

NOTICES

Sunday 2nd March

10.30 Heddington: Benefice Communion

Monday 3rd March

10.00 Heddington Coffee Morning

7.15 Prayer Meeting

Tuesday 4th March

9.15 Little Fishes

Wednesday 6th March

1.00pm Yatesbury: Holy Communion

Ash Wednesday

Sunday 9th March

9.45 Calstone: Holy Communion

6.00pm Cherhill: Informal Evening Worship

11.15 Compton Bassett: Morning Worship

11.15 Heddington: Morning Worship

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2nd March

Sunday next before Lent

2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2

Luke 9.28-36



Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

Holy God,
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:
may we who are partakers at his table
reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know his power to change and save.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Next week:
Ash Wednesday
2 Corinthians
5.20b-6.10
John 8.1-11**

**First Sunday of
Lent
Romans 10.8b-13
Luke 4.1-13**

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: 2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2

Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold. We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to prevent the Israelites from seeing the end of what was passing away. But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because only in Christ is it taken away. Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts. But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God.

Gospel Reading: Luke 9.28-36

About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendour, talking with Jesus. They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfilment at Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, 'Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters – one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' (He did not know what he was saying.)

While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. A voice came from the cloud, saying, 'This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him.' When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen.

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 Paula 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.