

NOTICES

Sunday 7th December

10.30 Calstone: Benefice Communion

6.00pm Heddington: Nine Lessons and Carols

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| Monday 8 th December | 10.00 Heddington Coffee Morning |
| Tuesday 9 th December | 9.15 Little Fishes |
| Wednesday 10 th December | 3.00pm Home Group @ The Rectory |
| Saturday 13 th December | 4.00pm Heddington: Bellringers Carol Service |
| Sunday 14 th December | 3.00pm Calstone: Nine Lessons & Carols 10.00am Cherhill: Holy Communion 11.15 Compton Bassett: Holy Communion 11.15 Heddington: Morning Worship |

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**If you need help with safeguarding issues, please contact the Safeguarding Officer on
07864 000906**

7th December
Second Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 11.1-10
Matthew 3.1-12



O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power
and come among us,
and with great might succour us;
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness
we are grievously hindered
in running the race that is set before us,
your bountiful grace and mercy
may speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

Father in heaven,
who sent your Son to redeem the world
and will send him again to be our judge:
give us grace so to imitate him
in the humility and purity of his first coming
that, when he comes again,
we may be ready to greet him
with joyful love and firm faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Welcome

We hope you feel welcome at our church and find it a place where you can meet with God. If you are unsure about anything, please ask the person who gave you this sheet.

We love children and we understand they will make some noise; don't worry about it! However, if you feel your youngest ones would benefit from playing quietly in a corner, do ask the people who welcomed you and they can point you in a suitable direction. We may even have the odd book or toy for them to play with.

A loop system may be provided in this church. Please ask or check by switching your hearing aid to the "T" position.

PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET HOME WITH YOU

**Next week:
Third Sunday of
Advent**

**Isaiah 35.1-10
Matthew 11.2-11**

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 11.1-10

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse;
from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.
The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him –
the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and of might,
the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the LORD –
and he will delight in the fear of the LORD.
He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes,
or decide by what he hears with his ears;
but with righteousness he will judge the needy,
with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth.
He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth;
with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.
Righteousness will be his belt
and faithfulness the sash round his waist.
The wolf will live with the lamb,
the leopard will lie down with the goat,
the calf and the lion and the yearling together;
and a little child will lead them.
The cow will feed with the bear,
their young will lie down together,
and the lion will eat straw like the ox.
The infant will play near the cobra's den,
and the young child will put its hand into the viper's nest.
They will neither harm nor destroy
on all my holy mountain,
for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.
In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will
rally to him, and his resting-place will be glorious.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 3.1-12

In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea and saying,
'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is he who was spoken of
through the prophet Isaiah:

'A voice of one calling in the wilderness,
"Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him."

John's clothes were made of camel's hair, and he had a leather belt round his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. Confessing their sins, they were baptised by him in the River Jordan.

But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptising, he said to them: 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not think you can say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our father." I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. The axe has been laid to the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.'

'I baptise you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire.'

Christmas Services in Oldbury Benefice

Carol Services

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| 7 th December | 6pm - Heddington |
| 14 th December | 3pm - Calstone |
| 21 st December | 4pm - Compton Bassett |
| 24 th December | 6pm - Cherhill |
| | 4pm - Yatesbury |

Crib Services

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| 24 th December | 5pm - Heddington |
| | 5.30pm - Cherhill |

Christmas Day Communion Services

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| 24 th December | 9pm - Heddington |
| | 11.30pm - Cherhill |
| 25 th December | 9.45am - Calstone |
| | 10am - Heddington |
| | 11.15am - Compton Bassett |