.

The window will be dedicated at a special service on Sunday 9th February 2025 at 3.00pm.

Stop press: The window will feature on the Points West Wiltshire website this Sunday

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The Collect for the Second Sunday of Advent

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Reading: Baruch 5.1-9

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on for ever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendour everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, 'Righteous Peace, Godly Glory'.

Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look towards the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

The Gospel: Luke 3.1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."' '

For your prayers

As Advent leads us to Christmas, we reflect on the different way it will be celebrated in our linked diocese of Cueibet, South Sudan, and we pray for real peace therein.

We continue to pray for peace in all parts of the world where there is war or other unrest.

A prayer for peace

Prince of Peace, in a world filled with turmoil, grant us the tranquility that only your peace can bring. Help us to be instruments of reconciliation and harmony in our relationships and communities.

Please pray for all in this country affected by Storm Darragh and other adverse weather.



Village Carol Service

Monday 16th December at 7.30pm

Do put the Carol Service in your diary! Additional singers are welcome to join the choir for two of the four choir carols. You would need to attend two rehearsals on Thursday 5th December 7.00 for 7.15-7.45 and Thursday 12th December at the same time. You would also need to arrive early on the day for rehearsal before the service. If you would like to sing, please contact Stuart Robinson direct on stuart@stuartrobinson.co.uk in advance of the first rehearsal, stating which part you sing.



Crib Service

Christmas Eve at 4.00pm

Do come to our annual Crib Service and hear once again the familiar story of the birth of Jesus in the stable at Bethlehem, through readings and carols. Children are invited to come dressed as angels, shepherds or wise men so that those who wish can participate actively in the telling of the story. A great way to begin your celebration of Christmas!



Christmas Services

Christmas Eve

4.00pm Crib Service (see above)
10.00pm The First Eucharist of Christmas

Christmas Day

9.30am Parish Communion

