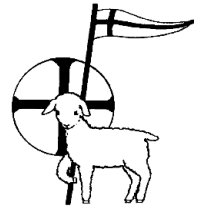


St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



Sunday 16th February 2025

The Third Sunday before Lent

Today's Service

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Canon Tony Monds

Setting: The Lincoln Setting *Malcolm Archer*

Hymns: 232 Awake my soul and with the sun; 341 Blest are the pure in heart; 461 There's a wideness in God's mercy

During Communion: Christ has no body now but yours *David Ogden*

Final hymn: 467 Through all the changing scenes of life

Organ voluntary: Dialogue sur les grands jeux *Nicolas de Grigny*

There is no service of Choral Evensong today

Services during the week

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

Next Sunday, 23rd February

The Second Sunday before Lent

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

President: The Revd Elaine Brightwell

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Pat Clegg

For your prayers

In our linked diocese of Cueibet, South Sudan, we are asked to pray for the Deanery visit by Sherwood Elcock this month, for the success of the visit, for his safe passage and return. Please pray too, for fruitful discussions, and his contribution to the health of all in Cueibet town and Diocese.

We pray for all parts of the world where there is war or unrest, and especially for the ongoing situation between Russia and Ukraine. Please pray that the fragile Israel-Gaza ceasefire will hold, and that the release of hostages and prisoners will continue.

O God, who would fold both heaven and earth in a single peace: let the design of thy great love lighten upon the waste of our wraths and sorrows: and give peace to thy Church, peace among nations, peace in our dwellings, and peace in our hearts: through thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.



Thank you ...

... to all involved in any way with the wonderful service last Sunday for the dedication of the Memorial East Window. It was a fitting celebration of the magnificent window by the internationally renowned artist Tom Denny, the culmination of several years of hard work by the committee and generous donations from so many people, near and far. We were honoured to welcome as representative of His Majesty the King the Lord-Lieutenant of Wiltshire, and it was a great pleasure to have with us two former Rectors, Bishop Jonathan Meyrick and Bishop Humphrey Southern, and our most recent Parish Priest, the Revd Juliette Hulme, as well as Fr Jonathan Creer, Chair of Tisbury Christian Council. Our thanks to the Rt Revd Andrew Rumsey, Bishop of Ramsbury, who led the service and preached, to the Very Revd Nicholas Papadopoulos, Dean of Salisbury, who dedicated the window and led the prayers, to Stuart Robinson, Chris Mahon and the choir for the music, and, last but not least, to Trish and the team for the wonderful refreshments afterwards.

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The Collect for the Third Sunday before Lent

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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: Jeremiah 17.5-10

Thus says the Lord:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse – who can understand it? I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

The Gospel: Luke 6.17-26

Jesus came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

‘Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

‘Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

‘Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

‘Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

‘But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

‘Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

‘Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

‘Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

Palm Crosses

Do you still have your palm cross from last year? If so, please could you bring it to church during February so that it can be burned and mixed with holy oil to form the ashes for Ash Wednesday? Thank you!

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 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 tel 07587 072900. Any cheques should be made payable to Tisbury PCC.