

## NOTICES

### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

10.30 am Heddington Benefice Communion

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	10 am – 11:30 am Heddington Coffee morning
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	1.45 pm - 3.00 pm Lent group Cherhill Rectory
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	9:15 am – 11:15 am Little Fishes
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	9.15 School Easter services 5.00 pm Burial at St Andrew's, Heddington 7.00 pm-8.15 pm Lent Group, 10 Home Farm Close Heddington
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	9.45 am Calstone Holy Communion 6.00 pm Cherhill Informal evening Worship 10.00 am Compton Bassett Morning Worship 11.15 am Heddington Morning Worship

#### Contact details

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

3<sup>rd</sup> April  
Lent 5  
Philippians 3.4-14, John 12.1-8

Nothing compares to him



Most merciful God,  
who by the death and resurrection of your Son  
Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world:  
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross  
we may triumph in the power of his victory;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

10<sup>th</sup> April  
Palm Sunday

The Triumphal  
Entry

**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**

**With the warmer weather having arrived, 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: Philippians 3.4-14 NIV

If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.

But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

## Gospel Reading: John 12.1-8 NIV

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honour. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, "Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages." He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.

"Leave her alone," Jesus replied. "It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me."

## LENT GROUPS

Open to anyone across the benefice.

They will offer opportunities for us to gather together in more informal circumstances, to reflect on our own journeys of faith, and to get to know each other better.

### Tuesdays with Matt and Nele

1.45 – 3pm

at The Rectory, in Cherhill

Last meeting will be on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April

You can still join us, just come along.

More details on 01249 821329 or [mattearwicker@gmail.com](mailto:mattearwicker@gmail.com)

### Thursdays with Linda

7 – 8.15pm

at 10 Home Farm Close, Heddington

The last meeting will be on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April.

Please let Linda know if you think you may like to come along

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**Monday Coffee mornings at  
Heddington Church  
3<sup>rd</sup> April at 10:00am  
Term time only, all welcome**