

NOTICES

Services

Sunday 16th May

9.45am Calstone Morning Worship, join by zoom:

<https://tinyurl.com/oldbury-mw-16may>

11.15am Cherhill Morning Worship

9.45am Yatesbury Holy Communion

You can also join by phone:

0208 080 6591 or 0208 080 6592

Meeting ID 872 8603 3019 Passcode 557763

Sunday 23rd May

9.45am Calstone Morning Worship

11.15am Cherhill Holy Communion

10.00am Compton Bassett Holy Communion

11.15am Heddington Matins, join by zoom:

<https://tinyurl.com/oldbury-matins-23may>

If you prefer to join using your phone, you can call one of the following numbers:

0208 080 6591 or 0208 080 6592

Meeting ID: 818 5569 0948

Passcode: 770300

Please see notice on the inside page for updates on Coffee Mornings etc.

Contact details

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Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9.00am to 3.00pm

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

Sunday 16th May 2021

Acts 1.15-17,21-26

John 17.6-19

7th Sunday of Easter

Appointed by God

Risen, ascended Lord,
as we rejoice at your triumph,
fill your Church on earth with
power and compassion,
that all who are estranged by sin
may find forgiveness and know your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.



Next Sunday
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Pentecost
The birth of the
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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: John 17:6-19 NIV

“I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them.

I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled.

“I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world.

My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

New Testament Reading: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 NIV

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty) and said,

“Brothers and sisters, the Scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through David concerning Judas, who served as guide for those who arrested Jesus. He was one of our number and shared in our ministry.”

Questions from Matt

Q1 If you could ask Jesus for help with one thing you find particularly hard following him, what would it be?

Q2 We have so much experience of following Jesus between us. What one piece of advice would you most like to pass on to the next generation?

If you have answers to either or both questions you would like to share, please email them to me - I'd love to hear your views.

Questions from Linda

Q1 Jesus talks about a Oneness with his Father: v11. “so they may be one as we are one” In what ways are we ‘one’ despite all being different?

Q2 How does that ‘oneness’ contribute to our witness in the world?

Reading continued

Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus was living among us, beginning from John’s baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection.” So they nominated two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias. Then they prayed, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs.” Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles.

As services are now back in our churches and most people are now able to meet up with friends or family, we have decided to suspend our Sunday morning coffee meetings via zoom. However, we do have the following opportunities to gather with others outside those times. Please get in touch with Matt, Linda or Lorraine for more information:

Monday mornings coffee morning at Heddington Church
Wednesdays at 2pm on zoom chat with Matt and others about Sunday’s topic (from 9th June)
Every other Thursday evening, ABBA Bible study via zoom