

NOTICES

Sunday service links shown below

Via Benefice Website

<https://www.oldburybenefice.org.uk/video-category/latest-services>

Via You Tube <https://tinyurl.com/oldbury-youtube-channel>

Coffee Zoom meeting each Sunday morning at 11.30.

Everyone is welcome to join us and catch up with familiar faces.

We will send a new link out each week, (see below)

Please pass this info round to anyone you know who would like to join us for a friendly chat and get together!

Look forward to seeing you

Blessings Linda x

Copy the link below into your search engine and follow the instructions. Once you are connected there will be people to talk you through how to get video and audio coverage if necessary.

<https://tinyurl.com/oldbury-zoom-24jan>

Something New

We are inviting everyone to a mid-week ZOOM get together –

Coffee, just Simple

A chance to bring your own questions and comments to discuss the Sunday sermon given by Linda/Matt. There will be a maximum of 2 questions from each, which you will find on the back of the notice sheet. **The link is shown below, please follow instructions as above:**

Wednesday 27th January at 11am

<https://tinyurl.com/oldbury-Wednesdays>

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

Sunday 24th January 2021

Revelation 19.6-10, John 2.1-11
Epiphany 3

God loves parties

God of all mercy,
your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,
release to the captives,
and freedom to the oppressed:
anoint us with your Holy Spirit
and set all your people free
to praise you in Christ our Lord.



Next Sunday
31st January

The Presentation of
Christ in the Temple

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** is provided. Please switch your hearing aid to the "T" position.

Readings:

Gospel Reading: John 2.1-11 (NIV)

On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

"Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied.

"My hour has not yet come."

His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.

Jesus said to the servants,

"Fill the jars with water"; so, they filled them to the brim.

Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet."

They did so, and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside and said,

"Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now."

What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

New Testament Reading: Revelation 19.6-10 (NIV)

Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting:

"Hallelujah!

For our Lord God Almighty reigns.

Let us rejoice and be glad

and give him glory!

For the wedding of the Lamb has come,

and his bride has made herself ready.

Fine linen, bright and clean,

was given her to wear."

(Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of God's holy people.)

Then the angel said to me, "Write this:

Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!" And he added,

"These are the true words of God."

At this I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "Don't do that! I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers and sisters who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For it is the Spirit of prophecy who bears testimony to Jesus."

Questions from Matt

Q1. If Jesus came to your house for a meal, what do you think it would be like?

Q2. John tells us that the turning of water into wine is a sign which shows us who Jesus is. What do **you** think it tells us about Jesus?

Questions from Linda

Q1. If you had been at the wedding, what would have been going through your mind as these events unfolded?

Q2 The passage tells us that "He thus revealed his glory and his disciples put their faith in him" If you had no church background, which events of the Gospels might lead you to put your faith in him?