

NOTICES

Sunday service links shown below

Via Benefice Website

<https://www.oldburybenefice.org.uk/video-category/latest-services>

Via You Tube <https://tinyurl.com/oldbury-youtube-channel>

Coffee Zoom meeting each Sunday morning at 11.30.

Everyone is welcome to join us and catch up with familiar faces.

We will send a new link out each week, (see below)

Please pass this info round to anyone you know who would like to join us for a friendly chat and get together!

Look forward to seeing you

Blessings Linda x

Click on the link below or type it into your web browser or search engine. If you have zoom installed on your computer, it will either open automatically, or ask you if you want to open zoom - you do, so click on "Allow".

You also need to tell it to "Use Internet Audio" if you want us to be able to hear you! If you have any further questions, someone will be able to help you

<https://tinyurl.com/oldbury-zoom-14feb>

Ash Wednesday Service

17th February

1.00pm, All Saints Church Yatesbury,

There is no pressure to attend,

The service will also be recorded and made available online so, people can stay at home if they wish.

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

Sunday 14th February 2021

2 Kings 2.1-12, Mark 9.2-9

Sunday next before Lent Mountaintop experiences of God

Holy God,
you know the disorder of our sinful lives:
set straight our crooked hearts,
and bend our wills to love your goodness
and your glory
in Jesus Christ our Lord



Ash Wednesday
17th February

Next Sunday
21st February

Lent 1
Signs and promises.

Staying safe at services COVID-19

We are excited to be able to welcome you back into our churches, but we want to make sure that no one is at risk in doing so. We will do our best to keep you safe, but you can help us by following these simple rules:



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



Keep 2m apart wherever possible



Please wear a face covering unless you are exempt - you will be protecting others



Please do not shake hands or hug, either during the service or afterwards



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



Please do not arrive very early or hang around for long after the service

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:

Gospel Reading: Mark 9.2-9 (NIV)

After six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.)

Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!"

Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Old Testament Reading: 2 Kings 2.1-12

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; the LORD has sent me to Bethel."

But Elisha said, "As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel.

The company of the prophets at Bethel came out to Elisha and asked, "Do you know that the LORD is going to take your master from you today?"

"Yes, I know," Elisha replied, "so be quiet."

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here, Elisha; the LORD has sent me to Jericho."

And he replied, "As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So they went to Jericho.

The company of the prophets at Jericho went up to Elisha and asked him, "Do you know that the LORD is going to take your master from you today?"

"Yes, I know," he replied, "so be quiet."

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; the LORD has sent me to the Jordan."

And he replied, "As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So the two of them walked on.

Fifty men from the company of the prophets went and stood at a distance, facing the place where Elijah and Elisha had stopped at the Jordan. Elijah

took his cloak, rolled it up and struck the water with it. The water divided to the right and to the left, and the two of them crossed over on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?"

"Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit," Elisha replied.

"You have asked a difficult thing," Elijah said, "yet if you see me when I am taken from you, it will be yours—otherwise, it will not."

As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. Elisha saw this and cried out, "My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!" And Elisha saw him no more. Then he took hold of his garment and tore it in two.

Questions from Linda

Q1 Have you ever had a 'mountain -top ' experience that you would like to share?

Q2 How do you think the Transfiguration helped / changed the disciples who witnessed this amazing event and does that help us in our relationship with Jesus.....or are you a little wary of what it might lead to?

PLEASE NOTE

There will be no ZOOM Wednesday coffee morning this week

(17th February)