

NOTICES

Sunday 3rd October
10.30am Yatesbury Benefice Communion

Sunday 10th October
9.45am Calstone Lay Led Morning Worship
6.00pm Cherhill Informal Evening Worship
11.15am Compton Bassett Harvest Service
11.15am Heddington Harvest Service
9.45am Yatesbury Harvest Service

Next week, we will be having a new type of service at Cherhill. It will be an informal service, made up mostly of a time of singing (mostly modern songs), followed by a slightly longer sermon than usual, including a chance for discussion at the end. We will be using the same readings as the morning service but going into more depth. All welcome.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION **Benefice Office**

**The old telephone number will soon be discontinued.
Lorraine can be contacted on
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Contact details

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Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9.00am to 3.00pm
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**The office cannot be contacted on the original telephone number
PLEASE SEE NOTICE ABOVE**

Rector: Rev Matthew Earwicker, 01249 821329 mattearwicker@gmail.com
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You will find contact details for the churchwardens in the Villages magazine.

Sunday 3rd October 2021
18th Sunday after Trinity
Revelation 7.1-10, Mark 11.1-11
Endings - Revelation part 5
The inhabitants of heaven

God, our judge and saviour,
 teach us to be open to your truth
 and to trust in your love,
 that we may live each day
 with confidence in the salvation which is given
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Next Sunday
10th October
19th After Trinity
Endings-
Revelation part 6
Sticking out like a sore thumb

Staying safe at services COVID-19

It is no longer a legal requirement to keep most of the rules regarding social distancing. However, in order to keep each other safe, we would be grateful if you could follow these guidelines as much as possible. There may be an area in each church specifically for those who wish to keep their distance for the time being - please ask the person who welcomed you.



Wash your hands before and after coming to church, and use sanitiser when you enter the church building



Please ask before sitting close to someone else – they might prefer to keep their distance for now.



You no longer need to wear a face covering, but doing so will protect others, you will be asked to put one on to sing.



Not everyone will want to hug or even shake hands – be sensitive, please.



Please follow the instructions of the wardens at all time, especially if going forward for communion



Enjoy a chat, but please do so in the fresh air where possible

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:

New Testament Reading: Revelation 7.1-10 NIV

After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth to prevent any wind from blowing on the land or on the sea or on any tree. Then I saw another angel coming up from the east, having the seal of the living God. He called out in a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm the land and the sea:

“Do not harm the land or the sea or the trees until we put a seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.”

Then I heard the number of those who were sealed: 144,000 from all the tribes of Israel.

From the tribe of Judah 12,000 were sealed,
from the tribe of Reuben 12,000,
from the tribe of Gad 12,000,
from the tribe of Asher 12,000,
from the tribe of Naphtali 12,000,
from the tribe of Manasseh 12,000,
from the tribe of Simeon 12,000,
from the tribe of Levi 12,000,
from the tribe of Issachar 12,000,
from the tribe of Zebulun 12,000,
from the tribe of Joseph 12,000,
from the tribe of Benjamin 12,000.

After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice:

“Salvation belongs to our God,
who sits on the throne,
and to the Lamb.”

Gospel Reading: Mark 11.1-11 NIV

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, saying to them,

“Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.’”

They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, some people standing there asked, “What are you doing, untying that colt?” They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted,

“Hosanna!”

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!”

“Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple courts. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

Questions from Matt

- 1 How do you imagine the people around you in heaven?**
- 2 Jesus says that the inhabitants of heaven are those who do God's will. What do you think it means to do God's will?**