

## NOTICES

### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

9.45 Calstone: Holy Communion  
11.15 Cherhill: Morning Worship  
4.00pm Compton Bassett: Evensong  
11.15 Heddington: Morning Worship

Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	10.00 Heddington Coffee Morning
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	9.15 Little Fishes
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Bible Study Group
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	10.30 Heddington: Benefice Communion

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## 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent Genesis 2.4b-9, 15-25 Luke 8.22-25



Almighty God,  
you have created the heavens and the earth  
and made us in your own image:  
teach us to discern your hand in all your works  
and your likeness in all your children;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all  
things,  
now and for ever.

#### Post Communion Prayer

God our creator,  
by your gift  
the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise,  
and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:  
may we who have been nourished at your table on earth  
be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross  
and enjoy the delights of eternity;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Next week:  
Sunday next before  
Lent**

**2 Corinthians 3.12-  
4.2  
Luke 9.28-36**

#### 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: Genesis 2.4b-9, 15-25

This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, when the LORD God made the earth and the heavens.

Now no shrub had yet appeared on the earth and no plant had yet sprung up, for the LORD God had not sent rain on the earth and there was no one to work the ground, but streams came up from the earth and watered the whole surface of the ground. Then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. The LORD God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground – trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. And the LORD God commanded the man, ‘You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.’

The LORD God said, ‘It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.’

Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals.

But for Adam no suitable helper was found. So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man’s ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.

The man said,

‘This is now bone of my bones  
and flesh of my flesh;  
she shall be called “woman”,  
for she was taken out of man.’

That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

## Gospel Reading: Luke 8.22-25

One day Jesus said to his disciples, ‘Let us go over to the other side of the lake.’ So they got into a boat and set out. As they sailed, he fell asleep. A squall came down on the lake, so that the boat was being swamped, and they were in great danger.

The disciples went and woke him, saying, ‘Master, Master, we’re going to drown!’

He got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waters; the storm subsided, and all was calm. ‘Where is your faith?’ he asked his disciples.

In fear and amazement they asked one another, ‘Who is this? He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey 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 Paul 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.