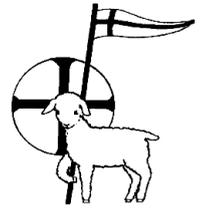


St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



Sunday 1st March 2026

The Second Sunday of Lent

Today's Service

9.30am All-Age Service

Led by Canon Judy Anderson

We read the story of Nicodemus and explore the idea of being born again. The children will be invited to help with preparations for the Starfest / Mothering Sunday service in two weeks' time.

Next Sunday, 8th March

The Third Sunday of Lent

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Michael Camp

Sunday 15th March

Mothering Sunday



9.30am StarFest Service for Mothering Sunday

Led by Canon Judy Anderson

A special service, suitable for all ages, combining the theme of Starfest with the traditional celebration of Mothering Sunday. Children will be invited to make something for their mothers or carers. Do come!



This will be a non-Eucharistic service. There will be an All-Age Communion service at St Peter, Swallowcliffe, at 11.15am.

Choral Evensong at 6.00pm will also have a StarFest theme – details next week

For your prayers

Prayers for our linked diocese of Cueibet, South Sudan, during Lent:

Dear Lord, help us to support the work of the Christian leaders in South Sudan with prayer. Give strength in humility to Archbishops Justin Badi and Alapayo Kuctiel, and may they soon send a new Bishop to guide your flock in Cueibet Diocese. We thank you, Lord, for the work of the Mathetes trust in training new Sunday School teachers, and for the Mothers Union: may they grow in love for your people, and during these forty days they may follow in Jesus' footsteps and know his power to save.

With the attack by Israel and the US on Iran, please pray for the situation there. Please continue to pray for all the war-torn countries and regions of the world, Ukraine, Gaza & the West Bank, Sudan, Pakistan & Afghanistan and any other places on your heart. Please pray for diplomatic solutions to be found that will bring harmony between nations.



Wednesday 4th March 12 noon-1.30pm: Lent Lunch

The 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. Proceeds to Naomi House and Jackspace. The lunches are provided and served by members of the three Tisbury churches. Do come – and why not bring a friend?

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The Collect for the Second Sunday of Lent

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Reading: John 3.1-8

There was a Jewish leader named Nicodemus, who belonged to the party of the Pharisees. One night he went to Jesus and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher sent by God. No one could perform the miracles you are doing unless God were with him."

Jesus answered, "I am telling you the truth: no one can see the Kingdom of God without being born again." "How can a grown man be born again?" Nicodemus asked. "He certainly cannot enter his mother's womb and be born a second time!"

"I am telling you the truth," replied Jesus, "that no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit. A person is born physically of human parents, but is born spiritually of the Spirit. Do not be surprised because I tell you that you must all be born again. The wind blows wherever it wishes; you hear the sound it makes, but you do not know where it comes from or where it is going. It is like that with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

Hymn: There is a green hill far away

1 There is a green hill far away,
Without a city wall,
Where the dear Lord was crucified
Who died to save us all.

2 We may not know, we cannot tell
What pains he had to bear,
But we believe it was for us
He hung and suffered there.

3 He died that we might be forgiven,
He died to make us good;
That we might go at last to heaven,
Saved by his precious blood.

4 There was no other good enough
To pay the price of sin;
He only could unlock the gate
Of heaven, and let us in.

5 O dearly, dearly has he loved,
And we must love him too,
And trust in his redeeming blood,
And try his works to do.

Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895)

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.

