

NOTICES

The Sunday service links are:

Morning Worship: <https://youtu.be/INbs1LRO-So>

Holy communion: <https://youtu.be/2OLBfKxiAqo>

With no face-to-face services (apart from Calstone) during lockdown, and services being online, we are holding a coffee Zoom meeting each Sunday morning at 11.30. All are 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

Copy the link below into your search engine and follow the instructions. Once you are connected there will be people to talk you through how to get video and audio coverage if necessary.

<https://tinyurl.com/oldbury-zoom-17jan>

Something New

We are inviting everyone to a mid-week ZOOM get together –
Coffee, just Simple

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 20th January at 11am

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

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(Work days Thursday, Friday, Sunday)

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

Sunday 17th January 2021

Revelation 5.1-10, John 1.43-51 Epiphany 2

The lamb of God

Eternal Lord,
our beginning and our end:
bring us with the whole creation
to your glory, hidden through past ages
and made known
in Jesus Christ our Lord.



Next Sunday
24th January

Epiphany 3

God loves parties

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 is provided. Please switch your hearing aid to the "T" position.

Readings:

Gospel Reading: John 1.43-51

The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, "Follow me."

Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

"Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked.

"Come and see," said Philip.

When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, "Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit."

"How do you know me?" Nathanael asked.

Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you."

Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel."

Jesus said, "You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree.

You will see greater things than that." He then added, "Very truly I tell you, you will see 'heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on' the Son of Man."

New Testament Reading: Revelation 5.1-10

Then I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne a scroll with writing on both sides and sealed with seven seals. And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice,

"Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?" But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it. I wept and wept because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside. Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals."

Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the centre of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. The Lamb had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne. And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God's people. And they sang a new song, saying:

"You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth."

Questions from Matt

How do you decide what makes someone important?

Has God ever managed to get you to change your mind?

Questions from Linda

If our aim should be to travel a little deeper into the mystery of God, each day How do we go about that?

What mystery of God can you reveal to someone else that you have experienced recently?