

NOTICES

Sunday 19th September
9.45am Calstone Morning Worship
10.00am Cherhill Lay Led Morning Worship
11.15am Heddington Holy Communion will be streamed live via Youtube. If you want to follow it live, check our website: <https://www.oldburybenefice.org.uk/video-category/latest-services>
or go straight to our youtube channel (you don't need to log in): <http://tinyurl.com/oldbury-youtube-channel>
Or just open the Youtube app on your device and look for "Oldbury Benefice"
9.45am Yatesbury Holy Communion

Sunday 26th September
9.45am Calstone Harvest
10.00am Cherhill Harvest
11.15am Compton Bassett Holy Communion
11.15am Heddington Morning Worship

The Monday Coffee Morning has restarted at Heddington church, from 9.00am to 10.30am SCHOOL TERM ONLY

ABBA Bible study has restarted, meeting every 2 weeks on a Thursday evening, next date 30th September 7.30pm to 9.00pm via ZOOM

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

Sunday 19th September 2021
16th Sunday after Trinity
Revelation 4.1-11, Matthew 27.50-54
Endings- Revelation part 3-
God's throne room



Lord of creation,
whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with reverence
and know your peace at our lives' end,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Next Sunday
26th September
17th Sunday after
Trinity
Endings –
Revelation part 4-
A world of
suffering

Staying safe at services COVID-19

It is no longer a legal requirement to keep most of the rules regarding social distancing. However, in order to keep each other safe, we would be grateful if you could follow these guidelines as much as possible. There may be an area in each church specifically for those who wish to keep their distance for the time being - please ask the person who welcomed you.



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



Please ask before sitting close to someone else – they might prefer to keep their distance for now.



You no longer need to wear a face covering, but doing so will protect others, you will be asked to put one on to sing.



Not everyone will want to hug or even shake hands – be sensitive, please.



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



Enjoy a chat, but please do so in the fresh air where possible

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:

New Testament Reading: Revelation 4.1-11 NIV

After this I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this."

At once I was in the Spirit, and there before me was a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it. And the one who sat there had the appearance of jasper and ruby. A rainbow that shone like an emerald encircled the throne. Surrounding the throne were twenty-four other thrones and seated on them were twenty-four elders. They were dressed in white and had crowns of gold on their heads. From the throne came flashes of lightning, rumblings and peals of thunder. In front of the throne, seven lamps were blazing. These are the seven spirits of God. Also, in front of the throne there was what looked like a sea of glass, clear as crystal.

In the centre, around the throne, were four living creatures, and they were covered with eyes, in front and in back. The first living creature was like a lion, the second was like an ox, the third had a face like a man, the fourth was like a flying eagle. Each of the four living creatures had six wings and was covered with eyes all around, even under its wings. Day and night they never stop saying:

"Holy, holy, holy
is the Lord God Almighty,
who was, and is, and is to come."

Whenever the living creatures give glory, honour and thanks to him who sits on the throne and who lives for ever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before him who sits on the throne and worship him who lives for ever and ever. They lay their crowns before the throne and say:

"You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being."

Gospel Reading: Matthew 27.50-54 NIV

And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.

The earth shook, the rocks split and the tombs broke open. The bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. They came out of the tombs after Jesus' resurrection and went into the holy city and appeared to many people.

When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, "Surely he was the Son of God!"

Questions from Matt

- 1. What image first comes to mind when you think of heaven?**
- 2 Can you remember a time an experience lifted you above the everyday? How does it feel to think that meeting God will be even more special than that?**
- 3 How do you relate to the image of heaven as God's home?**

An update from Rev'd Linda

Dear everyone

I am progressing slowly with just a couple more weeks with no weight bearing on my leg, then hopefully after my next hospital visit on 27th I will be able to be a bit more mobile.

At the moment I am staying with family in Cambridge and being very well looked after but it will be nice to get home again.

Linda x