

FROM THE VICAR

It was lovely to meet so many of you in our churches this Easter. I'm still at the stage of mixing up names and faces, but it will all fall into place in time – especially when I've had the pleasure of meeting you at home and having had a proper conversation with you.

April was also the month of our Annual Meetings – both church and village. It's heartening to see the fruitful partnerships between the two, and in all our church meetings one of the topics under discussion has been that of how we can make our services and other activities as accessible as possible to those who aren't used to church. One of our difficulties in church is that the week-by-week forms of worship that we use are not very well-suited to younger families, or indeed to many who are not used to some of our ways. But at the same time there is a dignity and depth to much of what we do: it's experienced as being spiritually nourishing by those who attend.

While maintaining a steady course based on what already works well for many, we shall be having occasional special services in all our churches with the accent on welcoming those who worship with us less often. This month, look out for the Rogation Services in Eastleach and Southrop on the 10th, and the Pentecost Praise in Southrop on the 24th!

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The General Election looks like being one of the more interesting for a long while, with the waning of the two-party dominance that has marked our electoral system for decades.

In a sense, democracy works by harnessing self-interest: our leaders are constrained to govern in a way which tends to social happiness by the regular need to persuade voters to return them to power. But it can be quite a blunt instrument, with many of those on the margins of society – including some of the poorest and most vulnerable – having little say in their own destinies.

As Christians, we should have a concern (and should let our elected candidates know of that concern) not just for those parties & policies which benefit us personally, but for all that tends to the common good. In our churches we shall be praying for God's will to be done (“on earth as in heaven”) – and we should use our votes as best we can to that same end.

John Partington

AROUND THE TEAM

The CHEQS churches are part of a wider ‘benefice’, or Team, of churches – the South Cotswolds Team Ministry – whose clergy work closely together, and which share a variety of events and initiatives throughout the year. A new development for the Team is the establishing of a short service of Evening Prayer, held weekly in a different church at 5.00 pm on Wednesdays. It’s a lovely chance to visit each other’s churches for a quiet time of worship, and all are warmly invited to join us.

This month we shall gather at Holy Rood, Ampney Crucis on the 13th, at our own St Nicholas’ Hatherop on the 20th, at St Mary’s Kempsford on the 27th and St Mary’s Barnsley on June 3rd. (On May 6th we shall of course be welcoming Keble College choir to Bouthrop at 6.30 pm.) Do come and give it a try!

ASCENSION & PENTECOST

Two of the great Christian festivals fall this month. The Feast of the Ascension (on Thursday 14th) marks the end of the earthly story of Jesus, as he returns to his heavenly Father. Christians believe that as Christmas shows us God’s involvement in our human condition, the Ascension shows us that humanity is welcome in God’s heavenly presence. We mark the occasion with services at 7.00 am and 7.00 pm in Bibury and Ampney St Mary respectively – all are welcome!

Pentecost (‘Whitsun’) continues the story with the sending of God’s spirit on the first Christians ... and on all since then who open their hearts to him. We mark the occasion in our various Sunday services that day – and especially with a family-friendly Pentecost Praise in Southrop.

OTHER CHURCHES

As indicated last month, we intend to start posting details of other local churches’ services in this magazine: Here are two:

ST MARY’S, FAIRFORD - Open daily, 10.00 am - 5.00 pm. Sunday: 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP), 10.00 am Sung Eucharist (Family Service on last of the month), 6.00 pm Choral Evensong (BCP). ‘Funday Sunday’ 4.00 - 6.00 pm on second Sundays – crafts, games, worship & a cooked tea. Thursday: Holy Communion, 10.30 am.

FAIRFORD UNITED CHURCH (CONGREGATIONAL/METHODIST) - Sunday: 10.00 am Morning Worship & children’s activities. Fairly-traded goods for sale. Contact Group 12.30 - 2.30 pm on Fridays 1 May and 5 June – a chance to meet friends old and new over light refreshments.

Both St Lawrence’s Lechlade & St Mary’s Fairford celebrate Holy Communion on Thursdays: at 10.00 & 10.30 am respectively. CHEQS residents are warmly welcome at these.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN

The annual summer programme for children in the CHEQS villages will run this year from Monday 27 July to Friday 21 August. We are busy putting together the timetable of activities which, once ready will be distributed through the schools and made available to be picked up at Coln Stores.

