

NOTICES

Services

Sunday 18th April

9.45am Calstone Morning Worship, link to join by zoom:

<https://tinyurl.com/oldbury-mw-18apr>

Followed by APCM, in the church at 10.45am.

11.15am Compton Bassett Morning Worship

A pre-recorded service of informal morning worship

<https://youtu.be/ZVNeurtmg3A>

Next Sunday 25th April

9.45am Calstone Holy Communion

10.00am Cherhill Holy Communion

11.15am Heddington Matins - link to join by zoom:

<https://tinyurl.com/oldbury-matins-25apr>

Followed by APCM

Both the Sunday and Wednesday Coffee Mornings

normally available on ZOOM are currently paused and will restart on:

Sunday 25th April – timing to be changed to 12.15pm

Wednesday 28th April

Links will be posted on next weeks' notice sheet.

Contact details

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

Sunday 18th April 2021

Acts 3.12-19, Luke 24.36b-48

3rd Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ,
you filled your disciples with boldness and
fresh hope:
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life
and fill us with your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.



Next Sunday

25th April

4th Sunday of Easter

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



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: Luke 24:36-48 (NIV)

While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have."

When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate it in their presence.

He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

New Testament Reading: Acts 3:12-19 (NIV)

When Peter saw this, he said to them:

"Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus.

You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see.

Questions from Matt

Q1 What would you say to someone who felt they'd messed things up so much that it was hopeless?

Q2 Do you have any advice for people struggling to forgive someone else?

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. How seriously do we take regular repentance? Everyday or more just necessary for the bigger issues?

Q2. In what ways would you say you are living 'the risen life'?

Reading continued

"Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer. Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.