

## NOTICES

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December**

10.30 Heddington: Benefice Communion

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January

10.30 Cherhill: Benefice Communion

### **Upcoming PCC Meetings**

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

### **Contact details**

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**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursdays, 9 am to 12 noon**

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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**

**31<sup>st</sup> December  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas  
Galatians 4.4-7  
Luke 2.15-21**



Almighty God,  
who wonderfully created us in your  
own image  
and yet more wonderfully restored us  
through your Son Jesus Christ:  
grant that, as he came to share in our  
humanity,  
so we may share the life of his divinity;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Next week:  
Epiphany**

**Ephesians 3.1-12  
Matthew 2.1-12**

### **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**

### **New Testament Reading: Galatians 4.4-7**

But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, 'Abba, Father.' So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

### **Gospel Reading: Luke 2.15-21**

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.'

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise the child, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he was conceived.

#### **Heddington Coffee Morning**

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

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