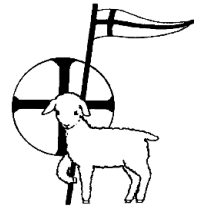


St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



Sunday 15th March 2026

Mothering Sunday

Today's Services



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 are invited to make a gift for their mothers or carers during the service, and posies will be distributed. Do stay for refreshments after the service!



6.00pm Choral Evensong for StarFest

Led by Canon Judy Anderson

Our monthly service of Choral Evensong features music celebrating the stars and the sky.

Next Sunday, 22nd March

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Priest: The Revd Mark Hayter

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Mark Hayter

In Memoriam

We were sorry to hear of the death of **Pat Ost** early last week. There will be a funeral service for Pat at St John's - details will be notified when finalised. Please pray for Pat's family at this time of loss.



Wednesday 18th March 12 noon-1.30pm: Lent Lunch

The Lent Lunches, with delicious home-made soup, continue 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?

Palm Sunday Procession – Sunday 29th March

We'd love to hear from anyone who would like to take part in the dramatised reading of the Passion Narrative during the Palm Sunday procession which follows the Parish Communion service. Please contact Judy (details below), as soon as possible, in order to enable casting. We're looking for people to read both solo and group parts. There will be a short rehearsal at 5.00pm on 28th March.

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>

It's not too late to take a box, if you haven't already - please bring it back, with your donation, after Easter.



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The Collect for Mothering Sunday

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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 First Reading: Psalm 8

O Lord our governor, how glorious is your name in all the world!
Your majesty above the heavens is praised out of the mouths of babes at the breast.
You have founded a stronghold against your foes, that you might still the enemy and the avenger.
When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have ordained,
What are mortals, that you should be mindful of them;
mere human beings, that you should seek them out?
You have made them little lower than the angels and crown them with glory and honour.
You have given them dominion over the works of your hands and put all things under their feet,
All sheep and oxen, even the wild beasts of the field,
The birds of the air, the fish of the sea and whatsoever moves in the paths of the sea.
O Lord our governor, how glorious is your name in all the world!

The Second Reading: Luke 2:41-52a

Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom. After the festival was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. Thinking he was in their company, they travelled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, 'Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you.'

'Why were you searching for me?' he asked. 'Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand what he was saying to them.

Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart.

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.



Please continue to pray for peace in the Middle East.

A prayer for Mothering Sunday from the Church of England:

Loving God, Thank you for mothers and children and for all the joy of family life. Be with those who are grieving because they have no mother; Be close to those who are struggling because they have no children; Be near to those who are sad because they are far apart from those they love. Let your love be present in every home, And help your church to have eyes to see and ears to hear the needs of all who come.