

NOTICES

Services

Sunday 25th April

9.45am Calstone Holy Communion

10.00am Cherhill Holy Communion

11.15am Heddington Matins, join by zoom:

<https://tinyurl.com/oldbury-matins-25apr>

Followed by APCM

No coffee morning

Sunday 2nd May

10.30am Benefice Communion in Heddington, join by zoom at <https://tinyurl.com/oldbury-benefice-2may>

12 noon **Coffee morning** via zoom link to be added next week

Little fishes meeting on Wednesday - numbers limited, so please contact Matt or Jane if you wish to come.

Midweek coffee and discussion about issues raised in the Sunday sermon, or any questions or comments you have, on Wednesday at the new time of 12 noon, <https://tinyurl.com/oldbury-Wednesdays>

Contact details

Administrator: Lorraine Stewart 01249 815198

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Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9.00am to 3.00pm

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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 4.5-12, John 10.11-18

4th Sunday of Easter



Next Sunday

2nd May

5th Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one
flock,
to the glory of God the Father.

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



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 10:11-18 NIV

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life— only to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."

New Testament Reading: Acts 4:5-12 NIV

The next day the rulers, the elders and the teachers of the law met in Jerusalem. Annas the high priest was there, and so were Caiaphas, John, Alexander and others of the high priest's family. They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: "By what power or what name did you do this?"

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people! If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed.

Jesus is "the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.' Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."

Questions from Matt

Q1 If you were made ruler of the world, what problem would you try to solve first and why?

Q2 Is there someone near you who needs to experience God's power to heal? Maybe you could commit to praying for them, but is there anything else you could do as well?

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 Where would you say your belonging and identity are found and how much do you see this as in Jesus the Good Shepherd?

Q2. Do you feel that you have the power and authority to speak out as Peter did in Acts 4