

NOTICES

Sunday 21st December

9.45 Calstone: Morning Worship
6.00pm Cherhill: Carols
4.00pm Compton Bassett: Carols
11.15 Heddington: Holy Communion

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| Monday 22nd December | 10.00 Heddington Coffee Morning |
| Thursday 24 th December Christmas Eve | 4.00pm Yatesbury: Carols 5.00pm Heddington: Crib Service 5.30pm Cherhill: Crib Service 9.00pm Heddington: Midnight Communion 11.30pm Cherhill: Midnight Communion |
| Friday 25 th December Christmas Day | 9.45 Calstone: Holy Communion 10.00 Heddington: Holy Communion 11.15 Compton Bassett: Holy Communion |
| Sunday 28 th December | 10.30 Yatesbury: Benefice Communion |

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If you need help with safeguarding issues, please contact the Safeguarding Officer on 07864 000906

21st December

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 7.10-16

Matthew 1.18-25

God our redeemer,
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of your Son:

grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him
when he comes again as our judge;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father,
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of the promised saviour:
fill us your servants with your grace,
that in all things we may embrace your holy will
and with her rejoice in your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Next week:
Christmas Night Communion
Isaiah 52.7-10
John 1.1-14

Christmas Day
Isaiah 9.2-7
Luke 2.1-20

1st Sunday of Christmas
Hebrews 2.10-18
Matthew 2.13-23

Welcome

We hope you feel welcome at our church and find it a place where you can meet with God. If you are unsure about anything, please ask the person who gave you this sheet.

We love children and we understand they will make some noise; don't worry about it! However, if you feel your youngest ones would benefit from playing quietly in a corner, do ask the people who welcomed you and they can point you in a suitable direction. We may even have the odd book or toy for them to play with.

A **loop system** may be provided in this church. Please ask or check by switching your hearing aid to the "T" position.

PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET HOME WITH YOU



Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 7.10-16

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, ‘Ask the LORD your God for a sign, whether in the deepest depths or in the highest heights.’

But Ahaz said, ‘I will not ask; I will not put the LORD to the test.’

Then Isaiah said, ‘Hear now, you house of David! Is it not enough to try the patience of humans? Will you try the patience of my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: the virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. He will be eating curds and honey when he knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right, for before the boy knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right, the land of the two kings you dread will be laid waste.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 1.18-25

This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: his mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, ‘Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.’

All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had said through the prophet: ‘The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel’ (which means ‘God with us’).

When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

Christmas Services in Oldbury Benefice

Carol Services

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| 21 st December | 4pm - Compton Bassett |
| | 6pm - Cherhill |
| 24 th December | 4pm – Yatesbury |

Crib Services

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| 24 th December | 5pm - Heddington |
| | 5.30pm – Cherhill |

Christmas Day Communion Services

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| 24 th December | 9pm - Heddington |
| | 11.30pm - Cherhill |
| 25 th December | 9.45am - Calstone |
| | 10am - Heddington |
| | 11.15am - Compton Bassett |