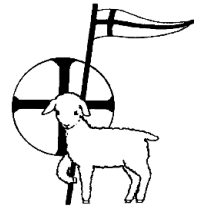


St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

reflecting Jesus Christ



Sunday 12th April 2026

The Second Sunday of Easter

Today's Service

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Mark Hayter

Setting: Mass of St Thomas *David Thorne*.

Hymns: 118 The Lord is risen indeed; 113 Love's redeeming work is done; 375 Lord of the dance

During Communion: 102 A brighter dawn is breaking; Final hymn: 112 Jesus lives!

Wednesday 15th April

10.00am Holy Communion

President: The Revd Mark Hayter

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

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!

Next Sunday, 19th April

The Third Sunday of Easter

9.30am Parish Communion

President and Preacher: The Revd Michael Camp

6.00pm Choral Evensong

Led by the Revd Mark Hayter

For your prayers

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

Please pray that all countries and regions which are suffering violence and injustice will, in due course, find peace and reconciliation. Please pray that the leaders of all nations will uphold what is right and good and seek to serve all their people. Please pray for all organisations and individuals who seek to bring peace in places that are suffering violence, war and terrorism.

As we read this Sunday of Thomas and his inability to believe in the resurrection unless he saw Jesus for himself, we pray for all who are experiencing doubt, asking that their faith will be strengthened and their doubts overcome.



In Memoriam

We were sorry to hear of the death on Tuesday of **Elspeth Hulme**. Her funeral will take place in the Surrey village where she lived for many years before moving to Tisbury. Please pray for Juliette and all Elspeth's 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 beautiful 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 the Second Sunday of Easter

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The New Testament Reading: Acts 2.14a, 22-32

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

"I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover, my flesh will live in hope.
For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One experience corruption.
You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence."

'Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

"He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption."

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

The Gospel: John 20.19-end

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.'²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.²¹ Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin^[a]), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.²⁵ So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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.