Do you know your way around the night sky or are you able to teach the moves to the latest OneD track? If so, and you would be willing to pass on your skills, we would love to hear from you! Please contact Helen Forbes (752733).

COLN ST ALDWYNS ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING

The annual Village Meeting will take place on Thursday 21st in Angie and Nigel's Barn starting at 6pm. There will be short presentations on the activities taking place in the village followed by wine and nibbles afterwards. It will also be an opportunity to talk to the leaders of these activities. All parishioners are welcome.

QUENINGTON COFFEE MORNING AND FIRE SAFETY TALK

On Saturday 9th there will be a talk on 'Safety in the Home'. This will take place at 11.00am in Quenington Village Hall and community fire officers will be on hand to answer your questions. This will be preceded by an informal meeting with the Parish Council at 10.30am, to discuss allotment provision in the village. Coffee and cakes will be available as usual. Do come along and bring anyone who you think may be interested.

RED CROSS OPEN GARDEN AT THE OLD RECTORY, QUENINGTON, EASTER MONDAY

So many thanks to those who gave cakes and came to the garden on a beautiful sunny day. With admissions and tea the Red Cross made £532. I asked Hannah Pook, the new fund raiser if more could be said about the work of the Red Cross locally. Many forget this. She replied "In the South West we provide a range of vital services to people in crisis. These range from loaning medical equipment, such as wheelchairs and other independent living aids to people with mobility issues, to helping people cope after a fire or other emergency. You can be confident that this donation will be used to help people in crisis, both here in the UK and around the world."

Again thank you for helping with this. *Lucy Abel Smith*

HIKE FOR HOME-START

9.30am, Wednesday 6th, Cripps Barn, Near Bibury

Join us for a 10km circular charity walk through the rolling hills of the Coln Valley. All walkers will be given a map, water at points around the route and refreshments afterwards. You might also like to stay for a delicious lunch cooked by the chefs at Cripps Barn. Dogs (on leads) are very welcome.

It will cost £15 to walk and £30 to walk and for lunch. To buy tickets please visit our website and book online: www.home-start-cotswolds.org.uk. Lunch places are limited so please book now to avoid disappointment. For any further details, or if you are not able to use the online booking facility, please contact Kate Hicks Beach at: katehb@btinternet.com / 01285 750482

LECHLADE HISTORY SOCIETY

Monday 18th, 7.15 for 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. Anglo-Saxon Gloucestershire. Lechlade is renowned for its Anglo-Saxon cemetery. Carolyn Heighway looks at the wider influence of the Anglo-Saxons in the county. Guests welcome £4. Contact Alan Garnell 01367 253087 or visit www.lechladehistory.co.uk.

THE COTSWOLD DECORATIVE & FINE ARTS MAY LECTURE

On Wednesday 13th The Cotswold Decorative & Fine Arts lecture is “John Piper, an Artist’s Life in Architecture” by Denis Moriarty. This lecture seeks to portray John Piper’s passion for architecture, landscape, ruins, country houses and churches. Lectures begin at 11.00am with coffee and tea from 10.15-10.45am and take place at Bradwell Village Hall, Burford OX18 4XF. Non-members are very welcome (suggested donation £8). For more information see our website www.cotswolddfas.org.uk.

THE PERFECT CHILDRENS PARTY VENUE!

If you’re looking for somewhere to host your children’s birthday party, Southrop Jubilee Field and Pavilion is the ideal venue. The field is perfect for bouncy castles, football, cricket, rounders and a host of other games. We also provide a clean environment for serving party food. Hire cost £30, per half day. Please contact Catherine Champion 01367 850305 or email cathchampion@me.com

THE QUENINGTON FETE

The Quenington Fete is taking place on Saturday May 16th from 3pm- 5:00pm in the gardens of the Old Rectory, Church Road by kind permission of David and Lucy Abel Smith. We will have traditional stalls and games (plants, cakes, bottles, teas, BBQ, jazz band and lots more), our famous duck race and tug of war along and across the River Coln, a dog show and plenty of new activities for this year including chicken throwing (plastic of course), beat the goalie, coconut shy and more. There will also be a "Business Corner" showcasing local businesses. We are in need of items for the stalls along with volunteers to help with setting up and during the fete on games and stalls.

