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Sunday 16th February

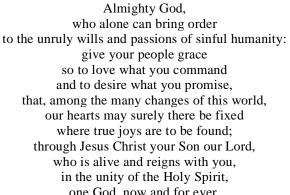
9.45 Calstone: Morning Worship11.15 Cherhill: Holy Communion11.15 Heddington: Holy Communion9.45 Yatesbury: Holy Communion

| Monday 17 th February | 10.00 Heddington Coffee Morning 7.15pm Prayer Meeting |
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| Sunday 23 rd February | 9.45 Calstone: Holy Communion11.15 Cherhill: Morning Worship4.00pm Compton Bassett: Evensong11.15 Heddington: Morning Worship |

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16th February 3rd Sunday before Lent 1 Corinthians 15.12-20 Luke 6.17-26



in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Post Communion Prayer** Merciful Father, who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life, that those who come to him should never hunger: draw us to the Lord in faith and love, that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom, where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.



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



Next week: 2nd Sunday Before Lent Genesis 2.4b-9, 15-25 Luke 8.22-25

New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 15.12-20

But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Gospel Reading: Luke 6.17-26

He went down with them and stood on a level place. A large crowd of his disciples was there and a great number of people from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and from the coastal region around Tyre and Sidon, who had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those troubled by impure spirits were cured, and the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all.

Looking at his disciples, he said:

'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.
Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied.
Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.
Blessed are you when people hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man.

'Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

'But woe to you who are rich, for you have already received your comfort. Woe to you who are well fed now, for you will go hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

Lent 2025

Lent Course

This Lent there will be the opportunity once again to gather together **in the Rectory** once a week on a **Wednesday evening from 7 - 8.30pm** to talk about following Jesus in the real world. We will be using the book "Lentwise" by Paul Gooder to guide our discussions, but the idea is to learn from each other.

Paula describes her book this way:

"As we journey through life, we face challenges – both big and small. What spiritual essentials will help us survive life's storms? "Lentwise" is a five-session course which helps us to deal with the rigours of real life. Using fresh insights from John's gospel, it explores: direction, nourishment, wisdom, refreshment, and security."

The dates for the course are: 12th, 19th and 26th March 2nd, 9th April

Everyone is welcome to join us, although if you could let me know if you are hoping to come, it will help make sure we have enough chairs for everyone!

Midweek communion

On the same days as the Lent Course there will also be a short service of communion, based on the Book of Common Prayer, in **St James' Church**, **Cherhill at 9.30am** for about half an hour. This is a great opportunity to pause and reconnect with God in the middle of the week.