

NOTICES

Sunday 29 May

10.30am Calstone Benefice Communion

Sunday 5th June

9.45am Calstone Jubilee Platinum Celebration
11.15am Cherhill Jubilee Family Service
10.00am Compton Bassett Jubilee Morning
Worship
3.00pm Heddington Thanksgiving Service for
the Queen

Benefice Office

**The office will be Re-open on:
Tuesday 31st May at 9.00am**

Contact details

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Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9.00am to 3.00pm

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PLEASE use number shown above**

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

29th May
7th Sunday of Easter
Acts 16.16-34, John 17.20-26
An unusual church
Part 2



O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send
your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place
where our Saviour Christ is gone before,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

5th June
Pentecost

A Spirit for them?

**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 mask 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 cannot provide toys
or books at this time.

A loop system may be provided in this church. Please ask or check by switching your
hearing aid to the "T" position.

New Testament Reading: Acts 16.16-34 NIV

Once when we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a female slave who had a spirit by which she predicted the future. She earned a great deal of money for her owners by fortune-telling. She followed Paul and the rest of us, shouting, “These men are servants of the Most High God, who are telling you the way to be saved.” She kept this up for many days. Finally, Paul became so annoyed that he turned around and said to the spirit, “In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to come out of her!” At that moment the spirit left her.

When her owners realised that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace to face the authorities. They brought them before the magistrates and said, “These men are Jews, and are throwing our city into an uproar by advocating customs unlawful for us Romans to accept or practice.”

The crowd joined in the attack against Paul and Silas, and the magistrates ordered them to be stripped and beaten with rods. After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully. When he received these orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone’s chains came loose. The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted, “Don’t harm yourself! We are all here!”

The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. He then brought them out and asked, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”

They replied, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household.” Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his household were baptised. The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God—he and his whole household.

Gospel Reading: John 17.20-26 NIV

“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one - I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

“Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.

“Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.”

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.