

## NOTICES

### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February

10.30 Calstone: Benefice Communion

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	10.00 Heddington Coffee Morning 7.15pm Prayer Meeting
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	9.15 Little Fishes
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	1.30pm Home Group at the Rectory
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	10.30 Compton Bassett PCC
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	9.45 Calstone: Holy Communion 6.00pm Cherhill: Informal Evening Worship 10.00 Compton Bassett: Morning Worship 11.15 Heddington: Morning Worship

### Upcoming PCC Meetings

Compton Bassett – 8<sup>th</sup> February, 10.30am  
Yatesbury – 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024, 5.00pm

#### Contact details

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**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursdays, 9 am to 12 noon**

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(Day off - Friday)

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

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

4<sup>th</sup> February  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent  
Colossians 1.15-20  
John 1.1-14



Almighty God,  
you have created the heavens and the earth  
and made us in your own image:  
teach us to discern your hand in all your  
works  
and your likeness in all your children;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns  
supreme over all things,  
now and for ever.

**Next week:  
Sunday next before  
Lent**

**2 Corinthians 4.3-6  
Mark 9.2-9**

#### 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: Colossians 1.15-20**

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

## **Gospel Reading: John 1.1-14**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognise him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God – children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

### **Heddington Coffee Morning**

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

**The Bible Study Group** is continuing to meet at The Rectory. The next meeting is on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> February at 7.15pm.

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

Next meeting will be on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 1.30pm

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