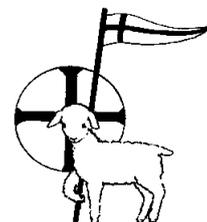


# St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



## Advent, Christmas and New Year Services 2025/6



**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

**The Fourth Sunday of Advent**

9.30am Parish Communion

President: The Revd Joanna Naish Preacher: Canon Judy Anderson

Setting: The Brecon Service Philip Moore

Kyrie from Missa Brevis in D K194 W A Mozart

Hymn 7 Hills of the north rejoice Gradual Psalm 80.1-8 (words on separate sheet)

Modal Alleluia and Gospel Advent Sentence Daniel Ficarri / Stuart Robinson

Offertory hymn: 33 Of the Father's heart begotten (omit v 3 & 6)

During Communion: How far is it to Bethlehem? trad arr Chris Mahon

Final hymn: 185 Sing we of the blessed mother

Organ Voluntary: Fuga sopra il Magnificat J S Bach

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Eve**

4.00pm Crib Service

Led by Canon Judy Anderson

At our short, informal Crib Service we hear once again the familiar story of the birth of Jesus in the stable at Bethlehem, through readings and carols. Children are invited to come dressed as angels, shepherds or wise men so that those who wish can participate actively in the telling of the story.



**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December  
Christmas Eve**

10.00pm The First Eucharist of Christmas

President and Preacher: The Revd Nigel Worn

Setting: Missa Brevis in D K.194 W A Mozart

Carols: 35 O little town of Bethlehem (omit v 4)

42 (version 1) Silent night

Gospel Acclamations: Celtic Alleluia Walker / O'Carroll

24 It came upon the midnight clear (omit v 4)

During Communion: O magnum mysterium Malcolm Archer

18 Hark! the herald angels sing

Organ Voluntary: Acclamations Carolingiennes. Jean Langlais

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December**

**Christmas Day**

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Mark Hayter

Christmas Gloria Philip Ledger The Lincoln Setting Malcolm Archer

Carols: 32 O come all ye faithful (omit v 4 & 5);

6 Away in a manger; 37 Once in royal David's city

During Communion: Still, still, still German trad arr Mack Wilberg

14 God rest you merry, gentlemen (omit v 2 & 4)

Organ Voluntary: Sortie "Laissez paître vos bêtes" César Franck



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## Services during the week

There is no service of Holy Communion on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December or Friday 26<sup>th</sup> December.  
There will be a service of Holy Communion on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January at 10.00am.  
Friday 8.00am Holy Communion resumes on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

## For your prayers

As Advent leads us to Christmas, we reflect on the different way it will be celebrated in our linked diocese of Cueibet, South Sudan, and we pray for real peace therein.

A Christmas Prayer

Loving Jesus,

you were born in a stable but worshipped by the angels.

Be with all who are living in poverty or conflict

Be with all who are lonely or sad this Christmas

Be for us a living hope that lightens their hearts. Amen.



## Concert by Reed Tetzloff

A huge thank you to the New York pianist Reed Tetzloff who took time from his busy schedule to treat us to a wonderful concert of Romantic piano music on 13<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you, too, to Liz Gardiner who masterminded the event, and all who helped her with the organisation beforehand and on the day.

## Thank you for your generosity

The collection taken at the Carol Service, in aid of Welmar Hospicecare, amounted to £644.58. Thank you very much to all who contributed.

Thanks to your generosity in previous years, Christmas Cheer has been distributed to several local families in time for Christmas. We hope that these gifts of cash will enable them to have a more cheerful Christmas than they might otherwise have had.

## And thank you ...

... to all who have decorated the church so beautifully for Christmas. Thank you too to Stuart, Chris and the choir for the wonderful music at the Carol Service, and for their hard work in preparing music to enhance our worship over the Christmas period. And thank you to all those who have contributed in so many ways to the life of our church this Christmas.



**The Churchwardens and Lay Ministers of St John's  
wish you all a very happy Christmas**



## Next Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> December      The First Sunday of Christmas

9.30am      Benefice Communion at St John's

A shorter service with carols, led by the Revd Michael Camp

Carols: 41 See amid the winter's snow; 48 Unto us a boy is born; 22 In the bleak midwinter;

40 What child is this; 45 The first Nowell

## Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2026

## The Feast of the Epiphany

9.30am      All-Age Service

Led by Canon Judy Anderson