## **NOTICES**

### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January

9.45 Calstone: Morning Worship10.00 Cherhill: Morning Worship and Baptism4.00pm Compton Bassett: Evensong11.15 Heddington: Holy Communion

Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	10.00 Heddington Coffee Morning
Tuesday 28th January	9.15 Little Fishes
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	10.30 Compton Bassett PCC 1.30pm Cherhill PCC
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	5.00pm Yatesbury PCC 7.15pm Bible Study Group
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	10.30 Compton Bassett: Benefice Communion in the Village Hall

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# 26<sup>th</sup> January Epiphany 3 Nehemiah 8.1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Luke 4.14-21



Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

#### **Post Communion Prayer**

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

#### 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: Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Hebrews 2.14-18 Luke 2.22-40

## New Testament Reading: Nehemiah 8.1-3, 5-6, 8-10

All the people came together as one in the square before the Water Gate. They told Ezra the teacher of the Law to bring out the Book of the Law of Moses, which the LORD had commanded for Israel.

So on the first day of the seventh month Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, which was made up of men and women and all who were able to understand. He read it aloud from daybreak till noon as he faced the square before the Water Gate in the presence of the men, women and others who could understand. And all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

Ezra opened the book. All the people could see him because he was standing above them; and as he opened it, the people all stood up. Ezra praised the LORD, the great God; and all the people lifted their hands and responded, 'Amen! Amen!' Then they bowed down and worshipped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

They read from the Book of the Law of God, making it clear and giving the meaning so that the people understood what was being read.

Then Nehemiah the governor, Ezra the priest and teacher of the Law, and the Levites who were instructing the people said to them all, 'This day is holy to the LORD your God. Do not mourn or weep.' For all the people had been weeping as they listened to the words of the Law.

Nehemiah said, 'Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.'

## **Gospel Reading: Luke 4.14-21**

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him.

He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: 'The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind,
to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. He began by saying to them, 'Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.'

# **Upcoming Events**

Heddington Coffee runs every Monday morning from 10am.

Little Fishes is held every Tuesday @ 9.15am during term time.

Bible Study Group will be at 7.15pm on Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> January.

The next **Home Group at the Rectory** will be on Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> February at 1.30pm.

## PCC Meetings

**Compton Bassett** – Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> January at 10.30am **Cherhill** – Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> January at 1.30pm **Yatesbury** - 30<sup>th</sup> January at 5pm