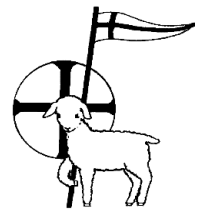


St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



Sunday 4th May 2025

The Third Sunday of Easter

Today's Service

9.30am All-Age Service

Led by Canon Judy Anderson

The theme of today's service is 'Holy Places.' As usual, there will be an activity for the children as well as songs, a reading, an address and prayers. Music led by the Band. Refreshments will be served after the service.

Services during the week

Our normal pattern resumes this week:

Holy Communion is celebrated on Wednesdays at 10.00 (CW) and on Fridays at 08.00 (BCP)

Morning Prayer is said online via Zoom on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 08.00 – the link may be found on our website.

Next Sunday, 11th May

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Pat Clegg

Thursday 8th May: VE Day 80th Anniversary

11.00am Wreath laying and reading of names War Memorial

11.20am Ecumenical Service St John's Church

There will be other events during the day:

2.00-4.00 Tea Party in the New Vic Hall

7.30-9.00 'Down Memory Lane' – a Sing-Along Concert by Tisbury Community Choir in St John's Church. Doors open 7.00, wine / soft drinks available.

Floral Celebrations by Tisbury Flower Group, Display by Tisbury History Society, Ringing of the Bells – all in St John's Church.

In Memoriam

We were sorry to hear of the death of Michael Smith, a regular member of our Wednesday congregation. Please pray for his family and friends at this time of loss.

Old Fonthill Abbey Gardens Sundays 4th and 18th 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 this month, so that we can send our donation to the charity.

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The Collect for the Third Sunday of Easter

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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: Exodus 3.1-6

One day while Moses was taking care of the sheep and goats of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian, he led the flock across the desert and came to Sinai, the holy mountain. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him as a flame coming from the middle of a bush. Moses saw that the bush was on fire but that it was not burning up. "This is strange," he thought. "Why isn't the bush burning up? I will go closer and see."

When the Lord saw that Moses was coming closer, he called to him from the middle of the bush and said, "Moses! Moses!" He answered, "Yes, here I am." God said, "Do not come any closer. Take off your sandals, because you are standing on holy ground. I am the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob." So Moses covered his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

For your prayers

In our linked Provinces of Sudan and South Sudan, please pray for Archbishops Justin and Alepayo as they seek to discern a new Bishop for Cueibet Diocese. Please also pray for support for Internally Displaced Persons in Cueibet and South Sudan.

We continue to pray for the war-torn regions of the world, especially for the Holy Land, for Ukraine and for Sudan and South Sudan.



Prayers from the Church of England on the 80th Anniversary of VE Day

For those who served and died in the Second World War

O God of truth and justice,
we hold before you those men and women
who have died in active service, particularly in the Second World War,
whose sacrifice brought Victory in Europe.
As we honour their courage and cherish their memory,
may we put our faith in your future;
for you are the source of life and hope,
now and for ever. Amen.

For those who serve today

O Lord God of Hosts,
stretch forth, we pray, your almighty arm
to strengthen and protect our service men and women.
Support them in times of conflict,
and in their rest and training keep them safe from all evil;
endue them with courage and loyalty;
and grant that in all things they may serve without reproach;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the peace of the world

O God, who would fold both heaven and earth
in a single peace;
that the design of your great love lighten
upon the waste of our wraths and sorrows
and give peace to your church, peace among nations,
peace in our dwellings and peace in our hearts;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.