

NOTICES

Sunday 5th December
10.30am Cherhill Benefice Communion

Sunday 12th December
9.45am Calstone Holy Communion
10.00am Cherhill Baptism
11.15am Compton Bassett Morning Worship
6.00pm Heddington Nine Lessons and Carols

Could I remind you that masks will be “compulsory” again over December (it is not legally enforceable, just for the record, so we cannot turn anyone away).

Could I ask you to check that you have a few disposable ones available to hand out, especially at the bigger services. They cost about £5 per 50 on eBay or similar sites (I don't know about Boots or Lloyds in town). You probably don't need many as long as we make sure everyone knows the expectation in advance, as everyone has one at home!

I would also ask you when the church is more than 50% full, or there are a lot of songs (carol and crib services in particular) to keep the door(s) open during the service. If this is not possible (blowing out the candles), then at least have the doors open as late as possible and open again as soon as possible afterwards.

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**The office cannot be contacted on the original telephone number
PLEASE use number shown above**

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

Sunday 5th December 2021
2nd Sunday of Advent
Philippians 1.3-11, Luke 3.1-6
Prophets
Partners in the Gospel



Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again
as judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God.

Next Sunday
12th December
3rd Sunday of Advent

John the Baptist
The Lord is near

Following the latest news and a desire to keep everyone safe and able to visit family and friends this Christmas, we have decided to reintroduce the following measures:

Please wear a face mask at all our services through December.

Please consider taking a (free and easy) lateral flow test before attending one of the larger events. These can be ordered online or collected from a pharmacy.

Do dress up warm; if the numbers are high or we are singing a number of songs we will probably want to open the doors for ventilation.

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.

Reading New Testament: Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ --to the glory and praise of God

Gospel Reading: Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar --when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene -- during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness.

He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet:

“A voice of one calling in the wilderness,
 `Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.
 Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low.
 The crooked roads shall become straight,the rough ways smooth.
 And all people will see God's salvation.”

**Monday Coffee Morning – Heddington church
 (term time only), please note the new time
 10.00am - 11.30am All welcome**

Lorraine's holidays, the office will be closed on these dates:

**Tuesday 7th December
 Thursday 16th December**

Christmas Services Across the Benefice

	28th November	12th December	19th December	24th December Christmas Eve	25th December Christmas Day
CALSTONE	Darkness to Light 6.00pm		3.00pm Nine Lessons and Carols		9.45am Christmas Day Communion
CHERHILL			6.00pm Carol Service	5.30pm Crib Service 11.30pm Midnight Communion	9.30am Christmas Day Communion
COMPTON BASSETT			4.00pm Carols and Crib		10.45am Christmas Day Communion
HEDDINGTON		6.00pm Nine Lessons and Carols		5.00pm Crib Service 9.30pm Midnight Communion	10.00am Christmas Day Communion
YATESBURY				4.00pm Christmas Service and Carols	

**Please see the website or the Villages magazine
 for normal services in December**