

# Badbury Parish News

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Vicar's Letter



## A warm welcome.

For a few years in the 1990's, I was an associate priest at Holy Trinity Church, Stratford-upon-Avon. I enjoyed preaching and presiding to a well-attended church on Sundays. Some days, the numbers would increase when a coach party or two would join us for worship at "Shakespeare's church".

One Sunday when it was my turn to preach and preside, I invited everyone, as was my usual custom, to come forward to the altar and receive Holy Communion. I was pleased to see that alongside our regular worshippers, visitors from the buses came forward.

The following day, my husband and I went on annual leave to the Lake District. A couple of days later, we decided to walk around Lake Buttermere and stop off for lunch at an attractive pub, conveniently situated halfway around the walk. As we entered the inn, we heard a loud voice behind us declaring: "I don't believe it!". We turned around and faced a local man who explained that he had just come back from a coach trip to Stratford and said he responded to my invitation to receive Communion on Sunday.

He explained that this was the first time in 40 years that he felt moved by a sermon and invitation to receive Holy Communion. He felt welcomed and included by the church. On enquiring further, he explained that he was put off the church 40 years ago when he was in the army. He regularly went to church and, one Sunday, sat down in a front pew. He was approached by the warden who told him that he couldn't sit there because it was reserved for a more senior officer. Embarrassed and hurt, he walked out and vowed he would never set foot inside a church again. However, on his trip to Shakespeare's country, he decided to come to church as it was part of the itinerary. "Last Sunday" he said, "I felt back in touch with the Church and reconciled with God". Wow!

This story is not about me, but about everyone in the church who made him feel so welcome. When we welcome visitors into our church today, we are mindful that we greet them in the name of God. Would we expect God's welcome to be embarrassing and hurtful, or inclusive and joyous? This is the challenge I leave you with, to reflect upon as we soon enter the season of Advent – a time when we prepare ourselves afresh to welcome the Son of God into our lives and pray that his light will fall upon those who seek his presence.

*Reverend Maureen Turner*



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# Advent Prayer



## Advent Prayer

God of light, shine forth  
Show us how to bring hope to others.  
God of mercy, help us  
To comfort your people and share in their joy.  
God of hope, make us an Advent people,  
Preparing the way of life in all its fullness.  
God of love, may the light of your presence  
Shine upon all your people, reconciling them to  
yourself. Amen.

*Catherine Gorman/CAFOD*



*Advent—God's Light is Upon Us*

## Deep, Reflective, Sustainable Ministry

*Recently, Bishop Steven shared some encouraging thoughts to licensed clergy and LLMs regarding the Church's ministry today. Here is an abridged version for our personal and corporate reflection.*

This is not an easy time to be in ministry. There are storms all around us as the Church and nation continue the long journey of healing and rebuilding from the pandemic. There have been different responses to the recent survey of Anglican clergy

in *The Times*. My own reading of the outcomes was of a cohort of clergy who are faithfully holding on and maintaining ministry in a demanding situation, who are learning and reflecting deeply on the changes in our society, who know there are no easy answers but who also know they are called by God to this ministry at this time.

Our common vision is not new projects and initiatives, but to become a more Christ-like Church for the sake of God's world. The measure of our common life is the way in which we reflect the life of Christ in the communities we serve. We are called especially to be more contemplative, more compassionate, and more courageous.

A key part of our ministry together is to equip the whole Church, the body of Christ, for ministry and in God's mission. Our calling, as bishops and senior clergy, is to stand with you, to offer support and understanding and encouragement, to pray for you daily, to rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep.

**“Wait for the Lord; be strong and he shall comfort your heart; wait patiently for the Lord.”**

Psalm 27.14

## Vicar's Tea Party - Coleshill

In August, around 30 people from the Benefice joined together to enjoy the Vicar's Tea Party that was kindly hosted by Lady Martin. Though the rain poured non-stop, dampening our outside plans, there was a warm and dry welcome as we sat inside the beautiful home. The tea flowed and there was a colorful and delicious spread of sandwiches and cake to delight our taste buds.



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## Thought for the Day

**“It is often the situation of being vulnerable that creates a space for God to work”.**

*Fr. Patrick van der Vorst*

## Benefice Photography Competition

This beautiful wedding photograph was entered into the Benefice Photography Competition by Ruth Cheesley.

The image was captured in the vestry at St Mary's Church, Buscot on her wedding day on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1966.

Ruth is pictured with her husband Les and the Reverend William Hill Evans, Rector of St Mary's at that time.