Can you help by providingCakes, Bottles, Plants, Books and White Elephant items. If you are able to donate items for the stalls or an hour of your time as a volunteer or wish to take part in the Business Corner, please contact Lucinda Ash on 01285 750293 or lucinda.ash@icloud.com

THE GREAT SOUTHPROP BAKE 2015

Saturday, 6th June 2015 sees the return of the Southrop Fete! This promises to be a spectacular day, bigger & better than ever and, will incorporate the Great Southrop Bake. Please bring your entries to Southrop Village Hall on Saturday, 6th June 2015 between 9.00am & 10.00am. No late entries will be accepted as the hall will be closed for judging (Judge's decision is final). The hall will reopen at 1.00pm when all entries and winners can be viewed.

Teas & coffee's (and of course, CAKES) will be available from the Village Hall throughout the afternoon. Perhaps you would like to donate your entry to be sold as part of the afternoon teas?!

All the recipes can be found on the CHEQS Website (www.cheqs.church) and on the Southrop Website (www.southrop.org.uk).

There will also be printed versions available at Southrop Village Hall Community Shop on Wednesday mornings and at other locations throughout the CHEQS area.

50p per entry. This year's categories are:

ADULTS - Coffee Cake, Cherry Cake, Shortbread, Fruit Scones

CHILDREN - Decorated Gingerbread Men, Chocolate Brownies

SPECIALS - Gluten and/or Dairy Free

MEN ONLY! - Decorated 7" Sponge - Theme 'Summer'.



SOUTHROP

* VILLAGE FÊTE *

SATURDAY 6TH JUNE FROM 1PM

£200 GRAND PRIZE DRAW

PIMM'S TENT * HOG ROAST

FAIRGROUND * CREAM TEAS

SILENT AUCTION * TUG OF WAR

TRADITIONAL STALLS * DOG SHOW

Entrance: Adults £1, Children Free

SOUTHROP VILLAGE HALL JUMBLE SALE

We are holding a Jumble Sale in aid of Village Hall funds on Saturday 9th at 2.00 pm in the hall, and would be grateful for nearly-new clothes, white elephant (no TVs, video players or tapes please), cakes, produce, books & raffle prizes. The hall will be open between 6.30 - 8.30 pm on Friday 8th and 10.00 - 11.00am on Saturday 9th for delivery -- or contact Shelagh Benfield (01367 850565) if you need items collected.

THE COTSWOLD SAVOYARDS

The Cotswold Savoyards present a double bill of 'HMS Pinafore' and 'Cox & Box' at the Everyman Theatre, Cheltenham from 9th – 13th June. Performances are 7.30 pm with Saturday matinee at 2 pm. Box office: 01242 572573 or www.everymantheatre.org.uk

COFFEE FOR CLASSROOMS!

Former Southrop School pupils Molly van der Heiden and Alice Niederer have teamed up with the newest coffee shop in the area to help raise funds for their charitable trip to Ethiopia this summer. The girls, both Year 11 pupils at Farmor's School in Fairford, will be spending three weeks in Ethiopia in July to help with a building project at their partner school and to spend time exploring the country. Ethiopia is world-famous for its coffee, so the girls approached Rob Broadbent, owner of the recently-opened Lynwood Café in Lechlade, for help. Rob has generously pledged 20p from every cup of coffee purchased in May for their fund. So now that spring is in the air, why not enjoy a walk along the river in Lechlade and restore yourself afterwards with coffee & cake at Lynwood on the Market Square? Don't forget to mention Ethiopia – Molly and Alice will be very grateful for your support.

FAIRFORD LIBRARY

Fairford Festival Event at Library: Thu 4th & Sat 6th June: Display of old and not so old Brownie, Guide, Cub and Scout Groups Photographs for Fairford and surrounding area. Come and see if you are there!

Contact us - 01285 712599, www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/libraries Opening Hours - Monday & Wednesday 9.30am to 5.00pm, Thursday 9.30am-7.00pm, Saturday 9.30-1.00pm

SERVICES IN MAY

Sunday 3

9.30 am	Holy Communion	Southrop	<i>JP</i>
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Coln	<i>JP & PP</i>
11.00 am	Morning Prayer	Eastleach	<i>HWP</i>
6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Quenington	<i>JP</i>

Sunday 10

9.30 am	Holy Communion	Quenington	<i>PP & JP</i>
11.00 am	Rogation Service	Eastleach	<i>JE & JP</i>
6.00 pm	Rogation Service	Southrop	<i>JP</i>
6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Coln	<i>HPW</i>

