

NOTICES

Sunday 18th May

6.00pm Calstone: Evensong
10.00 Cherhill: Morning Worship
11.15 Heddington: Morning Worship

Monday 19 th May	10.00 Heddington Coffee Morning
Tuesday 20 th May	9.15 Little Fishes
Thursday 22 nd May	7.00pm Deanery Synod
Sunday 25 th May	10.30 Compton Bassett: Benefice Communion @ The Farm

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

18th May 5th Sunday of Easter Acts 11.1-18 John 13.31-35



Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of
everlasting life:

grant that, as by your grace going before us
you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

**Next week:
Rogation Sunday**

**Genesis 2.15-24
Luke 6.1-11**

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 11.1-18

The apostles and the believers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticised him and said, ‘You went into the house of uncircumcised men and ate with them.’

Starting from the beginning, Peter told them the whole story: ‘I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. I saw something like a large sheet being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to where I was. I looked into it and saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, reptiles and birds. Then I heard a voice telling me, “Get up, Peter. Kill and eat.”

‘I replied, “Surely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth.”

‘The voice spoke from heaven a second time, “Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.” This happened three times, and then it was all pulled up to heaven again.

‘Right then three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea stopped at the house where I was staying. The Spirit told me to have no hesitation about going with them. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered the man’s house. He told us how he had seen an angel appear in his house and say, “Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter. He will bring you a message through which you and all your household will be saved.”

‘As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning. Then I remembered what the Lord had said: “John baptised with water, but you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.” So if God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could stand in God’s way?’

When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, ‘So then, even to Gentiles God has granted repentance that leads to life.’

Gospel Reading: John 13.31-35

When he was gone, Jesus said, ‘Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.

‘My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: where I am going, you cannot come.

‘A new command I give you: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.’

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.