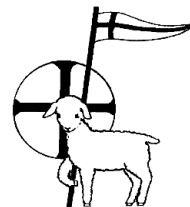


# St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

*reflecting Jesus Christ*



**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

**The Baptism of Christ  
Plough Sunday**

## Today's Service

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Canon Tony Monds

Setting: Mass of St Thomas *David Thorne*

Hymns: 52 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; Christ be our light (*words overleaf*)

Gospel Acclamation & Epiphany sentence *Daniel Ficarri / Stuart Robinson*

55 Hail to the Lord's anointed During Communion: A New Year Carol *Benjamin Britten*

Final hymn: 262 We plough the fields and scatter

Organ voluntary: Chorale Prelude: Ich steh an deiner Krippen hier *Johann Krebs*

## Services during the week

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

**Next Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> January**

**The Second Sunday of Epiphany**

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Joanna Naish

6.00pm Epiphany Carol Service

Led by Canon Judy Anderson

A service of readings and carols for Epiphany, which this month replaces our usual service of Choral Evensong.

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January**

4.00pm Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Tisbury Methodist Church

Do come to this special service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, which will be led by ministers from the three Tisbury churches. Refreshments will be served after the service.

## For your prayers

In our linked diocese of Cueibet, South Sudan, we are asked this month to pray for the ongoing work being undertaken on the school buildings, and the welfare of the teachers. Please pray also for Bishop Elijah and the whole community of pastors we as a deanery support in Cueibet.

We pray for all parts of the world suffering from extreme weather, from wildfires to flooding. We pray that all will take seriously the threat of global warming and put measures in place to reduce the negative impact of humanity on the world which God created.

In this cold month of January, please pray for those living on our streets, and for all who struggle to keep warm. We pray for those living in poverty, that their needs may be met.



## Advent Boxes

Thank you very much to those of you who took Advent boxes for the Save the Children Middle East Appeal. Please would you bring your box back as soon as possible? We'd like to send our donation to the charity by the end of this month.

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## The Collect for the Baptism of Christ

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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: Isaiah 43.1-7

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, 'Give them up', and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth – everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.'

## The Gradual Hymn

1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.

*Christ, be our light!  
Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.*

2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has power to save us.  
Make us your living voice.

3 Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed.

4 Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
walls made of living stone.

5 Many the gifts, many the people,  
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
making your kingdom come.

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## The Gospel: Luke 3.15-17, 21, 22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

## Giving to the church



Thank you very much to those who continue to give regularly to the church. If you haven't committed to regular giving, why not consider joining the Parish Giving Scheme? If you go to [www.parishgiving.org.uk](http://www.parishgiving.org.uk) you can get onto the secure website and set up a login and password. This will enable you set up your own direct debit (and sign up for gift aid if applicable). Alternatively, you can pick up a leaflet in church. If you require help or advice on giving, please contact Paul Naish, email [sjtgiftaid@gmail.com](mailto:sjtgiftaid@gmail.com) tel 01747 870731. Cheques should be made payable to Tisbury PCC.