If you have any photographs and memories that you would like to share in future copies of this newsletter, send them to [badburyparishnews@outlook.com](mailto:badburyparishnews@outlook.com)

## Carpet Thanks

A new luxurious carpet was laid recently in the nave of St Giles' Church. The old one had been looking tired and worn for some time. The Great Coxwell Village Fund Committee offered to fund a new carpet, and this was warmly received.

The PCC and church members would like to thank them for their generous donation.

## Remembering Our Loved Ones



## Commemoration Service for All Souls

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2.30pm**

**All Saints Church, Coleshill**

Everyone is welcome to come along to this special service to remember and give thanks to God for loved ones who have died. During the service, there will be opportunity to light a candle and write a Remembrance Card in memory of a departed family member or friend. The cards will be hung on our Remembrance tree in church and will be blessed. The tree will stay in church until Advent so that other names can be added during the week.



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28th December 1939 – 6th June 2023

We were sad to hear about the death of Bar Gilmour. As well as being a well-loved villager, she was a regular worshipper at St. Giles' and the other churches in the Benefice. She enjoyed, particularly, the bible studies which she regularly attended. Bar was a one-off, a unique and exuberant lady, knowledgeable and welcoming. She was a keen tennis player, lover of horseracing and bridge and, until recently (pre-Covid days) was attending Salsa and Pilates classes. She was a Samaritan counsellor for many years, supporting them and other charities through fundraising activities. She was also a committee member of the Newbury Festival which brought her much enjoyment. She will be missed but remembered with much affection.

*Biddy Rounce*

We have all heard the saying "Cleanliness is next to Godliness" but have you ever wondered who keeps the four churches of this benefice so clean and polished? We are so grateful to the women and men who volunteer to this important "hidden" task. Armed with feather dusters, hoovers, tins of polish and often stepladders, they clear away the dust and cobwebs, polish the brasses and Hoover the carpets and floors. Whether a visitor or regular member of the congregation, it is wonderful to sit in a well-cared for church as we come to spend some spiritual and reflective time in God's house.

To all our church cleaners, a big thank you!



*Jane Holmes is well prepared to clean St. Giles' Church! Photograph by Anne Hamling.*

## Advent Bible Study – beginning Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Over four Wednesday afternoons, we shall be studying and reflecting upon an Advent theme, as part of our spiritual preparation for Christmas. Everyone is welcome. Please let the Vicar or Jan Hall know if you are coming.

**Venue: The Vicarage, Great Coxwell**

**Time: 2.30pm – 4.00pm**

**Dates: 29<sup>th</sup> November, 6<sup>th</sup> December, 13<sup>th</sup> December, 20<sup>th</sup> December**



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## Great Coxwell

### Funerals

The village has been saddened by the recent deaths of four villagers:

**Jane Haines** was laid to rest on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at Faringdon Churchyard following a service at St. Giles Church.

**Bar Gilmour** was laid to rest at St. Katharine's Church, Exbury on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2023, followed by a memorial service at Great Coxwell on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

**David and Gillian Quatermaine** were laid to rest in St. Giles' Churchyard on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> July 2023 respectively.

*"May they rest in peace and rise in glory."*

## Coleshill

**Renewal of Wedding Vows** on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023. Congratulations to Kim and Charlie Talbot who celebrated 22 years of marriage by renewing their wedding vows at All Saints Church, Coleshill amongst family and friends.

## Buscot - Nash Memorials

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The news from St Mary's this summer is that the railings of the grade one listed Nash family tombs in the churchyard have finally been made safe and restored. The railings had been in a parlous state for several years having rusted off their footings leaving dangerous rusty spikes protruding from the perimeters of the tomb kerb stones.

Our former churchwarden, John Burrows, took on the unenviable task of finding a blacksmith specialist capable of reworking the ironwork to be safe and in keeping with the original railing design. Not only that of course but satisfying both the Diocese and English Heritage that the railings would be put back in an aesthetic and acceptable manner.

The work was at considerable expense to church funds but as you can see from the photographs the work of Martin Harris and Sons has ticked the boxes. The tomb railings are now safe and back in place. Good for another 200 years?

*Jonny Farnol, Church Warden*



*Photograph by Jonny Farnol*

*Aubrey Cole*



At Eaton Hastings, we were saddened to hear the recent news that Aubrey Cole had passed away on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023 in hospital.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Margaret and Aubrey's family at this sad time.

Aubrey was a cornerstone of St Michael and All Angels, Eaton Hastings PCC, not only as a Parishioner but holding positions as Church Warden and Treasurer, with an immense knowledge of the church fabric and its care. In 2016 he was distinguished with an invitation to the Maundy Thursday service at St Georges', Windsor, extended by the Bishop of Dorchester, in recognition of his outstanding contribution of over 50 years to the PCC.

