

NOTICES

Sunday 30th July

9.45 Calstone: Holy Communion
10.00 Cherhill: Morning Worship
11.15 Heddington: Matins

Monday 31st July

10.00 Heddington Coffee Morning

Thursday 3rd August

7.30 Bible Study Group

Sunday 6th August

10.30 Cherhill: Benefice Communion

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**If you need help with safeguarding issues, please contact the Safeguarding Officer on
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30th July
8th Sunday after Trinity
Genesis 29.15-28
Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52



Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern
both our hearts and bodies
in the ways of your laws
and the works of your commandments;
that through your most mighty protection,
both here and ever,
we may be preserved in body and soul;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

**Next week:
9th Sunday after
Trinity**

**Genesis 32.22-31
Matthew 14.13-21**

**Jacob wrestles with
God**

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

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 29.15-28

Laban said to him, 'Just because you are a relative of mine, should you work for me for nothing? Tell me what your wages should be.'

Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder one was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah had weak eyes, but Rachel had a lovely figure and was beautiful. Jacob was in love with Rachel and said, 'I'll work for you seven years in return for your younger daughter Rachel.'

Laban said, 'It's better that I give her to you than to some other man. Stay here with me.' So Jacob served seven years to get Rachel, but they seemed like only a few days to him because of his love for her.

Then Jacob said to Laban, 'Give me my wife. My time is completed, and I want to make love to her.'

So Laban brought together all the people of the place and gave a feast. But when evening came, he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob, and Jacob made love to her. And Laban gave his servant Zilpah to his daughter as her attendant.

When morning came, there was Leah! So Jacob said to Laban, 'What is this you have done to me? I served you for Rachel, didn't I? Why have you deceived me?'

Laban replied, 'It is not our custom here to give the younger daughter in marriage before the elder one. Finish this daughter's bridal week; then we will give you the younger one also, in return for another seven years of work.'

And Jacob did so. He finished the week with Leah, and then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel to be his wife.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52

He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.'

He told them still another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about thirty kilograms of flour until it worked all through the dough.'

'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

'Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

'Have you understood all these things?' Jesus asked.

'Yes,' they replied.

He said to them, 'Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old.'

Heddington Coffee Morning

Come along for tea, coffee, cake, and a chat. All welcome
Mondays from 10.00-11.00 @ St. Andrews Church

Please note that the coffee mornings will continue through the summer holidays.

The next Bible Study Group will be on

Thursday 3rd August at 7.30pm at Berendean

Please contact Penelope Kilbee 01249 760776 for more information.