

## NOTICES

### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August

9.45 Calstone: Morning Worship  
11.00 Compton Bassett: Holy Communion  
6.00pm Heddington: Evensong

Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> August	10.00 Heddington Coffee Morning 12.30pm Calstone: Wedding
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> August	2.00pm Cherhill: Wedding
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	10.30 Calstone: Benefice Communion and Baptism

### Upcoming PCC Meetings

Joint PCC: 25<sup>th</sup> September @ 5.30pm

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**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursdays, 9 am to 12 noon**

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(Day off - Friday)

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

**If you need help with safeguarding issues, please contact the Safeguarding Officer on 07864 000906**

## 25<sup>th</sup> August 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity Ephesians 6.10-20 John 6.56-69



Almighty God,  
who called your Church to bear witness  
that you were in Christ reconciling the  
world to yourself:  
help us to proclaim the good news of  
your love,  
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;  
through him who was lifted up on the cross,  
and reigns with you in the unity of the  
Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

Next week:  
14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after  
Trinity

**Luke 18.35 - 19.10**

*Benefice – Back to  
School*

#### 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.

#### Receiving the bread and wine

We have been asked by the Department of Health and the House of Bishops to discourage the dipping of wafers into the chalice as it is considered to increase the risk to others' health. If for any reason you do not wish to drink from the chalice, could I therefore ask you to simply let it pass you by. The Church of England has always taught that it is sufficient to receive just the bread. If you have any questions about this, please speak to me after the service or during the week.

**PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET HOME WITH YOU**

## **New Testament Reading: Ephesians 6.10-20**

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armour of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armour of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled round your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

## **Gospel Reading: John 6.56-69**

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live for ever.' He said this while teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum.

On hearing it, many of his disciples said, 'This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?'

Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, 'Does this offend you? Then what if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before! The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you – they are full of the Spirit and life. Yet there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him. He went on to say, 'This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled them.'

From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him.

'You do not want to leave too, do you?' Jesus asked the Twelve.

Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God.'

### **Heddington Coffee Morning**

Come along for tea, coffee, cake, and a chat. All welcome  
Mondays from 10.00-11.30 @ St. Andrews Church

### **Baptism Next Week**

Next Sunday's benefice service includes the baptism of one of our regulars. The service is in the church, but the baptism itself will be taking place in the swimming pool at the Old Rectory by kind permission of Oliver and Jacqui. Please come suitably dressed for being outside for 5-10 minutes.

Afterwards, there will be refreshments as usual, but if the weather is fine there will be the opportunity to enjoy a picnic together in the field next door. Do bring a blanket/chair and something to eat if you wish to join us.

It would be great to see lots of you there.

### **VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED**

We need your help. We need one or more people to help us set up, tidy up and serve refreshments at our toddler group "Little Fishes", every Tuesday morning in term time. It's a great opportunity to show God's love and to get to know more people from our local area. If you would like to find out more (or come along and see what we do), please chat with Matt or Nele.