

## NOTICES

### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February

9.45 Calstone: Morning Worship  
11.15 Cherhill: Baptism and Morning Worship  
4.00pm Compton Bassett: Evensong  
11.15 Heddington: Morning Worship

Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	10.00 Heddington Coffee Morning
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	9.15 Little Fishes
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	9.30 Cherhill: Holy Communion
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> February	7.15pm Bible Study Group
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	10.30 Yatesbury: Benefice Communion

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07864 000906**

25<sup>th</sup> February  
Lent 2  
Romans 4.13-25  
Mark 8.31-38



Almighty God,  
you show to those who are in error the light  
of your truth,  
that they may return to the way of righteousness:  
grant to all those who are admitted  
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,  
that they may reject those things  
that are contrary to their profession,  
and follow all such things as are agreeable  
to the same;  
through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Next week:  
Lent 3**

**1 Corinthians 1.18-25  
John 2.13-22**

#### 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.

#### Receiving the bread and wine

We have been asked by the Department of Health and the House of Bishops to discourage the dipping of wafers into the chalice as it is considered to increase the risk to others' health. If for any reason you do not wish to drink from the chalice, could I therefore ask you to simply let it pass you by. The Church of England has always taught that it is sufficient to receive just the bread. If you have any questions about this, please speak to me after the service or during the week.

**PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET HOME WITH YOU**

## **New Testament Reading: Romans 4.13-25 (GN)**

When God promised Abraham and his descendants that the world would belong to him, he did so, not because Abraham obeyed the Law, but because he believed and was accepted as righteous by God. For if what God promises is to be given to those who obey the Law, then faith means nothing and God's promise is worthless. The Law brings down God's anger; but where there is no law, there is no disobeying of the law.

And so the promise was based on faith, in order that the promise should be guaranteed as God's free gift to all of Abraham's descendants—not just to those who obey the Law, but also to those who believe as Abraham did. For Abraham is the spiritual father of us all; as the scripture says, “I have made you father of many nations.” So the promise is good in the sight of God, in whom Abraham believed—the God who brings the dead to life and whose command brings into being what did not exist. Abraham believed and hoped, even when there was no reason for hoping, and so became “the father of many nations.” Just as the scripture says, “Your descendants will be as many as the stars.” He was then almost one hundred years old; but his faith did not weaken when he thought of his body, which was already practically dead, or of the fact that Sarah could not have children. His faith did not leave him, and he did not doubt God's promise; his faith filled him with power, and he gave praise to God. He was absolutely sure that God would be able to do what he had promised. That is why Abraham, through faith, “was accepted as righteous by God.” The words “he was accepted as righteous” were not written for him alone. They were written also for us who are to be accepted as righteous, who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from death. Because of our sins he was given over to die, and he was raised to life in order to put us right with God.

## **Gospel Reading: Mark 8.31-38 (NIV)**

He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. ‘Get behind me, Satan!’ he said. ‘You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.’

Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: ‘Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for

the gospel will save it. What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels.’

### **Heddington Coffee Morning**

Come along for tea, coffee, cake, and a chat. All welcome  
Mondays from 10.00-11.30 @ St. Andrews Church.

**Little Fishes** runs most Tuesdays during term time from 9.15am at Compton  
Basset Village Hall

**The Bible Study Group** is continuing to meet at The Rectory. The next meeting is on Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> February at 7.15pm.

### **Home Group at the Rectory**

Next meeting will be on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 1.30pm