# Camino Walking

Camino is a Spanish word meaning the way. It is often used to describe routes that pilgrims use to travel to places that are considered to have spiritual meaning. In Spain, many routes head to Santiago de Compostela which is in the northwest province of Galicia.



Legend says that James the apostle, after the death and resurrection of Jesus, went to Iberia to spread Jesus's message. James returned to

Jerusalem where Herod had him beheaded in AD44. His body was taken back to Galicia by two friends, who later were buried beside him. In 814, a hermit had dreams about stars shooting out from a small wood. Eventually, the local bishop investigated and discovered three Roman burials which he immediately connected with the legend of St James and announced that James's body had been found. The place was named Santiago de Compostela – St. James of the stars. This became one of the most important of the medieval pilgrimage destinations and grew from a small church to a wonderful cathedral and city.

This year some friends and I walked the English route, from Ferrol to Santiago. After a couple of days in Santiago, we walked to Finisterre on the West coast which has been considered a special place since Celtic times. They believed that the connection between this world and the next was somehow thinner there. We then walked round the coast to Muxia, a total distance of approximately 200 miles.

This was not the first Camino that we have walked but there was something different about it. This time I asked if anyone would be kind enough to sponsor me. The wooden floor of St. Michael and All Angels at Eaton Hastings started collapsing last autumn and the repairs cost £7,500. I was lucky enough to be sponsored so that nearly a thousand pounds of our bill has been covered. Thank you for your support.

People now walk the Caminos for all kinds of reasons from spiritual to wanting to do a long walk.

Whatever your reasons, I can recommend it and I really believe that whatever your reason, you will come back changed in some way.

Jan Hall

## Remembrance Sunday Services - Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023

**Eaton Hastings - 9.00am (Village Green)**

**Buscot - 9.40am (Church)**

**Coleshill - 11.00am (Village Green)**

**Great Coxwell - 12.00 (Village War Memorial)**

*When you go home, tell them of us and say,  
for your tomorrow, we gave our today.*

*Kohima Epitaph*

## No Music ... No Problem!

At St. Michael and All Angels, Eaton Hastings, we have a fine tradition of singing with many distinctive voices among our congregation. However recently our numbers of organists have reduced and, while we love it when they are able to join us, we celebrated a service of Holy Communion without musical accompaniment. This created several options: would we try to use the Benefice's newly-acquired Bose system (sadly unavailable), maybe we speak the hymns, perhaps we just leave them out .... or could we sing some favourites a *cappella*?

Well of course we love a challenge - so with fewer than a dozen; we opted for unaccompanied singing, which was a rather calming yet immensely joyful experience.



We are in good shape for worship anytime.

*Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises  
before him. Let the Amen sound from his people  
again; gladly for aye we adore him.*

*Suzanne Tearle, Church Warden*



## Winter Timetable Pattern of Services

During the winter months (November 2023 – March 2024) we shall be moving on to our Winter Services Timetable.

Essentially, all Sunday morning services will begin at 10.30am (unless specified otherwise in the Calendar of Services at the back of this newsletter).

The services at Buscot, Great Coxwell and Coleshill will be celebrating Holy Communion.

Eaton Hastings will begin with BCP Morning Prayer, followed by a shortened Holy Communion service.

## Eaton Hastings Lectures

### Tales of a Riverside Parish



Two illustrated lectures in St Michael & All Angels, Eaton Hastings, SN7 8BJ by Roger Vlitos in aid of the church fabric fund

First: Saturday 7th October at 6pm  
**Who owned the village from ancient to modern times?**



Second: Saturday 14th October at 6pm  
**The Pre-Raphaelite and Arts & Crafts legacy**



Both lectures followed by free drinks

Tickets: £15 for each or £25 for both. Book through Eventbrite  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/tales-of-a-riverside-parish-tickets-669267636517>  
or pay at the door. Please note there are no lavatories in the church

## Christmas Services in a Nutshell



Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 5.00pm  
**Nativity Carol Service – Coleshill**

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 5.00pm  
**Lessons and Carols – Buscot**

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 10.30am  
**Holy Communion Service- Great Coxwell**

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 5.30 pm  
**Village Barn Carol Service – Great Coxwell**

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 9.00am  
**Holy Communion Service - Coleshill**

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 10.30am  
**Holy Communion Service – Eaton Hastings**





This quarter our children's page theme is Christmas. Match the question with the answer on the right. Happy matching!

