

NOTICES

Sunday 8th September

9.45 Calstone: Morning Worship
6.00pm Cherhill: Informal Evening Worship
11.00 Compton Bassett: Morning Worship
11.15 Heddington: Morning Worship
9.45 Yatesbury: Holy Communion

Monday 9 th September	10.00 Heddington Coffee Morning 7.00pm Lay Worship Leader Training
Tuesday 10 th September	9.15 Little Fishes
Wednesday 11 th September	1.30pm Home Group at the Rectory
Thursday 12 th September	7.30pm Deanery Synod
Saturday 14 th September	9.00 Heddington Churchyard Tidy 10.00am – 6.00pm Ride and Stride
Sunday 15 th September	9.45 Calstone: Morning Worship 10.00 Cherhill: Holy Communion 6.00pm Compton Bassett: Evensong 11.15 Heddington: Holy Communion

Upcoming PCC Meetings

Joint PCC: 25th September @ 5.30pm at Heddington Village Hall

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**If you need help with safeguarding issues, please contact the Safeguarding Officer on
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8th September
15th Sunday after Trinity
James 2.1-10, 14-17
Mark 7.24-37



God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love:
grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service;
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:
16th Sunday after Trinity

James 3.1-12
Mark 8.27-38

Post Communion Prayer

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

New Testament Reading: James 2.1-10, 14-17

My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favouritism. Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in filthy old clothes also comes in. If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, 'Here's a good seat for you,' but say to the poor man, 'You stand there' or 'Sit on the floor by my feet,' have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?

Listen, my dear brothers and sisters: has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who are exploiting you? Are they not the ones who are dragging you into court? Are they not the ones who are blaspheming the noble name of him to whom you belong?

If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, 'Love your neighbour as yourself,' you are doing right. But if you show favouritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as law-breakers. For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,' but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

Gospel Reading: Mark 7.24-37

Jesus left that place and went to the vicinity of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know it; yet he could not keep his presence secret. In fact, as soon as she heard about him, a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an impure spirit came and fell at his feet. The woman was a Greek, born in Syrian Phoenicia. She begged Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter.

'First let the children eat all they want,' he told her, 'for it is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs.'

'Lord,' she replied, 'even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.'

Then he told her, 'For such a reply, you may go; the demon has left your daughter.'

She went home and found her child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis. There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged Jesus to place his hand on him.

After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spat and touched the man's tongue. He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, '*Ephphatha!*' (which means 'Be opened!'). At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosed and he began to speak plainly.

Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it. People were overwhelmed with amazement. 'He has done everything well,' they said. 'He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.'

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 starts again this Tuesdays 9.15am at Compton Bassett Village Hall.

VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED

We need your help. We need one or more people to help us set up, tidy up and serve refreshments at our toddler group "Little Fishes", every Tuesday morning in term time. It's a great opportunity to show God's love and to get to know more people from our local area. If you would like to find out more (or come along and see what we do), please chat with Matt or Nele.

Bible Study Group

is recommencing on Thursday 19th September at The Rectory at 7.15pm
We are looking at the 1st book of Peter, Chapt 1
Anyone is welcome to join us.

Home Group at the Rectory

Meetings will resume on 11th September at 1.30pm.