

NOTICES

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

Sunday 26th December

10.30am Cherhill Benefice Communion

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

Administrator: Lorraine Stewart 01249 815198

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Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9.00am to 3.00pm

Benefice Office: 8 Court Farm Stables, Heddington, SN11 0PN

The office cannot be contacted on the original telephone number

PLEASE use number shown above

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(Day off - Friday)

Associate Priest: Rev Linda Dytham, 01380 859571

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(Work days Thursday, Friday, Sunday)

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

19th December
4th Sunday of Advent
Mary
The return of the King

Eternal God,
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,
so we wait for his coming in glory;
bring us through the birth pangs of this
present age
to see, with her, our great salvation
in Jesus Christ our Lord.



Next Sunday
26th December
St Stephen

A true hero

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: Micah 5:2-5a NIV

“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clan of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.”

Therefore Israel will be abandoned until the time when she who is in labour bears a son and the rest of his brothers return to join the Israelites. He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth. And he will be our peace when the Assyrians invade our land and march through our fortresses. We will raise against them seven shepherds,

Gospel Reading: Luke 1:39-55 NIV

At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. In a loud voice she exclaimed: “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!”

And Mary said:
 “My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me -- holy is his name. His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation. He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful to Abraham and his descendants forever, just as he promised our ancestors.”

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

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