

NOTICES

Sunday 15th December

3.00pm Calstone: Nine Lessons and Carols
10.00 Cherhill: Morning Worship and Baptism
4.00pm Compton Bassett: T4All
11.15 Heddington: Holy Communion

Monday 16th December

10.00 Heddington Coffee Morning

Sunday 22nd December

9.45 Calstone: Holy Communion
6.00pm Cherhill: Carols
4.00pm Compton Bassett: Cribs and Carols

Upcoming Dates:

Next Little Fishes – 9.15am, 7th January 2025

Next Home Group at the Rectory – 1.30pm, 8th January 2025

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15th December 3rd Sunday of Advent Zephaniah 3.14-20 Luke 3.7-18

O Lord Jesus Christ,
who at your first coming sent your messenger
to prepare your way before you:
grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way
by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom
of the just,
that at your second coming to judge the world
we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;
for you are alive and reign with the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts;
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit
that when your Christ comes again
we may shine as lights before his face;
who 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.



Next week:
4th Sunday of
Advent

Micah 5.2-5a
Luke 1.39-55

Mary

PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET HOME WITH YOU

Old Testament Reading: Zephaniah 3.14-20

Sing, Daughter Zion;
shout aloud, Israel!
Be glad and rejoice with all your heart,
Daughter Jerusalem!
The LORD has taken away your punishment,
he has turned back your enemy.
The LORD, the King of Israel, is with you;
never again will you fear any harm.
On that day
they will say to Jerusalem,
'Do not fear, Zion;
do not let your hands hang limp.
The LORD your God is with you,
the Mighty Warrior who saves.
He will take great delight in you;
in his love he will no longer rebuke you,
but will rejoice over you with singing.'
'I will remove from you
all who mourn over the loss of your appointed festivals,
which is a burden and reproach for you.
At that time I will deal
with all who oppressed you.
I will rescue the lame;
I will gather the exiles.
I will give them praise and honour
in every land where they have suffered shame.
At that time I will gather you;
at that time I will bring you home.
I will give you honour and praise
among all the peoples of the earth
when I restore your fortunes
before your very eyes,'
says the LORD.

Gospel Reading: Luke 3.7-18

John said to the crowds coming out to be baptised by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our father." For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. The axe has been laid to the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.'

'What should we do then?' the crowd asked.

John answered, 'Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and

anyone who has food should do the same.'

Even tax collectors came to be baptised. 'Teacher,' they asked, 'what should we do?'

'Don't collect any more than you are required to,' he told them.

Then some soldiers asked him, 'And what should we do?'

He replied, 'Don't extort money and don't accuse people falsely – be content with your pay.'

The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. John answered them all, 'I baptise you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.' And with many other words John exhorted the people and proclaimed the good news to them.



Christmas Services

Carol services

15th December 3pm – Calstone
22nd December 4pm – Compton Bassett
6pm – Cherhill
24th December 4pm – Yatesbury

Crib services

22nd December 4pm - Compton Bassett
24th December 5pm - Heddington
5.30pm - Cherhill

Christmas Day

24th December 9pm – Heddington
11.30pm – Cherhill
25th December 9.45am – Calstone
10am – Heddington
10am – Compton Bassett
11.15am – Cherhill