

NOTICES

Sunday 6th April

10.30 Cherhill: Benefice Communion



6th April
Fifth Sunday of Lent
Isaiah 43.16-21
John 12.1-8

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus
Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Next week:
Palm Sunday

Psalm 117.1-2, 19-29
Luke 19.28-40

Monday 7 th April	10.00 Heddington Coffee Morning
Wednesday 9 th April	9.30 Cherhill: Holy Communion 11.00 Compton Bassett APCM 7.00pm Lent Course
Saturday 12 th April	3.00pm Yatesbury: Bellringers Branch Meeting
Sunday 13 th April	9.45 Calstone: Holy Communion 6.00pm Cherhill: Informal Evening Worship 11.15 Heddington: Morning Worship

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters
we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant of others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

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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

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 43.16-21

This is what the LORD says –

he who made a way through the sea,
a path through the mighty waters,
who drew out the chariots and horses,
the army and reinforcements together,
and they lay there, never to rise again,
extinguished, snuffed out like a wick:

‘Forget the former things;

do not dwell on the past.

See, I am doing a new thing!

Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?

I am making a way in the wilderness
and streams in the wasteland.

The wild animals honour me,
the jackals and the owls,
because I provide water in the wilderness
and streams in the wasteland,
to give drink to my people, my chosen,
the people I formed for myself
that they may proclaim my praise.

Gospel Reading: John 12.1-8

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. Here a dinner was given in Jesus’ honour. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. Then Mary took about half a litre of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus’ feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, ‘Why wasn’t this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year’s wages. He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.

‘Leave her alone,’ Jesus replied. ‘It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me.’

Upcoming APCM Meetings

Compton Bassett – 9th April at 11am

Calstone – 22nd April at 6pm

Heddington – 27th April at 12.15pm

Yatesbury – 7th May at 5pm

Cherhill – 12th May at 7pm

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:

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.