

## NOTICES

### Sunday 8th May

9.45am Calstone Morning Worship  
6.00pm Cherhill Informal Evening Worship  
10.00am Compton Bassett Holy Communion  
11.15am Heddington Family Morning Worship

Monday 9th May	10.00am to 11.30pm, Heddington Coffee Morning
Tuesday 10th May	1.30pm to 3pm Lent group, The Rectory, Cherhill
Wednesday 11th May	9.15am – 11.15am, Little Fishes outing to see the bluebells in West Woods
Thursday 12th May	7.15pm Lent group and Bible study group, at 10 Home Farm Close, Heddington
Sunday 15th May	9.45am Calstone Lay-led Morning Worship 10.00am Cherhill Holy Communion 4.00pm Compton Bassett T4All 11.15am Heddington Holy Communion 9.45am Yatesbury Holy Communion

### Contact details

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**PLEASE use number shown above**

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(Work days Thursday, Friday, Sunday)

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

8th May  
4th Sunday of Easter

New life



15th May  
5th Sunday of  
Easter

A new identity

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and  
the life: raise us, who trust in him,  
from the death of sin to the life of  
righteousness,  
that we may seek those things which are  
above, where he reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**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 9:36-43 NIV**

In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas); she was always doing good and helping the poor. About that time she became sick and died, and her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room. Lydda was near Joppa; so when the disciples heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to him and urged him, "Please come at once!"

Peter went with them, and when he arrived he was taken upstairs to the room. All the widows stood around him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them.

Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed. Turning toward the dead woman, he said, "Tabitha, get up." She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up. He took her by the hand and helped her to her feet. Then he called for the believers, especially the widows, and presented her to them alive. This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord. Peter stayed in Joppa for some time with a tanner named Simon.

### **Gospel Reading: John 10:22-30 NIV**

Then came the Festival of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was in the temple courts walking in Solomon's Colonnade. The Jews who were there gathered around him, saying, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly."

Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father's name testify about me, but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. I and the Father are one."

Linda is arranging an informal talk by a member of CMJ- the Church's Ministry among Jewish people.

It will be a short presentation on the work of the mission and information on Jewish Feasts and Festivals. If enough people are interested this would take place on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May** at Linda's house. Please contact Linda as soon as possible if you would like to book.

### **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](mailto: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:

**17 May**

**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 12<sup>th</sup> May at 7.15pm at 10 Home Farm Close**  
Anyone is very welcome to join us.