## Christian Christmas

Match these clues from the Bible and Jesus' birth to the answers.

### Joy To The World!

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|---|----------------|
| ___ Third gift presented by Magi                | A. Jesus       |
| ___ King at the time Jesus was born             | B. Incense     |
| ___ Jesus found lying in this                   | C. Magi        |
| ___ Town Jesus was born in                      | D. Joseph      |
| ___ This has a pleasant scent when burned       | E. Myrrh       |
| ___ "_____ on Earth"                            | F. Bethlehem   |
| ___ "O Come All Ye _____"                       | G. Angel       |
| ___ This means "God with us"                    | H. Faithful    |
| ___ Where Holy Family fled to after Jesus birth | I. Gold        |
| ___ Precious metal given as a gift to Jesus     | J. Mary        |
| ___ Mary with child through the _____           | K. Dream       |
| ___ He is the reason for the season!            | L. Peace       |
| ___ Visitors saw the star from the _____        | M. Nativity    |
| ___ Human father of Jesus                       | N. Herod       |
| ___ An angel appeared to Joseph in a _____      | O. Egypt       |
| ___ Visual representation of the birth of Jesus | P. Manger      |
| ___ Jesus' mother                               | Q. Holy Spirit |
| ___ Another name for the three Kings            | R. Immanuel    |
| ___ Announced His birth to the shepherds        | S. East        |



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*All Saints Church, Coleshill*  
*Calendar of Autumn & Winter Services 2023/2024*

We look forward to seeing you.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Service / Times</b>
<b>8<sup>th</sup> October 2023</b>	<b>9.00am Morning Prayer</b>
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> October 2023</b>	<b>10.30am Holy Communion Service</b>
<b>29<sup>th</sup> October 2023</b>	<b>10.30am Patronal Festival</b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> November 2023</b>	<b>2.30pm Benefice - All Souls Remembrance Service</b>
<b>12<sup>th</sup> November 2023</b>	<b>11.00am Remembrance Service (on the Village Green)</b>
<b>26<sup>th</sup> November 2023</b>	<b>10.30am Holy Communion Service</b>
<b>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2023</b>	<b>5.00pm Nativity Carol Service</b>
<b>25<sup>th</sup> December 2023</b>	<b>9.00am Christmas Holy Communion Service</b>
<b>14<sup>th</sup> January 2024</b>	<b>2.30pm Plough Sunday and Christingle Service</b>
<b>28<sup>th</sup> January 2024</b>	<b>10.30am Holy Communion Service</b>
<b>25<sup>th</sup> February 2024</b>	<b>10.30am Holy Communion Service</b>

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*St. Mary the Virgin Church, Buscot*  
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<b>Date</b>	<b>Times / Service</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> October 2023</b>	<b>5.00pm Harvest Family Service</b>
<b>15<sup>th</sup> October 2023</b>	<b>10.30am Holy Communion Service</b>
<b>12<sup>th</sup> November 2023</b>	<b>9.40am Remembrance Holy Communion Service</b>
<b>17<sup>th</sup> December 2023</b>	<b>5.00pm Christmas Carol Service</b>
<b>21<sup>st</sup> January 2024</b>	<b>10.30am Holy Communion Service</b>
<b>14<sup>th</sup> February 2024</b>	<b>12.00noon Ash Wednesday Holy Communion Service</b>
<b>18<sup>th</sup> February 2024</b>	<b>10.30am Holy Communion Service</b>

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# St. Giles Church, Great Coxwell

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8 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	10.30am Holy Communion Service
22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2023	5.00pm Evening Prayer
12 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	12.00noon Remembrance Service (at the War Memorial)
19 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	10.30am Holy Communion Service
10 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	10.30am Holy Communion Service
24 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	10.30am Christmas Holy Communion Service
24 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	5.30pm Village Barn Carol Service
31 <sup>st</sup> December 2023	10.30am Benefice - Holy Communion Service
14 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	10.30am Holy Communion Service
11 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	10.30am Holy Communion Service

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St. Michael and All Angels Church, Eaton Hastings  
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Date	Times / Service
1 <sup>st</sup> October 2023	10.30am Harvest/ Patronal Holy Communion Service
15 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	6.00pm Evening Prayer
5 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	10.30am Morning Prayer and Holy Communion Service
12 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	9.00am Remembrance Service (on the Village Green)
3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2023	10.30am Morning Prayer and Holy Communion Service
25 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	10.30am Christmas Holy Communion Service ( <i>modern language</i> )
7 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	10.30am Morning Prayer and Holy Communion Service
4 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	10.30am Candlemas Holy Communion Service

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