

NOTICES

Sunday 12th December

9.45am Calstone Holy Communion

10.00am Cherhill Baptism

11.15am Compton Bassett Morning Worship

6.00pm Heddington Nine Lessons and Carols

Sunday 19th December

3.00pm Calstone Nine Lessons and Carols

6.00pm Cherhill Carol Service

4.00pm Compton Bassett Carols and Crib

11.15am Heddington Morning Worship

Oldbury Community Fund

As a reminder, this fund was set up to assist people in our benefice, who may be having financial difficulties. If you, or anyone you know within our group of churches, that could benefit from some help, please contact either: Rev'd Matt on 01249 821329 or Rev'd Linda Dytham on – 01380 859571

All matters will be kept confidential.

Contact details

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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 use number shown above

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Associate Priest: Rev Linda Dytham, 01380 859571

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

Sunday 12th December 2021

3rd Sunday of Advent

Philippians 4.4-7, Luke 3.7-18

John the Baptist

The Lord is near



**Next Sunday
19th December
4th Sunday of Advent**

**Mary
The return of the King**

God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist
to prepare the way of your Son:
give us courage to speak the truth,
to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right,
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

Following the latest news and a desire to keep everyone safe and able to visit family and friends this Christmas, we have decided to reintroduce the following measures:

Please wear a face mask at all our services through December.

Please consider taking a (free and easy) lateral flow test before attending one of the larger events. These can be ordered online or collected from a pharmacy.

Do dress up warm; if the numbers are high or we are singing a number of songs we will probably want to open the doors for ventilation.

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.

Reading New Testament: Philippians 4.4-7 NIV

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Reading: Luke 3:7-18 NIV

John said to the crowds coming out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. The axe is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.”

“What should we do then?” the crowd asked.

John answered, “Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same.”

Even tax collectors came to be baptized. “Teacher,” they asked, “what should we do?”

“Don't collect any more than you are required to,” he told them.

Then some soldiers asked him, “And what should we do?”

He replied, “Don't extort money and don't accuse people falsely-be content with your pay.”

The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. John answered them all, “I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.” And with many other words John exhorted the people and proclaimed the good news to them.

**Monday Coffee Morning – Heddington church
(term time only), please note the new time
10.00am - 11.30am All welcome
Our last coffee morning before the Christmas
holidays will be on Monday 20th December,
when we will also be drawing the raffle**

Lorraine's holiday, the office will be closed on :

Thursday 16th December

Christmas Services Across the Benefice					
	28th November	12th December	19th December	24th December Christmas Eve	25th December Christmas Day
CALSTONE	Darkness to Light 6.00pm		3.00pm Nine Lessons and Carols		9.45am Christmas Day Communion
CHERHILL			6.00pm Carol Service	5.30pm Crib Service 11.30pm Midnight Communion	9.30am Christmas Day Communion
COMPTON BASSETT			4.00pm Carols and Crib		10.45am Christmas Day Communion
HEDDINGTON		6.00pm Nine Lessons and Carols		5.00pm Crib Service 9.30pm Midnight Communion	10.00am Christmas Day Communion
YATESBURY				4.00pm Christmas Service and Carols	

**Please see the website or the Villages magazine
for normal services in December**