

## NOTICES

**Sunday 10th October**  
9.45am Calstone Lay Led Morning Worship  
6.00pm Cherhill Informal Evening Worship  
11.15am Compton Bassett Harvest Service  
11.15am Heddington Harvest Service  
9.45am Yatesbury Harvest Service

**Sunday 17th October**  
9.45am Calstone Morning Prayer  
10.00am Cherhill Holy Communion  
11.15am Compton Bassett Holy Communion  
5.30pm Heddington Evensong  
(Congregational rehearsal at 4.30pm)

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION Benefice Office

**The old telephone number will soon be discontinued.**  
**Lorraine can be contacted on**  
**01249 815198**

#### Contact details

**Administrator:** Lorraine Stewart 01249 815198

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Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9.00am to 3.00pm

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**The office cannot be contacted on the original telephone number**

**PLEASE SEE NOTICE ABOVE**

**Rector:** Rev Matthew Earwicker, 01249 821329 [mattearwicker@gmail.com](mailto:mattearwicker@gmail.com)

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(Work days Thursday, Friday, Sunday)

You will find contact details for the churchwardens in the Villages magazine.

**Sunday 10th October 2021**  
**19th Sunday after Trinity**  
**Revelation 11.1-14, John 15.18-27**  
**Revelation part 6**  
**Sticking out like a sore thumb**



**Next Sunday**  
**17th October**  
**20th After Trinity**  
**Hebrews 5.1-10,**  
**Mark 10.35-45**  
**Chosen by God to**  
**serve**

Faithful Lord,  
whose steadfast love never ceases  
and whose mercies never come to an end:  
grant us the grace to trust you  
and to receive the gifts of your love,  
new every morning,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### Staying safe at services COVID-19

It is no longer a legal requirement to keep most of the rules regarding social distancing. However, in order to keep each other safe, we would be grateful if you could follow these guidelines as much as possible. There may be an area in each church specifically for those who wish to keep their distance for the time being - please ask the person who welcomed you.



Wash your hands before and after coming to church, and use sanitiser when you enter the church building



Please ask before sitting close to someone else - they might prefer to keep their distance for now.



You no longer need to wear a face covering, but doing so will protect others, you will be asked to put one on to sing.



Not everyone will want to hug or even shake hands - be sensitive, please.



Please follow the instructions of the wardens at all time, especially if going forward for communion



Enjoy a chat, but please do so in the fresh air where possible

**Children** are always welcome in our churches, but unfortunately, we cannot provide toys or books at this time.

**A loop system** may be provided in this church. Please ask or check by switching your hearing aid to the "T" position.

## **Readings:**

### **New Testament Reading: Revelation 11:1-13 NIV**

I was given a reed like a measuring rod and was told, "Go and measure the temple of God and the altar, with its worshipers. But exclude the outer court; do not measure it, because it has been given to the Gentiles. They will trample on the holy city for 42 months. And I will appoint my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth." They are "the two olive trees" and the two lampstands, and "they stand before the Lord of the earth." If anyone tries to harm them, fire comes from their mouths and devours their enemies. This is how anyone who wants to harm them must die. They have power to shut up the heavens so that it will not rain during the time they are prophesying; and they have power to turn the waters into blood and to strike the earth with every kind of plague as often as they want.

Now when they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up from the Abyss will attack them and overpower and kill them. Their bodies will lie in the public square of the great city—which is figuratively called Sodom and Egypt—where also their Lord was crucified. For three and a half days some from every people, tribe, language and nation will gaze on their bodies and refuse them burial. The inhabitants of the earth will gloat over them and will celebrate by sending each other gifts, because these two prophets had tormented those who live on the earth.

But after the three and a half days the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and terror struck those who saw them. Then they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." And they went up to heaven in a cloud, while their enemies looked on.

### **Gospel Reading: John 15:18-27 NIV**

"If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you.

Remember what I told you: 'A servant is not greater than his master. If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also. If they obeyed my teaching, they will obey yours also. They will treat you this way because of my name, for they do not know the one who sent me. If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not be guilty of sin; but now they have no excuse for their sin.

Whoever hates me hates my Father as well. If I had not done among them the works no one else did, they would not be guilty of sin. As it is, they have seen, and yet they have hated both me and my Father. But this is to fulfil what is written in their Law: 'They hated me without reason.'

"When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me. And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.

#### **Questions from Matt**

**1. Have you ever stood out from everyone else because of your Christian faith?**

**2. How different should Christians be from those around them?**