

NOTICES

Sunday 28th January

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

Monday 29 th January	10.00 Heddington Coffee Morning
Tuesday 30 th January	9.15 Little Fishes
Wednesday 31 st January	10.00 Heddington PCC
Thursday 1 st February	7.15pm Bible Study Group
Sunday 4 th February	10.30 Calstone: Benefice Communion

Upcoming PCC Meetings

Heddington – 31st January 2024, 10.00am
Yatesbury – 19th February 2024, 5.00pm

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**If you need help with safeguarding issues, please contact the Safeguarding Officer on
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28th January
The Presentation of Christ
in the Temple
Malachi 3.1-4
Luke 2.22-40



Almighty and ever-living God,
clothed in majesty,
whose beloved Son was this day presented in
the Temple,
in substance of our flesh:
grant that we may be presented to you
with pure and clean hearts,
by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

**Next week:
2nd Sunday before
Lent**

**Colossians 1.1-14
John 1.1-14**

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

Old Testament Reading: Malachi 3.1-4

‘I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come,’ says the LORD Almighty.

But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner’s fire or a launderer’s soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the LORD will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness, and the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be acceptable to the LORD, as in days gone by, as in former years.

Gospel Reading: Luke 2.22-40

When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, ‘Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord’), and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: ‘a pair of doves or two young pigeons’.

Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

‘Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,
you may now dismiss your servant in peace.
For my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:
a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and the glory of your people Israel.’

The child’s father and mother marvelled at what was said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: ‘This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.’

There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped night and day, fasting and praying. Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.

Heddington Coffee Morning

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

The Bible Study Group is continuing to meet at The Rectory. The next meeting is on Thursday, 1st February at 7.15pm.

Home Group at the Rectory

Next meeting will be on Wednesday 7th February at 1.30pm

Little Fishes runs most Tuesdays during term time from 9.15am at Compton Bassett Village Hall.