

NOTICES

Sunday 24th December

5.00pm Cherhill: Crib Service
11.30pm Cherhill: Midnight Communion
4.00pm Heddington: Crib Service
9.00pm Heddington: Midnight Communion

Monday 25th December

9.45 Calstone: Holy Communion
10.00 Cherhill: Morning Worship
11.15 Heddington: Holy Communion
11.15 Compton Bassett: Holy Communion

Sunday 31st December

10.30 Heddington: Benefice Communion

24th December
3rd Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 52.7-10
John 1.1-14



Almighty God,
you make us glad with the yearly
remembrance
of the birth of your Son Jesus Christ:
grant that, as we joyfully receive him
as our redeemer,
so we may with sure confidence behold him
when he shall come to be our judge;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Next week:
1st Sunday of
Christmas

Galatians 4.4-7
Luke 2.15-21

Upcoming PCC Meetings

Compton Bassett – 1030am, 15th January 2024
Calstone – 6.00pm, 16th January 2024
Cherhill – 1.30pm, 25th January 2024
Heddington – 10.00am, 31st January 2024
Yatesbury – 5.00pm, 19th February 2024

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(Day off - Friday)

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

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

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.

Receiving the bread and wine

We have been asked by the Department of Health and the House of Bishops to discourage the dipping of wafers into the chalice as it is considered to increase the risk to others' health. If for any reason you do not wish to drink from the chalice, could I therefore ask you to simply let it pass you by. The Church of England has always taught that it is sufficient to receive just the bread. If you have any questions about this, please speak to me after the service or during the week.

PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET HOME WITH YOU

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 52.7-10

How beautiful on the mountains
are the feet of those who bring good news,
who proclaim peace,
who bring good tidings,
who proclaim salvation,
who say to Zion,
'Your God reigns!'
Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices;
together they shout for joy.
When the LORD returns to Zion,
they will see it with their own eyes.
Burst into songs of joy together,
you ruins of Jerusalem,
for the LORD has comforted his people,
he has redeemed Jerusalem.
The LORD will lay bare his holy arm
in the sight of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth will see
the salvation of our God.

Gospel Reading: John 1.1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognise him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God – children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Heddington Coffee Morning

Come along for tea, coffee, cake, and a chat. All welcome
Mondays from 10.00-11.30 @ St. Andrews Church
Restarts 8th January 2024

Little Fishes runs most Tuesdays during term time from 9.15am at Compton
Bassett Village Hall.
Restarting 9th January 2024.