

NOTICES

Sunday 23rd March

9.45 Calstone: Morning Worship
10.00 Compton Bassett: Holy Communion
11.15 Heddington: Holy Communion

Monday 24th March

10.00 Heddington Coffee Morning

Tuesday 25th March

9.15 Little Fishes

Wednesday 26th March

9.30 Cherhill: Holy Communion
7.00pm Lent Course

Thursday 27th March

7.15 Bible Study Group

Sunday 30th March

9.45 Calstone: Mothering Sunday Service
10.00 Cherhill: Mothering Sunday Service
11.15 Compton Bassett: Mothering Sunday Service
11.15 Heddington: Mothering Sunday Service

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23rd March Third Sunday of Lent 1 Corinthians 10.1-13 Luke 13.1-9

Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he
suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;
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

Merciful Lord,
grant your people grace to withstand the temptations
of the world, the flesh and the devil,
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



**Next week:
Mothering Sunday**

John 19.25-27

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: 1 Corinthians 10.1-13

For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. They all ate the same spiritual food and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did. Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written: 'The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry.' We should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did – and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died. We should not test Christ, as some of them did – and were killed by snakes. And do not grumble, as some of them did – and were killed by the destroying angel.

These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come. So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

Gospel Reading: Luke 13.1-9

Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. Jesus answered, 'Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them – do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.'

Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig-tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, "For three years now I've been coming to look for

fruit on this fig-tree and haven't found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?"

"Sir," the man replied, "leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig round it and fertilise it. If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down."

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:

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.