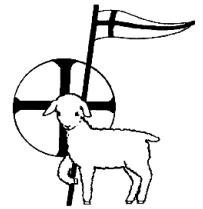


# St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

**The Second Sunday of Easter**

## Today's Services

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

President: The Revd Elaine Brightwell

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Mark Hayter

Setting: The Tisbury Service *Richard Shephard*

Hymns: 121 This joyful Eastertide; 113 Love's redeeming work is done; 119 The strife is o'er

During Communion: 292 Jesu, thou joy of loving hearts

Final hymn: 112 Jesus lives! Thy terrors now

## Services during the week

There will be a said service of Holy Communion on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 10.00am in St Andrew's Chapel.

There is no service of Holy Communion this Friday – these resume on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May.

There are no online services this week; Morning and Evening Prayer are said privately in our homes.

**Next Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> May**

**The Third Sunday of Easter**

9.30am All-Age Service

Led by Canon Judy Anderson

**Fonthill House Open Garden Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April 12.00-5.00pm**

In aid of Salisbury Hospice Charity

Do come and enjoy an afternoon in the beautiful gardens of Fonthill House, and support this very worthwhile charity. Food and drink; Artisan stalls; Raffle; and much more! Advance tickets £10, on the gate £12. Children free.

<https://findagarden.ngs.org.uk/garden/128/fonthill-house>

## In Memoriam

The funeral of Elizabeth (Liz) Lofthouse will take place at St John's at 2.30pm on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

**Old Fonthill Abbey Gardens Sundays 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> May**

The grounds of Old Fonthill Abbey, SP3 6SP, will be open between 10.30am and 4.30pm, in aid of Cure Parkinson's and local charities. Come and enjoy a walk around the woods and lake and admire the bluebells – donations on the gate (£10 suggested donation). Why not enjoy BBQ sausages for lunch, or a cup of tea with delicious home-made cake? Dogs welcome on leads.

## Lent Boxes

Thank you to all who took Lent Boxes to support WaterAid UK. Please would you bring your box back, to any service, by the end of May, so that we can send our donation.

## Thank you!

A huge thank you to all those who decorated our church for Easter, and those who contributed in any way to the Easter Garden. The church flowers look beautiful, enhancing our celebration of the Resurrection, and the Garden is a magnificent witness to the Easter story for the whole community.

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## The Collect for the Second Sunday of Easter

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## The New Testament Reading: Acts 5.27-32

When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, so that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

## The Gospel: Luke 24.13-35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

## For your prayers

As we 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.

A prayer from the Church of England following the death of Pope Francis:

Father in heaven, we praise your name for all who have finished this life loving and trusting you, for the example of their lives, the life and grace you gave them, and the peace in which they rest. We praise you for your servant Francis and for all that you did through him. Meet us in our sadness and fill our hearts with praise and thanksgiving, for the sake of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

We continue to pray for those parts of the world where there is war or other unrest, especially for the Holy Land, for Ukraine and for Sudan and South Sudan. We pray for wisdom and integrity for world leaders, that they will work for the good of the people they govern and serve.

Locally, we pray for the elections to be held on Thursday, praying for wisdom and discernment for all who vote, for the candidates, and for the right outcome.

