

NOTICES

Sunday 8th December

9.45 Calstone: Morning Worship
11.15 Compton Bassett: Holy Communion
6.00pm Heddington: Nine Lessons and Carols
9.45 Yatesbury: Holy Communion

Monday 9 th December	10.00 Heddington Coffee Morning
Tuesday 10 th December	9.15 Little Fishes
Wednesday 11 th December	1.30pm Home Group at the Rectory 7.00pm Compton Bassett: Carols in the pub
Thursday 12 th December	7.15pm Bible Study Group
Sunday 15 th December	3.00pm Calstone: Nine Lessons and Carols 10.00 Cherhill: Morning Worship 4.00pm Compton Bassett: T4All 11.15 Heddington: Holy Communion

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**If you need help with safeguarding issues, please contact the Safeguarding Officer on
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8th December 2nd Sunday of Advent Malachi 3.1-4 Luke 3.1-6

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power
and come among us,
and with great might succour us;
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness
we are grievously hindered
in running the race that is set before us,
your bountiful grace and mercy
may speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

Father in heaven,
who sent your Son to redeem the world
and will send him again to be our judge:
give us grace so to imitate him
in the humility and purity of his first coming
that, when he comes again,
we may be ready to greet him
with joyful love and firm faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:
3rd Sunday of
Advent

**Zephaniah 3.14-20
Luke 3.7-18**

The Prophets

PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET HOME WITH YOU

Old Testament Reading: Malachi 3.1-4

‘I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come,’ says the LORD Almighty.

But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner’s fire or a launderer’s soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the LORD will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness, and the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be acceptable to the LORD, as in days gone by, as in former years.

Gospel Reading: Luke 3.1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar – when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Tracoonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene – during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet:

‘A voice of one calling in the wilderness,
“Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him.
Every valley shall be filled in,
every mountain and hill made low.
The crooked roads shall become straight,
the rough ways smooth.
And all people will see God’s salvation.”’



Christmas Services

Carol services

8th December	6pm – Heddington
11th December	7pm – Compton Bassett Carols in the Pub
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