

NOTICES

Sunday 27th November

6.00pm Calstone: Darkness to Light
10.00 Cherhill: Holy Communion
10.00 Compton Bassett: Holy Communion
11.15 Heddington: Holy Communion

Monday 28 th November	10.00- 11.30 Heddington Coffee Morning
Tuesday 29 th November	9.15-11.15 Little Fishes 6.00pm Cherhill Scouts Christingle
Wednesday 30 th November	1.30 Cherhill preschool Christingle
Thursday 1 st December	1.30 Heddington School Christingle
Sunday 4 th December	10.30 Compton Bassett: Benefice Communion

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

**27th November
Advent Sunday
Romans 13.11-14
Matthew 24.36-44**



Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great
humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

**Next week:
2nd Sunday of Advent**

**Romans 15.4-13
Matthew 3.1-12**

**Good news for the
whole world**

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

New Testament Reading: Romans 13.11-14

And do this, understanding the present time: the hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armour of light. Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 24.36-44

‘But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.

‘Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

Message from Matt

You have probably heard by now that Linda is retiring at the end of the year. After nearly 9 years, we will miss her immensely; she has been a great priest, colleague and friend to all of us.

Linda is staying to help out with the services until Christmas, and I have allocated Sunday 8th January as an additional Benefice service at Heddington for us to say goodbye and ask God’s blessings on the next stage of her life. I hope many of you will be able to be there.
Matt

The Home Group at The Rectory is now on Wednesdays. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 7th December, still from 1.30-3pm.

Emma Marsh is our new Benefice Administrator.
Please note the benefice office phone number has changed to:

07821 836233

Office hours will also be changing to Monday to Thursday 9 am to 12 noon. Emma will be working from home most days but should be in the office on Thursdays.

We realise that some of you haven’t yet had the chance to meet Emma, so she will be in the office at Heddington in the morning 7th December. Do please feel free to pop by and say hi over a cup of tea or coffee.

The Bible Study Group is continuing at **10 Home Farm Close at 7.15 for 7.30 - 9pm**. The next meeting will be **8th December**.

We will be studying the Book of Romans.
Everyone is very welcome to come join. Please get in touch if you want more information.

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