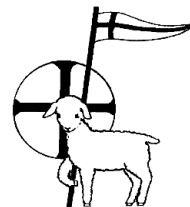


St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



Sunday 30th March 2025

**The Fourth Sunday of Lent
Mothering Sunday**

Today's Services

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

President: The Revd Elaine Brightwell

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Michael Camp

Kyrie: Mass for four voices *William Byrd* Sanctus & Benedictus, Agnus Dei (Deutsche Messe) *Schubert*

Hymns: 413 Now thank we all our God; 387 Jesus, good above all other

Gospel Acclamation for Lent *John Harper* Hymn 185 Sing we of the blessed mother

During Communion: Ave Maria *Jacob Arcadelt* Hymn 408 Love divine, all loves excelling

Organ voluntary: Final *Denis Bédard*

Next Sunday, 6th April

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

9.30am All-Age Service

Led by Canon Judy Anderson

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! A copy of the annual report and the accounts for the year ending 31 December 2024 are available in church for you to look at, or you can obtain an electronic copy from the Parish Administrator.

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.



Lent Lunches on Wednesdays

Lent lunches continue at Tisbury Methodist Church, between 12 noon and 1.30pm on Wednesdays. Do come along – why not bring a friend or two? Proceeds will go to Julia's House Children's Hospice.

4th-6th April St Edward's Way Pilgrimage

The Revd Joanna Naish would be delighted if others would join her on this Lenten pilgrimage following the route taken to bring the body of Edward King and Martyr to his final resting place at Shaftesbury Abbey. You are welcome to walk as much or as little as you wish of this 30-mile route. Details from Jo: revdjoannanaish@gmail.com

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

Darren Chappell, a member of St John's, is organising this day in aid of St John's Church and the Friends of Hindon School. Do please support the events, by taking a table at the sale in the morning, by entering the tournament to showcase your Subbuteo skills, and/or by coming on the day to buy from the sale or spectate at the Subbuteo.

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

Details from Darren: darrenchappell1287@outlook.com or have a chat with him at the 9.30 Parish Communion service, where he is Sidesman this Sunday.

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The Collect for Mothering Sunday

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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: 2 Corinthians 1.3-7

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

The Gospel: John 19.25b-27

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

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 pray for all affected by the earthquake in Myanmar.

A prayer for Mothering Sunday:

God our Father, we give thanks for women who have been examples of self-giving love, who have given time, wisdom and care to the nurture of children, their own or others. We pray for those who find this a difficult day, who do not have happy memories of their own mothers, those who grieve for their mothers or for their children, and those who long to be mothers but cannot be. We remember mothers in the Bible, giving thanks for the tenacity of Sarah the generosity of Hannah and the courage of Mary. We pray for mothers who fear for the safety of their children in war zones, remembering especially those in Israel/Palestine and in Ukraine & Russia.



Palm Sunday, 13th April

We'd love to have a good number of you take part in the dramatised reading of the Passion Narrative during the Palm Sunday procession which follows the Parish Communion service that day. If you would like to participate, please let Judy know: tisburyparishchurch@gmail.com We particularly need people to read the group parts, such as disciples and crowd, and there are also some fairly small individual parts. There will be a short rehearsal in church at 5pm on Saturday 12th April.

Get ready for the Village Fete!

Jessica will be co-ordinating stalls in aid of St John's Church at the fete, organised by Tisbury Parish Council, on 14th June. Last year our stalls raised a wonderful sum for the church, and we hope to do equally well this year – or even surpass last year's total of well over £900. There will again be a cakes & produce stall and a plant stall. Two ways you can get started now:

- Please contact Jessica if you can offer to help, if you would like to be part of a small group organising our stalls, or if you have any suggestions: jess.cradock@btinternet.com or 0748 38 46 950
- It's never too early to start planting seeds or seedlings so that we have a really good selection of plants to sell

And do put the date in your diary and plan to go along and support the fete!

Proposed reorganisation of the Nadder Valley Benefice

The reorganisation of the Nadder Valley Benefice into two smaller benefices was discussed and agreed by PCCs during 2024. We are now entering a period of public consultation about the draft Scheme, under which Tisbury would be part of the new Upper Nadder Benefice, comprising seven parishes: Ansty, Chilmark, Fonthill Bishop with Berwick St Leonard, Fonthill Gifford, Hindon with Chicklade and Pertwood, Swallowcliffe and Tisbury. The diocese is currently advertising for a priest to look after this proposed new benefice. Copies of the notice of the proposed reorganisation are available in church for you to take home if you wish; also in church is one copy of the full draft Scheme for you to look at, but please don't take this away.