

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

Click on the link below or type it into your web browser or search engine. If you have zoom installed on your computer, it will either open automatically, or ask you if you want to open zoom - you do, so click on "Allow".

You also need to tell it to "Use Internet Audio" if you want us to be able to hear you! If you have any further questions, someone will be able to help you

<https://tinyurl.com/oldbury-zoom-31jan>

Something New

We are inviting everyone to a mid-week ZOOM get together – 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 3rd February at 11am

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

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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.

Sunday 31st January 2021

Hebrews 2.14-18

Luke 2.22-40

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple



Human in every way

Lord Jesus Christ,
light of the nations and glory of Israel:
make your home among us,
and present us pure and holy
to your heavenly Father,
your God, and our God.

Next Sunday

7th February

2nd Before Lent
....and yet fully God

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: Luke 2.22-40 (NIV)

When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took Jesus to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord"), and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: "a pair of doves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace.

For my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:
a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and the glory of your people Israel."

The child's father and mother marvelled at what was said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too."

There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.

New Testament Reading: Hebrews 2.14-18 (GNT)

Since the children, as he calls them, are people of flesh and blood, Jesus himself became like them and shared their human nature. He did this so that through his death he might destroy the Devil, who has the power over death, and in this way set free those who were slaves all their lives because of their fear of death.

For it is clear that it is not the angels that he helps. Instead, he helps the descendants of Abraham.

This means that he had to become like his people in every way, in order to be their faithful and merciful High Priest in his service to God, so that the people's sins would be forgiven.

And now he can help those who are tempted, because he himself was tempted and suffered.

Questions from Matt

Q1. What do you like most about the fact that Jesus was completely human?

Q2. Is there anything in your life where you need to learn to trust that God knows exactly what you're going through?