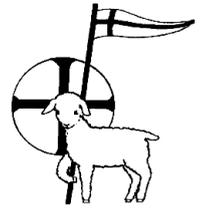


# St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

**The Baptism of Christ  
Plough Sunday**

## Today's Service

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Barry Blackford

Gloria (St Thomas Mass) *David Thorne*; Sanctus/Benedictus, Agnus Dei (A German Mass) *Franz Schubert*

Hymns: 52 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; Christ be our light (*words overleaf*)

Gospel Acclamation & Epiphany sentence *Daniel Ficarri / Stuart Robinson*

55 Hail to the Lord's anointed During Communion: A New Year Carol *Benjamin Britten*

Final hymn: 262 We plough the fields and scatter

Organ Voluntary: Final *Denis Bédard*

## Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January

4.00pm Service of Healing and Wholeness St Andrew's Chapel

Come to join us in the stillness, bringing with you any person or situation you wish to pray for that is near to your heart. All welcome!

## Other services during the week

Holy Communion is celebrated at 10.00am on Wednesdays (CW) and at 8.00am on Fridays (BCP) in St Andrew's Chapel. Do join us!

## Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January

## The Second Sunday of Epiphany

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Joanna Naish

6.00pm Choral Evensong

Led by Canon Judy Anderson

## Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January

## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

There will be an ecumenical service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at Sacred Heart RC Church on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January at 3.00pm, followed by tea and cake. The theme is Light from Light for Light. The service is adapted from the 'Sunrise Service', one of the daily prayer-hours of the Armenian Church, compiled by the theologian St Nerses. All very welcome – do come!

## In Memoriam

The funeral of Roger Tilley will take place at St George's Church, Fovant, at 11.00am on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January. Please pray for Julia at this time of loss.

## Advent Boxes

Thank you very much to those of you who took Advent boxes for the Salisbury Hospice Charity. If you have not yet done so, please would you bring your box back as soon as possible? We'd like to send our donation to the charity by the end of this month.

## PCC Meeting

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) meets on Wednesday 14 January at 7.00pm in the Hinton Hall

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## The Collect for the Baptism of Christ

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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 First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

## The Gradual Hymn: Christ be our light

1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.

*Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.*

2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has power to save us.  
Make us your living voice.

3 Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed.

4 Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
walls made of living stone.

5 Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
making your kingdom come.

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## The Gospel: Matthew 3.13-17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

## For your prayers

In our linked diocese of Cueibet, South Sudan, please pray for the whole Christian community as they begin the new year, and in particular for the School Committee as they oversee the latest stage of the new School building as it nears completion. Please pray too for former Bishop Elijah as he helps them and for Archbishop Alapayoh as he looks to the future leadership of the Diocese.

We pray for those parts of the world where there is conflict: Ukraine, the Holy Land, Sudan, Iran and many other regions. We pray for all affected by natural disasters, flood, drought and fire, and for all struggling with the current cold weather, asking God's protection for them.

As we advertise again for a Rector to lead the Upper Nadder Benefice, please pray that God will put it into the heart of the priest he would send to us to apply for the post.



## New year, new opportunities

Julie Dunstan, Licensed Lay Minister in the Upper Nadder Benefice, has a particular ministry in spirituality and spiritual direction. Beginning this month, Julie is offering opportunities for us to develop our shared spiritual life through two groups, both meeting monthly: *Soul Space: Exploring the Themes of the Church Year* and *Contemplative Prayer: Sacred Reading and Silence*. Details are on a separate sheet, available in church. Do please get in touch with Julie if you are interested.