

NOTICES

Sunday 30th January

9:45am Calstone Morning Worship

10.00am Holy Communion

11:15am Heddington Matins

Monday 31st January	10am – 11:30am Heddington Coffee morning
Wednesday 2nd February	9:15am – 11:15am Little Fishes
Sunday 6th February	10:30am Compton Bassett Benefice Communion

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30th January
The presentation of Christ
in the Temple
Ezekiel 43.27-44.4, Luke 2.22-40
The Lord is back!



Next Sunday
6th February

4th Sunday before Lent

Unworthy, but called

Lord of the hosts of heaven,
our salvation and our strength,
without you we are lost:
guard us from all that harms or hurts
and raise us when we fall;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 no longer a legal requirement to wear a face mask during services. You are, of course, welcome to continue wearing one for the time being if you wish

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:

Old Testament: Ezekiel 43.27 NIV

At the end of these days, from the eighth day on, the priests are to present your burnt offerings and fellowship offerings on the altar. Then I will accept you, declares the Sovereign LORD.”

44.4 NIV

Then the man brought me back to the outer gate of the sanctuary, the one facing east, and it was shut.

The LORD said to me,

“This gate is to remain shut. It must not be opened; no one may enter through it.

It is to remain shut because the LORD, the God of Israel, has entered through it. The prince himself is the only one who may sit inside the gateway to eat in the presence of the LORD. He is to enter by way of the portico of the gateway and go out the same way.”

Then the man brought me by way of the north gate to the front of the temple. I looked and saw the glory of the LORD filling the temple of the LORD, and I fell facedown.

Gospel Reading: Luke 2.22-40 NIV

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:

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 worshiped 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.

Gospel Reading (continued)

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.

“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.”

Monday Coffee mornings at Heddington Church 31st January at 10:00am Term time only, all welcome

ABBA Bible Study group

Next date, meeting online

Thursday

10th February starting at 7.30pm

The log in can be obtained from Rev'd Linda

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Matt's Questions

1 What do you think is the best way to evaluate your life?

2 If Jesus visited your house today, do you think you would recognise him, and if so, how?