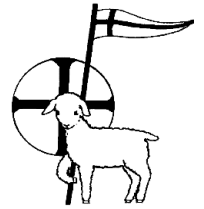


St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



Sunday 5th April 2026

Easter Day



Today's Service

9.30am Easter Parish Communion

Priest: The Revd Nigel Worn

Gloria *Peruvian* Sanctus, Agnus Dei: Missa Sancti Johannis de Deo *Haydn*

Introit: This joyful Eastertide *Dutch trad arr Charles Wood.*

Hymns: 110 Jesus Christ is risen today; 115 Now the green blade riseth

Easter Alleluia and Gospel Acclamation *Stuart Robinson*

Hymn 103 Alleluia, alleluia, hearts to heaven and voices raise

During Communion: Ave verum corpus *W A Mozart*

After the Post-Communion Collect, we follow the procession outside the church, for the blessing of the Easter Garden. Our final hymn, sung in the churchyard, is 120 Thine be the glory. After the Dismissal, the choir return to the church and the service ends with the rousing Hallelujah Chorus (from Messiah) by G F Handel.

Following the service, there will be an Easter Egg hunt in the churchyard for the children; we ask that all children are accompanied by a parent, carer or other responsible adult.

Do stay for refreshments, served in the churchyard, or if the weather is not good, in church near the Lady Chapel.

Wednesday 8th April

10.00am Holy Communion

President: The Revd Tina Fox

Next Sunday, 12th April

The Second Sunday of Easter

9.30am Parish Communion

Priest: The Revd Mark Hayter

Wednesday 15th April

10.00am Holy Communion

President: The Revd Mark Hayter

4.00pm Service of Healing and Wholeness St Andrew's Chapel

Please note that, because the second Wednesday of April falls during Easter week, the healing service has moved for this month only to the third Wednesday, 15th April. Do 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!

In Memoriam

A service of Thanksgiving for the life of **Alan Dickins** will be held at St John's **this Friday, 10th April**, at 12 noon. All who knew Alan are very welcome. Please pray for Polly and all the family at this time of loss.

Thank you!

Thank you very much to Trish and her team for the wonderful floral arrangements in church for our Easter Day service, and for the Easter Garden which is such an effective witness to all who pass. Thank you to Nigel who has again made the tomb as a focal point in the Garden, and to all who provided flowering plants for the Garden.

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The Collect for Easter Day

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. Amen.

The New Testament Reading: Acts 10.34-43

Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

The Gospel: John 20.1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

For your prayers

In our linked diocese of Cueibet, South Sudan, we are asked to pray this month that the celebration of Easter there will bring new hope and new disciples.

An Easter prayer from Churches Together in England:

Lord of life, as Easter dawns we give you thanks: that light has overcome evil, that love has triumphed over death, and that in Christ a new creation has begun. Yet we bring before you a world still marked by suffering, by war and division, by grief, fear, and injustice. Hold in your mercy all who suffer, and make us instruments of your peace. Risen Christ, as you passed through death into life, draw us also into that new life: that we may live not for ourselves, but in hope, courage, and love – bearing witness to your resurrection in all we do. May the joy of Easter strengthen us, the hope of Easter sustain us, and the life of Easter transform us, until all things are made new in you.



Church Electoral Roll

If you would like your name to be added to the church Electoral Roll, please complete the form which is available in church, and return it to Trish Liddiard, our Electoral Roll Officer. The list of names currently on the Roll is displayed in the porch - if your name is already there, there is no need to fill in a form. Those on the Electoral Roll are entitled to vote at the church Annual Meetings, to be held on Sunday 3rd May at 10.45am.

Farewell ...

We congratulate the Rt Revd Andrew Rumsey, Bishop of Ramsbury, on his appointment as Bishop of St Albans. He will be a wonderful Diocesan Bishop, but we shall miss him hugely here in Wiltshire. We pray for him as he prepares for his move.

Everyone is welcome to join Bishop Andrew's farewell at Evensong in Salisbury Cathedral at 5.30pm on 30 April.