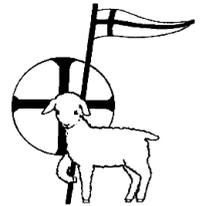


St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



Sunday 15th February 2026

The Sunday next before Lent

Today's Services

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Canon Tony Monds

Setting: The Lincoln setting *Malcolm Archer*

Hymns: 234 Christ whose glory fills the skies; 178 'Tis good, Lord, to be here; 271 Alleluia, sing to Jesus

During Communion: Christ has no body now but yours *David Ogden*

440 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation (omit * verses)

Organ Voluntary: Jésus, accepte la souffrance *Olivier Messiaen*

6.00pm Choral Evensong

Minister: Canon Judy Anderson

Music details are printed on the separate service sheet

Wednesday 18th February - Ash Wednesday

10.00am Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes

President: The Revd Nigel Worn

Do come to this quiet service in St Andrew's Chapel, which marks the beginning of our Lent observance.

There is also a service of Holy Communion for Ash Wednesday at St John the Baptist, Hindon, at 6.00pm

Next Sunday, 22nd February

The First Sunday of Lent

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Priest: The Revd Dr Ruth Howlett-Shiple (Rural Dean)

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Joanna Percival

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.

Palm Crosses

Urgent request for palm crosses from last year! We have received very few so far. These will be burned in the next couple of days to form the ash for the service this coming Wednesday. If you still have your cross from last year, please would you bring it to church by Monday 16th at the latest? Thank you very much!

Lent Lunches

The usual Lent Lunches, with delicious home-made soup, 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. The lunches are provided and served by members of the three Tisbury churches. Do make a note in your diary and plan to come to as many of the lunches as you can. Why not bring a friend?

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The Collect for the Sunday next before Lent

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; 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: Exodus 24.12-18

The Lord said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.' So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.'

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

The Gospel: Matthew 17.1-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

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.

A prayer from the Archbishop of York for peace in the world:

Almighty God,
from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed:
kindle, we pray, in the hearts of all, the true love of peace
and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom
those who take counsel for the nations of the earth
that in tranquillity your kingdom may go forward,
till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love;
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.



In our own benefice, please continue to pray that God will put it into the heart of the priest he would send to lead us to apply for the post of Rector.