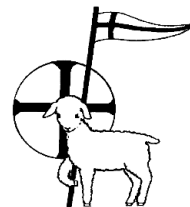


# St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

**The First Sunday of Lent**

## Today's Service

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Mark Hayter

Setting: *Ireland in C* Introit: Lord for thy tender mercy's sake *Farrant / Hilton*

Hymns: 67 Forty days and forty nights; 74 O for a heart to praise my God; Gospel Acclamation for Lent *John Harper*

65 Christian, dost thou see them During Communion: View me Lord, a work of thine *Richard Lloyd*

64 Be thou my guardian and my guide

Organ voluntary: Kyrie Gott, Heiliger Geist *JS Bach*

## Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March

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!

## Next Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> March

**The Second Sunday of Lent**

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Joanna Naish

6.00pm Choral Evensong

Led by Canon Judy Anderson

## Lent Lunches – starting this Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> March



The three Tisbury churches are again 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.

## Lent boxes

Our Lent boxes this year are for WaterAid UK, working to bring clean water and decent sanitation to millions around the world: <https://www.wateraid.com> Do please take a box and bring it back, with your donation, after Easter.

## In memoriam

The funeral of the late Chris Cox will be held at St John's on Friday 28 March at 3.30pm. Please pray for Lynne and for all Chris's family and friends at this time of loss.

## 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.

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## The Collect for the First Sunday of Lent

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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: Deuteronomy 26.1-11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

## The Gospel: Luke 4.1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone."'

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written,

"Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him."'

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written,

"He will command his angels concerning you,  
to protect you",

and

"On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."'

Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."'

When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

## For your prayers

During 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.

Please continue to pray for those parts of the world where there is conflict:

For the leaders of the nations,  
that you will guide them in the ways of mercy and truth,  
we pray to you, O Lord.

*Common Worship: Daily Prayer*

We pray for all in the caring professions, and especially for the staff and residents of Albany House and Hays House.

