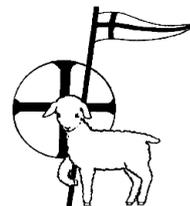


# St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

**The Second Sunday of Epiphany**  
**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

## Today's Services

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Joanna Naish

Setting: Mass of St Thomas *David Thorne*.

Hymns: 48 Bethlehem of noblest cities; 343 Bright the vision

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

56 Songs of thankfulness and praise (omit \* verses) During Communion: Listen sweet dove *Grayston Ives*

Final hymn: 49 Brightest and best of the sons of the morning

Organ Voluntary: Choral Song SS Wesley

6.00pm Choral Evensong

Led by Canon Judy Anderson

Music details are printed on the service sheet

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

3.00pm Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Sacred Heart



Do come to this ecumenical service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at Sacred Heart RC Church, followed by tea and cake. The theme is Light from Light for Light. The service is adapted, for use worldwide this week, from the 'Sunrise Service', one of the daily prayer-hours of the Armenian Church, compiled by the theologian St Nerses. All very 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 25<sup>th</sup> January

## The Conversion of St Paul

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Priest: The Revd Tim Hillier

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Sarah Wood-Roe, Chaplain to the Bishop of Salisbury

## In Memoriam

We were very sorry to hear of the death during the week of **Felicity Corp**. Please pray for her brother, John, as he mourns. Funeral details will be notified when known.

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.

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## The Collect for the Second Sunday of Epiphany

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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 Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 49.1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.' But I said, 'I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God.' And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength – he says, 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.' Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, 'Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.

## The Gospel: John 1.29-42

The next day John saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed. He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter.

## 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.

A prayer from the Church of England for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:

Heavenly Father,  
you have called us in the Body of your Son Jesus Christ  
to continue his work of reconciliation  
and reveal you to the world:  
forgive us the sins which tear us apart;  
give us the courage to overcome our fears  
and to seek that unity which is your gift and your will;  
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.



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.