

NOTICES

Sunday 8th February

9.45 Calstone: Holy Communion
6.00pm Cherhill: Informal Evening Worship
11.15 Compton Bassett: Morning Worship
11.15 Heddington: Morning Worship

Monday 9 th February	10.00 Heddington Coffee Morning
Tuesday 10 th February	9.15 Little Fishes
Wednesday 11 th February	1.30pm Home Group
Thursday 12 th February	11.00 Benefice Council Meeting 7.15pm Bible Study
Sunday 15 th February	10.30 Heddington: Benefice Communion

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**If you need help with safeguarding issues, please contact the Safeguarding Officer on
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8th February Second Sunday before Lent Romans 8.18-25 Matthew 6.25-34



Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme
over all things,
now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

God our creator,
by your gift
the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise,
and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:
may we who have been nourished at your table on earth
be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross
and enjoy the delights of eternity;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Next week:

**Sunday next before
Lent**

**2 Peter 1.16-21
Matthew 17.1-9**

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

New Testament Reading: Romans 8.18-25

I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 6.25-34

‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?’

‘And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labour or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you – you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, “What shall we eat?” or “What shall we drink?” or “What shall we wear?” For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Midweek Communion for Lent:

Lent is a time to reflect on our personal journeys of faith and our relationship to God. While we can do that by ourselves, some people may find it helpful to join with others.

We begin with a service on Ash Wednesday at All Saints, Yatesbury on Wednesday 18th February at 1pm. We will be sharing Holy Communion together, but there will also be the opportunity to reaffirm your commitment to following Jesus faithfully through the imposition of ashes on your forehead.

On the middle 5 Wednesdays of Lent (25th February to 25th March inclusive) at 9.30am in Cherhill, we will once again be holding a simple service of Holy Communion, with no singing and only a short reflection. We will be following the order of the Book of Common Prayer, although with slightly updated language.

Coffee Morning in Cherhill

Alongside the weekly coffee mornings which will continue at Heddington every Monday, we will also be hosting a Coffee Morning in Cherhill church each Wednesday from 10.15am from 25th February to 25th March inclusive. All are welcome, not just Cherhill residents.

Bible Study

The next Bible Study will be at 7.15pm on Thursday 12th February.

Home Group

The next Home Group will be on Wednesday, 11th February @ 1.30pm