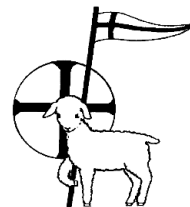


St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



Sunday 6th April 2025

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Today's Service

9.30am All-Age Service

Led by Canon Judy Anderson

On this fifth Sunday of Lent, we read about a woman who did something very special for Jesus as he came towards the end of his earthly life. The children will be making palms which they can wave next Sunday as we re-enact the triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

followed by the Church Annual Meetings at 10.45am

Do please come to the Annual Meetings which are so important in the life of our church! Copies of all the paperwork will be provided.

Have you considered becoming a member of the PCC? This is your opportunity to contribute to decision-making about church matters. Nominations can be made right up to the point of voting during the meeting.

Wednesday 9th April

4.00pm 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 are welcome!

Please note the start time, which is earlier than that published in Focus.

Next Sunday, 13th April

Palm Sunday

9.00am Parish Communion

President: The Revd Canon Michael Goater

10.00am Palm Sunday Procession

Beginning outside St John's (north door) and walking up the High Street to the Methodist Church, where refreshments will be served. With the dramatised reading of the Passion Narrative (please see below).



Lent Lunch: Wednesday 9th April

The last of this year's Lent lunches takes place this Wednesday at Tisbury Methodist Church, between 12 noon and 1.30pm. Do come along – why not bring a friend or two? Proceeds will go to Julia's House Children's Hospice.

Palm Sunday Procession, 13th April – volunteers needed to take part!

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. So far only one person has offered! 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.

Easter Garden – plants needed, please

We are again planning an Easter Garden outside the north door of the church, and would love to have donations of spring flowering plants – in flower, please! Last year we had a wonderful display, thanks to your generosity. If you are able to donate (or lend) plants, please would you leave them in the north porch on the morning of Saturday 19th April? Thank you very much!

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The Collect for the Fifth Sunday of Lent

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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 Reading: John 12.1-8

Six days before the Passover, Jesus went to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, the man he had raised from death. They prepared a dinner for him there, which Martha helped serve; Lazarus was one of those who were sitting at the table with Jesus. Then Mary took a whole pint of a very expensive perfume made of pure nard, poured it on Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The sweet smell of the perfume filled the whole house. One of Jesus' disciples, Judas Iscariot - the one who was going to betray him - said, "Why wasn't this perfume sold for three hundred silver coins and the money given to the poor?" He said this, not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief. He carried the money bag and would help himself from it.

But Jesus said, "Leave her alone! Let her keep what she has for the day of my burial. You will always have poor people with you, but you will not always have me."

Final hymn

1 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hark, all the tribes hosanna cry,
Thy humble beast pursues his road
With palms and scattered garments strowed.

2 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die:
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin
O'er captive death and conquered sin.

3 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The wingèd squadrons of the sky
Look down with sad and wondering eyes
To see the approaching sacrifice.

4 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;
The Father on his sapphire throne
Awaits his own anointed Son.

5 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
Bow thy meek head to mortal pain,
Then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

Henry Hart Milman 1791-1868

For your prayers

As we prepare to give thanks for the joy of Easter, we also give thanks for the whole Church in South Sudan, its witness in troubled times and the long ministry of Bishop Elijah. As he approaches his retirement we pray for his future.

Please continue to pray for the troubled areas of the world, especially for the Holy Land and other parts of the Middle East, for Russia and Ukraine, and for the Sudans. We pray for all who work for peace and ask that this will come.

At the start of the school holiday, we pray for our children, giving thanks for the teaching they have received about the meaning of Lent and Easter and praying that they will remember.

Please pray for Sally Carter and Andy Marshall, to be married at St John's on 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!