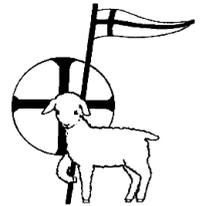


St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



Sunday 8th February 2026

The Second Sunday before Lent

Today's Service

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Mark Hayter

Setting: Mass of St Thomas *David Thorne*

Hymns: 377 Immortal, invisible, God only wise; 388 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

263 All creatures of our God and King (omit * verses)

During Communion: Christ has no body now but yours *David Ogden* Final Hymn: 466 Thou whose almighty word

Organ Voluntary: Dialogue sur les grands jeux *Nicolas de Grigny*

Wednesday 11th February

10.00am Holy Communion

President: The Revd Nigel Worn

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!

Next Sunday, 15th February

The Sunday next before Lent

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Canon Tony Monds

6.00pm Choral Evensong

Minister: Canon Judy Anderson

In Memoriam

The funeral of **Felicity Corp** will take place at St John's at 11.00am on Friday 27th February. Please pray for her brother, John, as he mourns.

Preparing for Lent: Saturday 14 February (online)

We were very sorry to have to cancel the planned Lent course in Tisbury. You may like to join the morning organised by the Church Times, in which several eminent speakers will participate and worship from St-Martin-in-the-Fields will be led by the Revd Richard Carter. Some of us have 'attended' the event in previous years and have found it very helpful in preparing ourselves to keep Lent. The cost is £15, or £10 for Church Times subscribers – why not get together with a friend or two for the morning? The event is a live broadcast, but if you book a place you can watch at a later date/time. You can find further details, including the programme, and book your place at:

<https://www.churchtimes.co.uk/with-all-your-heart-a-retreat-in-preparation-for-lent>

Lent Lunches – can you help?

The usual Lent Lunches will take place in Tisbury Methodist Church Hall on the five Wednesdays in Lent, beginning Wednesday 25 February, between 12 noon and 1.30pm. Proceeds to Naomi House and Jacksplace. St John's is responsible for the lunches on 25 February and 25 March. Trish would love to hear from anyone who is able to help, by making soup and/or by serving the lunch on the day. 25 February is particularly urgent – it is quite soon and at the moment Trish is on her own! Please contact Trish on 07765 226705 if you can help.

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The Collect for the Second Sunday before Lent

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. Amen.

The Old Testament Reading: Genesis 1.1 – 2.3

Today we have the opportunity to hear the whole of the first account of the Creation in the book of Genesis read to us in the context of our worship:

'In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters ...'

The Gospel: Matthew 6.25-34

Jesus said, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

'So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

For your prayers

In our linked diocese of Cueibet, South Sudan, we are asked to pray this month for the Anglican church school there, for the pupils and their teachers, giving thanks for the progress made in the new buildings and praying for suitable weather that they may finish the building before the rains. Please pray especially for the WBFM, the group pastoring new mothers in Cueibet, and the role they play in the worship of the diocese.

Please continue to pray for an end to wars and for peace throughout the world, praying for diplomatic solutions to be found that will bring harmony between nations.

A prayer for our government:

Guide, we beseech thee, O Lord, all those to whom is committed the government of this nation; grant them gifts of wisdom and understanding, of counsel and strength; that they may act wisely, upholding what is right, abhorring what is wrong, and performing that which is just, so that in all things thy will may be done.

As the wet weather continues, please pray for those in our village and the local area, in our country and throughout the world who are suffering the effects of flooding and other weather events.



Palm Crosses

Do you still have your palm cross from last year? If so, please could you bring it to church during February so that it can be burned and mixed with holy oil to form the ashes for Ash Wednesday? Thank you!

Work in church

The long-awaited replacement of the Lady Chapel ceiling, which collapsed in the 18th century, has begun. The work is expected to take around two months in total. We hope that having the ceiling in place will reduce draughts and improve the temperature in church during the colder months. You are welcome to access St Andrew's Chapel via the corner of the scaffolding closest to the pulpit – if you choose to go via the choir stalls, do please be careful of the several changes of level in the floor.