

NOTICES

Sunday 1st August

10.30am Calstone Benefice 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"

Sunday 8th August

9.45am Calstone Lay Led Morning Worship

10.30am Compton Bassett Holy Communion

August Services

During the rest of August, there will be a Benefice service each week, in a different church each time.

This is to do with holidays rather than any major change in direction.

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 1st August 2021
9th Sunday after Trinity
Revelation 2.1-7, John 21.15-19
Endings - Revelation Part 2
– holding true to your first love



Gracious Father,
revive your Church in our day,
and make her holy, strong and faithful,
for your glory's sake
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Next Sunday
8th August
10th Sunday after
Trinity
Food from Heaven

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 2.1-7 NIV

“To the angel of the church in Ephesus write:

These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand and walks among the seven golden lampstands. I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked people, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not and have found them false. You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name and have not grown weary.

Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first. Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place. But you have this in your favour: You hate the practices of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.

Gospel Reading: John 21:15-19 NIV

When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?”

“Yes, Lord,” he said, “you know that I love you.”

Jesus said, “Feed my lambs.”

Again Jesus said, “Simon son of John, do you love me?”

He answered, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.”

Jesus said, “Take care of my sheep.”

The third time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?”

Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, “Do you love me?” He said, “Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.”

Jesus said, “Feed my sheep. Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go.” Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God.

Then he said to him, “Follow me!”