

NOTICES

Sunday 11th May

9.45 Calstone: Morning Worship
6.00pm Cherhill: Informal Evening Worship
10.00 Compton Bassett: Morning Worship
11.15 Heddington: Holy Communion

Monday 12 th May	10.00 Heddington Coffee Morning 7.00pm Cherhill APCM 7.15pm Prayer Meeting
Tuesday 13 th May	9.15 Little Fishes
Wednesday 14 th May	1.30pm Home Group at the Rectory
Thursday 15 th May	7.15pm Bible Study at the Rectory
Sunday 18 th May	6.00pm Calstone: Evensong 10.00 Cherhill: Morning Worship 11.15 Heddington: Morning Worship

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

11th May 4th Sunday of Easter Acts 9.36-43 John 10.22-30



Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

**Next week:
5th Sunday of Easter**

**Acts 11.1-18
John 13.31-35**

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
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.

PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET HOME WITH YOU

New Testament Reading: Acts 9.36-43

In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas); she was always doing good and helping the poor. About that time she became ill and died, and her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room. Lydda was near Joppa; so when the disciples heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to him and urged him, 'Please come at once!'

Peter went with them, and when he arrived he was taken upstairs to the room. All the widows stood round him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them.

Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed. Turning towards the dead woman, he said, 'Tabitha, get up.' She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up. He took her by the hand and helped her to her feet. Then he called for the believers, especially the widows, and presented her to them alive. This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord. Peter stayed in Joppa for some time with a tanner named Simon.

Gospel Reading: John 10.22-30

Then came the Festival of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was in the temple courts walking in Solomon's Colonnade. The Jews who were there gathered round him, saying, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.'

Jesus answered, 'I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father's name testify about me, but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. I and the Father are one.'

Upcoming APCM Meetings

Cherhill – 12th May at 7pm

Rogation Services and Walks



On **Sunday 25th May** we will be replacing our usual services with a join **Benefice service on Charles Reis' farm in Compton Bassett** (the Austins Buildings, Manor Farm, near the 40 mph limit as you head out of Compton Bassett towards Hilmarton). We will be reflecting on this wonderful world God has made and our place in it, asking God to bless our farms and farmers as well as our wider world.

There will be bales of straw for the younger and fitter, and chairs for those who need them. Refreshments will be served afterwards. There is a reasonable amount of parking on site, but do share cars if you are able.

The following 3 days I will be **walking around the Benefice**, roughly 10 miles each day, along with anyone who wishes to join me, even if for just a short stretch.

We conclude with an early morning service of **Holy Communion at Calstone on Thursday 29th May** to celebrate Ascension.

Everyone is welcome to all events, whether you are a regular churchgoer or not. Please pick up a leaflet for more details.