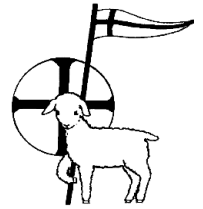


# St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2025**

**The Sunday next before Lent**

## Today's Services

9.30am All-Age Service

Led by Canon Judy Anderson

Hymns: There is a green hill far away; 66 The Servant King; 261 There is a Redeemer; 122 I the Lord of sea and sky

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March Ash Wednesday**

10.00am Holy Communion (CW) with imposition of ashes

President: The Revd Nigel Worn

We invite you to begin your observance of Lent by coming to this quiet service, held in St Andrew's Chapel.

**Next Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> March**

**The First Sunday of Lent**

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Mark Hayter

## Electoral Roll: Action needed!

Every six years, every parish is required to compile a new Electoral Roll from scratch. 2025 is the year! In the next few days, everyone on the current electoral roll will receive a letter from Trish, our Electoral Roll Officer, with a form to fill in for membership of the new Roll. Please do fill in the form and let Trish have it back by the closing date, 20<sup>th</sup> March, so that your name is included on the new Roll. This entitles you to vote at the Annual Meetings and to stand for election as a member of the PCC (Parochial Church Council), as well as being a practical indication of your commitment to St John's. Copies of the letter and the form are available in church.

## Lent Lunches



The three Tisbury churches will again be providing lunch every Wednesday during Lent, at Tisbury Methodist Church, between 12 noon and 1.30pm, starting on Wednesday 12 March. Do please put all five Wednesdays in your diary and come along and enjoy a light lunch with home-made soup – why not bring a friend or two? Proceeds will go to Julia's House Children's Hospice.

## Can you help?

Sally writes: 'Our turn is Wednesdays 19 March and 9 April. If you would like to help on either date with soup making, waiting on tables, washing up etc please contact Sally on 07929 435474 or Trish on 07765 226705. It's usually good fun and a chance to catch up while helping a good cause.'

## In memoriam

We were sorry to hear of the death of Chris Cox. Please pray for Lynne and for all Chris's family and friends. The funeral service will be held at St John's on Friday 28 March at 3.30pm.

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## The Collect for the Sunday next before Lent

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### The Reading: Matthew 4.1-11

Then the Spirit led Jesus into the desert to be tempted by the Devil. After spending forty days and nights without food, Jesus was hungry. Then the Devil came to him and said, "If you are God's Son, order these stones to turn into bread."

But Jesus answered, "The scripture says, 'Human beings cannot live on bread alone, but need every word that God speaks.'"

Then the Devil took Jesus to Jerusalem, the Holy City, set him on the highest point of the Temple, and said to him, "If you are God's Son, throw yourself down, for the scripture says,

'God will give orders to his angels about you;  
they will hold you up with their hands,  
so that not even your feet will be hurt on the stones.'"

Jesus answered, "But the scripture also says, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Then the Devil took Jesus to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in all their greatness. "All this I will give you," the Devil said, "if you kneel down and worship me."

Then Jesus answered, "Go away, Satan! The scripture says, 'Worship the Lord your God and serve only him!'"

Then the Devil left Jesus; and angels came and helped him.

### For your prayers

As we prepare for Lent, please pray for the pastors in our linked diocese of Cueibet, South Sudan, as they prepare to celebrate the Easter feast. As we seek to attract funds to renovate the Church Primary School buildings, we pray that we who have so much will be generous in giving for the future of children's education in Cueibet. Please also pray that the early rains fall in due season.

As the war in Ukraine enters its fourth year, we pray for that country:

Loving God, We pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them. We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices. We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need. May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world.

Please continue to pray for Gaza, that the ceasefire will hold and that the release of hostages and prisoners will continue. Please pray that a way may be found for a lasting peace in Israel/Palestine to be established.



### 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 [sjgiftaid@gmail.com](mailto:sjgiftaid@gmail.com) tel 07587 072900. Any cheques should be made payable to Tisbury PCC.