

NOTICES

Sunday 2nd January
10.30am Calstone Benefice Communion

Sunday 9th January
9.45am Calstone Holy Communion
6.00pm Cherhill Informal Evening Worship
11.15am Compton Bassett Morning Worship
11.15am Heddington Morning Worship

Monday Coffee mornings at Heddington Church
restart on
10th January at 10.00am
term time only
All welcome

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You will find contact details for the churchwardens in the Villages magazine.

Sunday 2nd January
Epiphany
Ephesians 3.1-12,
Matthew 2.1-12
Light for the whole world



Creator of the heavens,
who led the Magi by a star
to worship the Christ-child:
guide and sustain us,
that we may find our journey's end
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Next Sunday
9th January
Baptism of Christ
What happens at
baptism?

Given the ongoing uncertainty regarding the health risks posed by the omicron variant, it seems advisable to continue to take extra care during our services.

It is once again a legal requirement to wear a face covering during a service in church unless you are exempt, although we would advise you to do this anyway.

It is currently difficult to get hold of lateral flow tests, but if you are able to take a test before a service, it would help reduce the spread in our community.

We will continue to keep the doors open where possible to ensure a flow of air.

Children are always welcome in our churches, but unfortunately, we cannot provide toys or books at this time.

A loop system may be provided in this church. Please ask or check by switching your hearing aid to the "T" position.

Readings:

New Testament: Ephesians 3.1-12 NIV

For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles --

Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you, that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly.

In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.

I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power. Although I am less than the least of all the Lord's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ, and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

Bible Study group
is meeting again, by ZOOM on
Thursday 13th January
Starting at 7.30pm
the log in can be obtained from Rev'd Linda
Linda can be contacted by email:
ladytham@btinternet.com
or by phone:
01380 859571
We are currently studying the book of Acts

Gospel Reading: Matthew 2.1-12 NIV

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked,
“Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written:

“But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.”

Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said,

“Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”

After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.