

## NOTICES

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

10.30 Yatesbury: Benefice Communion

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	10.00 Heddington Coffee Morning 7.15pm Prayer Meeting
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	9.15 Little Fishes
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	9.30 Cherhill: Holy Communion
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	9.45 Calstone: Mothering Sunday Service 10.00 Cherhill: Mothering Sunday Service 10.00 Compton Bassett: Mothering Sunday Service 11.15 Heddington: Mothering Sunday Service

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**If you need help with safeguarding issues, please contact the Safeguarding Officer on  
07864 000906**

3<sup>rd</sup> March  
Lent 3  
1 Corinthians 1.18-25  
John 2.13-22



Almighty God,  
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first  
he suffered pain,  
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:  
mercifully grant that we, walking in the  
way of the cross,  
may find it none other than the way of  
life and peace;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Next week:  
Lent 4/Mothering  
Sunday**

**1 Samuel 1.20-28  
Luke 2.33-35**

#### 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**

## **New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.18-25**

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written:

‘I will destroy the wisdom of the wise;

the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.’

Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

## **Gospel Reading: John 2.13-22**

When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. To those who sold doves he said, ‘Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father’s house into a market!’ His disciples remembered that it is written: ‘Zeal for your house will consume me.’

The Jews then responded to him, ‘What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?’

Jesus answered them, ‘Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.’

They replied, ‘It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?’ But the temple he had spoken of was his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the Scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

### **Heddington Coffee Morning**

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

**Little Fishes** runs most Tuesdays during term time from 9.15am at Compton  
Basset Village Hall

**The Bible Study Group** is continuing to meet at The Rectory. The next  
meeting is on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> March at 7.15pm.

### **Home Group at the Rectory**

Next meeting will be on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 1.30pm