

NOTICES

Sunday 25th May

10.30: Compton Bassett: Benefice Communion @ The Farm

Monday 26 th May	10am Walk 1 – Yatesbury > Compton Bassett 2.30pm – Tea and cakes at St Swithun's 7.15pm Prayer Meeting
Tuesday 27 th May	10am Walk 2 – Compton Bassett > Heddington 2.30pm – Tea and cakes at St Andrew's
Wednesday 28 th May	10am Walk 3 – Heddington > Cherhill 2.30pm – Tea and cakes at St James'
Thursday 29 th May Ascension Day	7.30am Calstone: Holy Communion with refreshments
Sunday 1 st June	10.30 Yatesbury: Benefice Communion

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**If you need help with safeguarding issues, please contact the Safeguarding Officer on
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25th May Rogation Sunday Genesis 2.15-25 Luke 6.1-11



Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is
afraid

and giving us those good things
which we are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and mediation
of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Next week:

**Ascension Day
Acts 1.1-11
Luke 24.44-53**

**7th Sunday of Easter
Acts 16.16-34
John 17.20-26**

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

First Reading: Genesis 2.15-24

The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. And the LORD God commanded the man, ‘You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.’

The LORD God said, ‘It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.’

Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals.

But for Adam no suitable helper was found. So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man’s ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.

The man said,

‘This is now bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
she shall be called “woman”,
for she was taken out of man.’

That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Second Reading: Luke 6.1-11

One Sabbath Jesus was going through the cornfields, and his disciples began to pick some ears of corn, rub them in their hands and eat the grain. Some of the Pharisees asked, ‘Why are you doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?’

Jesus answered them, ‘Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry? He entered the house of God, and taking the consecrated bread, he ate what is lawful only for priests to eat. And he also gave some to his companions.’ Then Jesus said to them, ‘The Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath.’

On another Sabbath he went into the synagogue and was teaching, and a man was there whose right hand was shrivelled. The Pharisees and the teachers of the law were looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, so they watched him closely to see if he would

heal on the Sabbath. But Jesus knew what they were thinking and said to the man with the shrivelled hand, ‘Get up and stand in front of everyone.’ So he got up and stood there.

Then Jesus said to them, ‘I ask you, which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to destroy it?’

He looked round at them all, and then said to the man, ‘Stretch out your hand.’ He did so, and his hand was completely restored. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law were furious and began to discuss with one another what they might do to Jesus.

Rogation Services and Walks



For the next 3 days – starting on Monday 26th – I will be **walking around the Benefice**, roughly 10 miles each day, along with anyone who wishes to join me, even if for just a short stretch. I plan to leave at 10am each day, but please keep an eye on the website (<https://oldburybenefice.org.uk>) for any changes.

We conclude with an early morning service of **Holy Communion at Calstone on Thursday 29th May at 7.30** to celebrate Ascension.

Everyone is welcome to all events, whether you are a regular churchgoer or not. Please pick up a leaflet for more details.

Volunteers needed

We’re urgently looking for volunteers to help us with:

- > **Editing the Villages Magazine**
- > **Helping set up and serve refreshments at the Little Fishes toddler group**

These are both very important parts of how we show God’s love to our community. Do please get in touch with Matt if you think you can help.