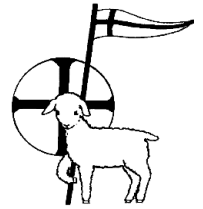


St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



Sunday 26th January 2025

The Third Sunday of Epiphany

Today's Services

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

President: The Ven Alan Jeans, Archdeacon of Sarum

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Ven Alan Jeans, Archdeacon of Sarum

Setting: *Leighton* in D

Hymns: 234 Christ whose glory fills the skies; Psalm 19.1-6 (*words overleaf*)

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

324 Thine arm O Lord, in days of old During Communion: O taste and see *Vaughan Williams*

431 O thou who camest from above Organ Voluntary: *Jésus accepte la souffrance Olivier Messiaen*

Next Sunday, 2nd February

The Presentation of Christ (Candlemas)

9.30am All-Age Service

St John's

Led by Canon Judy Anderson

3.00pm Memorial Service for the Very Revd Robert Willis Salisbury Cathedral

All are welcome at this service for our former Rector, Robert Willis, who died in October. The service will be livestreamed at <https://bit.ly/3Pzv7Sr>

The Dedication of the Memorial Window

Saturday 8th February from 10.00am Peal of bells

As part of the celebrations for the window a full peal of bells will be rung, beginning at 10.00am and lasting for about three hours.

Sunday 9th February at 3.00pm Choral Evensong with the Dedication of the Window

The Rt Revd Andrew Rumsey, Bishop of Ramsbury, will lead the service and preach.

The Very Revd Nicholas Papadopoulos, Dean of Salisbury, will dedicate the window and lead the prayers.

Refreshments will be served after the service. All are welcome!

Please note, there will be **no Parish Communion service at St John's** on 9th February. Those who wish are warmly invited to join the congregation at St John the Baptist, Hindon, for their All-Age Communion service at 9.30am.

Can you help?

Offers of a plate of food for the reception following the service on 9th February would be very gratefully received. Please contact Trish on 07765 226705. Thank you!

Tuesday 28th January at 7.00pm PCC meeting

The next meeting of our PCC (Parochial Church Council) takes place on Tuesday 28th January in the Hinton Hall.

Wednesday 12th February Open meeting of Chalke Deanery Synod

All are warmly invited to come and hear the Very Revd Nicholas Papadopoulos, Dean of Salisbury, speak about his three months spent in East Jerusalem last year. Hinton Hall, Tisbury. Tea/coffee from 6.30pm, business at 6.45pm, talk at 7.00pm.

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 this week.

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The Collect for the Third Sunday of Epiphany

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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 Epistle: I Corinthians 12.12–31a

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

Psalm 19.1-6

¹ The heavens are telling the glory of God : and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
² One day pours out its song to another : and one night unfolds knowledge to another.
³ They have neither speech nor language : and their voices are not heard,
⁴ Yet their sound has gone out into all lands : and their words to the ends of the world.
⁵ In them has he set a tabernacle for the sun :
that comes forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber and rejoices as a champion to run his course.
⁶ It goes forth from the end of the heavens and runs to the very end again :
and there is nothing hidden from its heat.
Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit :
as it was in the beginning, is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

The Gospel: Luke 4.14–21

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

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.

Please pray that the fragile ceasefire in Gaza will hold, and that progress will be made towards a lasting peace in Israel-Palestine. Please continue to pray for all war-torn areas of the world.

We pray for all in the UK and Ireland suffering from the effects of Storm Eowyn.

