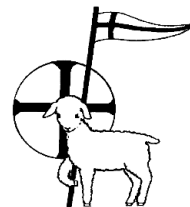


St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



Sunday 16th March 2025

The Second Sunday of Lent

Today's Service

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Joanna Naish

Setting: The Brecon Service *Philip Moore*

Hymns: 476 Ye servants of God; 441 Pray that Jerusalem may have peace and felicity

Gospel Acclamation for Lent *John Harper* 383 Jesu, lover of my soul

During Communion: O Salutaris hostia *Edward Elgar* 339 Be thou my vision

Organ voluntary: Christus, der uns selig macht *JS Bach*

6.00pm Choral Evensong

Led by Canon Judy Anderson

Introit: Salvator mundi *Thomas Tallis*

Setting: The Third Service *Philip Moore* Responses: *Ferial* Psalm 135

Hymns: 507 The Lent Prose *plainsong*; 392 Lead kindly light

Anthem: Jesu, Lord, that madest me (Richard de Castre's Prayer to Jesus) *RR Terry*

Master Tallis's Testament *Herbert Howells*

Next Sunday, 23rd March

The Third Sunday of Lent

10.00am Benefice All-Age Communion

Teffont Magna

President: The Revd Elaine Brightwell

Preacher: Julie Dunstan

There is no service at St John's on 23rd March

Lent Lunches on Wednesdays

Lent lunches continue at Tisbury Methodist Church, between 12 noon and 1.30pm on Wednesdays. This week the lunch will be provided by a team from St John's. Do come along – why not bring a friend or two? Proceeds will go to Julia's House Children's Hospice.

Wednesday 19th March

PCC Meeting

The next meeting of the PCC (Parochial Church Council) will be held on Wednesday 19th March at 7.00pm in the Hinton Hall.

Electoral Roll: Closing date this Thursday, 20th March

Every six years, every parish is required to compile a new Electoral Roll from scratch. 2025 is the year! Everyone on the current electoral roll should have received 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, 20th 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.

Sunday 6th April Church Annual Meetings

Our church Annual Meetings this year will be held on **Sunday 6th April** at 10.45am (after the 9.30 All-Age service) in the church. Do please come!

Have you considered becoming a member of the PCC? This is your opportunity to contribute to decision-making about church matters - do talk to one of the Churchwardens or to Judy if you would like more information.

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The Collect for the Second Sunday of Lent

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, 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: Genesis 15.1-12, 17-18

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, 'I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.'

The Gospel: Luke 13.31-35

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."'

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.

We pray for all whose lives are devastated by war and civil strife, especially for those in Gaza and those in Ukraine. We pray for lasting solutions to these and other conflicts.

We pray for the work of WaterAid as they strive to make clean water, decent toilets and good hygiene normal for everyone, everywhere.

We pray for our homes, families, friends and all whom we love.



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.

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.

Saturday 5th April Fund-raising events in the Hinton Hall

Table top sale 9.30am-12.30pm (sellers set up 9.00am) £10 per table, free entry

Tisbury Subbuteo Tournament 1.00pm arrival, 1.30 kick-off, 4.00pm final. £10 per team, spectators £1

In aid of St John's Church and the Friends of Hindon School. Details from Darren: darrenchappell1287@outlook.com