NOTICES

Sunday 15th May

9.45am Calstone Lay-led Morning Worship
10.00am Cherhill Holy Communion
4.00pm Compton Bassett T4All
11.15am Heddington Holy Communion
9.45am Yatesbury Holy Communion

Monday 16th May	10.00am to 11.30pm, Heddington Coffee Morning
Tuesday 17th May	1.30pm to 3.00pm Lent group, The Rectory, Cherhill
Wednesday 18th May	9.15am – 11.15am, Little Fishes 7.00 pm Cherhill APCM, in the church
Thursday 19th May	7.00pm to 8.30pm, 10 Home Farm Close, CMJ talk on Jewish Feasts and Festivals
Sunday 22nd May	9.45am Calstone Holy Communion10.00am Cherhill Family Service10.00am Compton Bassett Morning Worship6.00pm Heddington Evensong

Contact details Administrator: Lorraine Stewart 01249 815198 <u>oldburybenefice@gmail.com</u> Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9.00am to 3.00pm Benefice Office: 8 Court Farm Stables, Heddington, SN11 0PN The office cannot be contacted on the original telephone number PLEASE use number shown above Rector: Rev Matthew Earwicker, 01249 821329 mattearwicker@gmail.com (Day off - Friday) Associate Priest: Rev Linda Dytham, 01380 859571 ladytham@btinternet.com (Work days Thursday, Friday, Sunday) You will find contact details for the churchwardens in the Villages magazine. 15th May 5th Sunday of Easter Acts 11.1-18, John 13.31-35



A new identity

Almighty God, who through your only begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our mind's good desires, so, by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

22nd May 6th Sunday of Easter

An unusual church Part 1

Given the ongoing uncertainty regarding the health risks posed by the omicron variant, it seems advisable to continue to take extra care during our services.

It is no longer a legal requirement to wear a face mark during services. You are, of course, welcome to continue wearing one for the time being if you wish

With the warmer weather having arrived, we will continue to keep the doors open where possible to ensure a flow of air.

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 byswitching your hearing aid to the "T" position.

New Testament Reading: Acts 11.1-18 NIV

The apostles and the believers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. So, when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him and said, "You went into the house of uncircumcised men and ate with them."

Starting from the beginning, Peter told them the whole story: "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance, I saw a vision. I saw something like a large sheet being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to where I was. I looked into it and saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, reptiles and birds. Then I heard a voice telling me, 'Get up, Peter. Kill and eat.' "I replied, 'Surely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth.'

"The voice spoke from heaven a second time, 'Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.' This happened three times, and then it was all pulled up to heaven again.

"Right then three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea stopped at the house where I was staying. The Spirit told me to have no hesitation about going with them. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen an angel appear in his house and say, 'Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter. He will bring you a message through which you and all your household will be saved.'

"As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning. Then I remembered what the Lord had said: 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' So, if God gave them the same gift, he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could stand in God's way?"

When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, "So then, even to Gentiles God has granted repentance that leads to life."

Gospel Reading: John 13.31-35 NIV

When he was gone, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.

"My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come. "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples if you love one another."

INFORMAL TALK by a member of CMJ (the Church's Ministry among Jewish People) on Thursday 19th May at Linda's house, 10 Home Farm Close Heddington SN11 0RH at 7pm – 8.30pm

Refreshments will be served

Do come along and hear this short informative talk and learn more about the work of the mission and its Feasts and festivals

Please could you confirm before the date whether you will be attending Everyone is very welcome Linda **01380 859571**

Administrator Vacancy

As most of you may know, Lorraine is retiring from her post in July. If you think this may be the sort of role that would suit you, please contact: **Rev'd Matt Earwicker on:Tel: 01249 821329 Email: <u>mattearwicker@gmail.com</u>**

The Lent Group at The Rectory will be continuing from this week as a regular (twice-monthly) opportunity to chat over tea and cake, discuss the Bible, and pray for each other.

The dates until the summer are: 17 May 7, 21 June 5, 19 July

All will be from 1.30 - 3pm.

Linda's Thursday evening Lent Group has restarted and has combined with our Bible Study group. We will be meeting fortnightly.

The next meeting is on: **Thursday 26th May at 7.15pm at 10 Home Farm Close** Anyone is very welcome to join us.