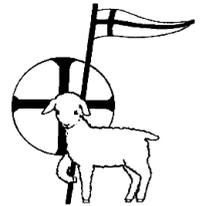


St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



Sunday 22nd February 2026

The First Sunday of Lent

Today's Services

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

Setting: The Brecon Service *Philip Moore*

Hymns: 67 Forty days and forty nights; 70 Lord Jesus, think on me

Gospel Acclamation & Sentence for Lent *Stuart Robinson*

383 Jesu, lover of my soul (omit v 3) During Communion: The Lent Prose *plainsong*

368 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

Organ Voluntary: Aus der Tiefe *John Marsh*

Next Sunday, 1st March

The Second Sunday of Lent

9.30am All-Age Service

Led by Canon Judy Anderson

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.

During the season of Lent, we pray for God's help to recognize our sins and turn our hearts toward him in genuine repentance. We pray for the strength to make amends and grow in grace. We pray that God will open our hearts to the needs of others, and that we may reflect his love and compassion in our actions, serving those who are suffering or in need.



Friday 27th February at 11.00am

Funeral of Felicity Corp

All who knew Felicity are very welcome to come to the funeral. The funeral will be followed by a private cremation on Monday morning. Please pray for Felicity's brother, John, as he mourns.

Wednesday 25th February 12 noon-1.30pm: Lent Lunch



The usual Lent Lunches, with delicious home-made soup, take place between 12 noon and 1.30pm in Tisbury Methodist Church Hall on the five Wednesdays in Lent, beginning this Wednesday. Proceeds to Naomi House and Jacksplace. The lunches are provided and served by members of the three Tisbury churches – this week it is the turn of St John's. Do come – and why not bring a friend?

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The Collect for the First Sunday of Lent

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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: Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die."' But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

The Gospel: Matthew 4.1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written,

"One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

"He will command his angels concerning you",
and "On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."

Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."'

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

"Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him."

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Lent Boxes

Our Lent boxes this year are for Alabaré, which seeks to break the cycle of homelessness. For information about the charity, please visit <https://alabare.co.uk>

Do please take a box and bring it back, with your donation, after Easter.

