

NOTICES

Sunday 14th December

3.00pm Calstone: Nine Lessons and Carols
10.00 Cherhill: Holy Communion
11.15 Compton Bassett: Holy Communion
11.15 Heddington: Morning Worship

Monday 15 th December	10.00 Heddington Coffee Morning
Tuesday 16 th December	9.15 Little Fishes
Thursday 18 th December	9.15 & 2pm Cherhill School Carol Services 7.15pm Bible Study Group
Friday 19 th December	9.15 Heddington School Christmas Service
Sunday 21 st December	9.45 Calstone: Morning Worship 6.00pm Cherhill: Carols 4.00pm Compton Bassett: Carols 11.15 Heddington: Holy Communion

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

14th December Third Sunday of Advent Isaiah 35.1-10 Matthew 11.2-11

O Lord Jesus Christ,
who at your first coming sent your messenger
to prepare your way before you:
grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way
by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of
the just,
that at your second coming to judge the world
we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;
for you are alive and reign with the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts;
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit
that when your Christ comes again
we may shine as lights before his face;
who is alive and reigns now and for ever.



**Next week:
Fourth Sunday of
Advent**

**Isaiah 7.10-16
Matthew 1.18-25**

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 35.1-10

The desert and the parched land will be glad;
the wilderness will rejoice and blossom.
Like the crocus, it will burst into bloom;
it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy.
The glory of Lebanon will be given to it,
the splendour of Carmel and Sharon;
they will see the glory of the LORD,
the splendour of our God.
Strengthen the feeble hands,
steady the knees that give way;
say to those with fearful hearts,
‘Be strong, do not fear;
your God will come,
he will come with vengeance;
with divine retribution
he will come to save you.’
Then will the eyes of the blind be opened
and the ears of the deaf unstopped.
Then will the lame leap like a deer,
and the mute tongue shout for joy.
Water will gush forth in the wilderness
and streams in the desert.
The burning sand will become a pool,
the thirsty ground bubbling springs.
In the haunts where jackals once lay,
grass and reeds and papyrus will grow.
And a highway will be there;
it will be called the Way of Holiness;
it will be for those who walk on that Way.
The unclean will not journey on it;
wicked fools will not go about on it.
No lion will be there,
nor any ravenous beast;
they will not be found there.
But only the redeemed will walk there,
and those the LORD has rescued will return.
They will enter Zion with singing;
everlasting joy will crown their heads.
Gladness and joy will overtake them,
and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 11.2-11

When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples to ask him, ‘Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?’

Jesus replied, ‘Go back and report to John what you hear and see: the blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me.’

As John’s disciples were leaving, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: ‘What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swayed by the wind? If not, what did you go out to see? A man dressed in fine clothes? No, those who wear fine clothes are in kings’ palaces. Then what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written:

“‘I will send my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you.’”

Truly I tell you, among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet whoever is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

Christmas Services in Oldbury Benefice

Carol Services

<i>14th December</i>	<i>3pm - Calstone</i>
<i>21st December</i>	<i>4pm - Compton Bassett</i>
	<i>6pm - Cherhill</i>
<i>24th December</i>	<i>4pm - Yatesbury</i>

Crib Services

<i>24th December</i>	<i>5pm - Heddington</i>
	<i>5.30pm - Cherhill</i>

Christmas Day Communion Services

<i>24th December</i>	<i>9pm - Heddington</i>
	<i>11.30pm - Cherhill</i>
<i>25th December</i>	<i>9.45am - Calstone</i>
	<i>10am - Heddington</i>
	<i>11.15am - Compton Bassett</i>