

## NOTICES

### Services

Sunday 23rd May

9.45am Calstone Morning Worship

11.15am Cherhill Holy Communion

10.00am Compton Bassett Holy Communion

11.15am Heddington Matins, join by zoom:

<https://tinyurl.com/oldbury-matins-23may>

If you prefer to join using your phone, you can call one of the following numbers:

0208 080 6591 or 0208 080 6592

Meeting ID: 818 5569 0948

Passcode: 770300

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May

10.30am Calstone Benefice Communion, join by zoom:

**Link to be confirmed next week.**

If you prefer to join using your phone, you can call one of the following numbers:

0208 080 6591 or 0208 080 6592

Meeting ID: **Link to be confirmed next week.**

Passcode: **Link to be confirmed next week.**

Monday mornings coffee morning at Heddington Church

Wednesdays at 2pm on zoom chat with Matt and others about

Sunday's topic (from 9<sup>th</sup> June)

Every other Thursday evening, ABBA Bible study via zoom

### Contact details

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(Work days Thursday, Friday, Sunday)

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

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Acts 2.1-21,

John 15.26-27, 16.4-15

Pentecost

The birth of the church 2



Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,  
ignite in us your holy fire;  
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,  
revive your Church with the breath of love,  
and renew the face of the earth,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Next Sunday**  
**30<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Trinity Sunday**

**New life by the Spirit**

### 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 communion



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: John 15:26-27, 16:4-15 NRSV

‘When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning... ‘I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, “Where are you going?” But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. ‘I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason, I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

### New Testament Reading: Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia,

#### Questions from Matt

Q1

Q2

**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** What can we learn from the disciples' expectant waiting of the Holy Spirit?

**Q2** Do we try to impose restrictions or guidelines for the Holy Spirit in our lives, in case we are challenged too much by God ?

#### Reading continued

Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”

Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

“‘In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.

Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.

I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke.

The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’