

NOTICES

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

Monday 10 th March	10.00 Heddington Coffee Morning
Tuesday 11 th March	9.15 Little Fishes
Wednesday 12 th March	9.30 Cherhill: Holy Communion 7.00pm Lent Course
Thursday 13 th March	12.00pm Calstone: Funeral for Mr William Griffiths 7.15 Bible Study Group
Sunday 16 th March	9.45 Calstone: Morning Worship 10.00 Cherhill: Holy Communion 11.15 Compton Bassett: Morning Worship 4.00pm Heddington: Evensong

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

9th March First Sunday of Lent Romans 10.8b-13 Luke 4.1-13



Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your

Spirit;

and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
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.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God,

you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;
by it you nourish our faith,
increase our hope,
and strengthen our love:
teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and
living bread,
and enable us to live by every word
that proceeds from out of your mouth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Next week:
Second Sunday of
Lent**

**Philippians 3.17-4.1
Luke 13.31-35**

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

Bible Reading: James 1. 2-4, 12

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.

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.