NOTICES

Sunday 22nd May

9.45am Calstone Holy Communion
10.00am Cherhill Family Service
10.00am Compton Bassett Morning Worship
6.00pm Heddington Evensong

Monday 23rd May	10.00am to 11.30pm, Heddington Coffee Morning
Tuesday 24th May	Benefice Office CLOSED
Wednesday 25th May	9.15am – 11.15am, Little Fishes
Thursday 26th May	7.30am – Ascension service at Calstone Benefice Office CLOSED
Sunday 29th May	10.30am Calstone Benefice Communion

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

22nd May
6th Sunday of Easter
Acts 16.9-15, John 14.23-29
An unusual church
Part 1

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from
the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled
us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us
to eternal joy;
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 forever

29th May
7th Sunday of Easter

An unusual church
Part 2

Given the ongoing uncertainty regarding the health risks posed by the omicron variant, it seems advisable to continue to take extra care during our services.

It is no longer a legal requirement to wear a face mark during services. You are, of course, welcome to continue wearing one for the time being if you wish

With the warmer weather having arrived, we will continue to keep the doors open where possible to ensure a flow of air.

Children are always welcome in our churches, but unfortunately, we cannotprovide t**o**ys or books at this time.
A loop system may be provided in this church. Please ask or check byswitching your hearing aid to the "T" position.

New Testament Reading: Acts 16:9-15 NIV

During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

From Troas we put out to sea and sailed straight for Samothrace, and the next day we went on to Neapolis. From there we travelled to Philippi, a Roman colony and the leading city of that district of Macedonia. And we stayed there several days. On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer.

We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there. One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message. When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home. "If you consider me a believer in the Lord," she said, "come and stay at my house." And she persuaded us.

Gospel Reading: John 14:23-29 NIV

Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.

"All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

"You heard me say, 'I am going away and I am coming back to you.' If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe.

Benefice Office

The office will be closed from

Monday 23rd May to Monday 30th May (inclusive)

Administrator Vacancy
As most of you may know, Lorraine is retiring from her post in July. If you think this may be the sort of role that would suit you, please contact: **Rev'd Matt Earwicker on:Tel: 01249 821329**
Email: mattearwicker@gmail.com

The Lent Group at The Rectory will be continuing from this week as a regular (twice-monthly) opportunity to chat over tea and cake, discuss the Bible, and pray for each other.

The dates until the summer are:
7, 21 June
5, 19 July

All will be from 1.30 - 3pm.

Linda's Thursday evening Lent Group has restarted and has combined with our Bible Study group.
We will be meeting fortnightly.

The next meeting is on:
Thursday 26th May at 7.15pm at 10 Home Farm Close
Anyone is very welcome to join us.