Sunday 17

8.30 am	Holy Communion	Hatherop	<i>JP</i>
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Southrop	<i>RL</i>
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Coln	<i>JP</i>
11.00 am	Morning Prayer	Eastleach	<i>BB</i>
6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Quenington	<i>DB</i>

Sunday 24 *Pentecost*

9.30 am	Pentecost Praise	Southrop	<i>JP</i>
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Eastleach	<i>JP</i>
11.00 am	Holy Communion *	Coln	<i>RL</i>

** united service for the three-church parish*

Sunday 31

8.30 am	Holy Communion	Hatherop	<i>PP & JP</i>
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Quenington	<i>JP</i>
11.00 am	Morning Prayer	Eastleach	<i>JE</i>
6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Coln	<i>JP</i>

SPECIAL SERVICES THIS MONTH

The annual visit of **Keble College Choir** is on Wednesday 6th, when they'll lead Choral Evensong for us at 6.30 pm in Bouthrop church – the 'other' church in Eastleach: Rev Michael Hand will be our guest preacher.

The agricultural seasons are important to us in our rural parishes, and so we're holding two **Rogationtide** services on Sunday 10th – at 11.00 am in Eastleach and at 6.00 pm in Southrop (followed by refreshments).

Ascension Day is on Thursday 14th, marked by services at 7.00 am in Bibury (followed by breakfast), and 7.00 pm in Ampney St Mary. Let us know if you'd like a lift!

Sunday 24th is **Pentecost** ('Whitsun' in old terminology) and in addition to our usual services we're holding family-friendly Morning Worship at 9.30 am in Southrop.

We continue with our monthly reflective service at 6.30 pm on the last Wednesday (27th) in Eastleach – sometimes now Compline (ie Night Prayer) instead of Evening Prayer.

PSALMS, HYMNS, COLOURS & READINGS

- 3** (EASTER 5) Psalm 22: 24-30; Hymns 131, 501, 176 *white*
Acts 8: 26-40, John 15: 1-8
- 10** (EASTER 6) Psalm 98; Hymns E & S: 105, 290, *; C & Q: 263, 235, 457 *white*
Acts 10: 44-48, John 15: 9-17 *O Lord my God
- 17** (EASTER 7 / ASCENSION) Psalm 47; Hymns 262, 141, 147 *white*
Acts 1: 1-11, Luke 22: 44-53
- 24** (PENTECOST) Psalm 104: 25-35; Hymns 156, 93(E) / 464(C), 458 **red*
Acts 2: 1-21, John 16: 13-15
- 31** (TRINITY) Psalm 29; Hymns 95, 118, 163 **white*
Isaiah 6: 1-8, John 3: 1-17

**green on subsequent weekdays*



Hatherop Family Fun Run (or just an energetic walk!)

A 5km route for all the family through the village of Hatherop and Williamstrip Grounds (with kind permission from the Kennedy family)

Date: Thursday, 21st May 2015. Time: 6.30pm (registration from 5.45pm)

Entrance fee: £3.00 per person

Start and finish: Hatherop playing field

Prizes to be won. Refreshments available

Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult

All-terrain pushchairs welcome. Regrettably, **NO DOGS ALLOWED**

All proceeds will go to The League of Friends of Fairford Hospital Charity.

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EASTLEACH VILLAGE FETE - A PLEA FOR HELP!

After many successful years, the Eastleach Fete is desperately in need of a new volunteer to oversee it this summer. The Village Hall and the Church are very grateful to all the organisers who have run the Fete over the years and to all the residents who run stalls and games. Most stallholders are able and very willing to continue, but last year's overall organisers are unable to do the job this year. Please can you help? If you would like to know more before offering to help, please contact the Eastleach Village Hall Committee:

Helen Wade (Chairperson) helen.wade@btconnect.com

Sue Futtu (Treasurer) susannahfuttu@btinternet.com

HATHEROP CASTLE SCHOOL

The Summer term at Hatherop Castle is often the busiest and perhaps the most rewarding. This term will see Years 5, 6, 7 & 8 all going on residential 'Bushcraft' trips to Cornbury, Dorset, Snowdonia and the River Wye. We have the Upper School production at the end of term to prepare for as well as the Lower School Show at the end of May. A range of school visits and trips, Sports Day, Swimming Gala, Summer Fete, Wishford Weekend and, of course, school exams (including Common Entrance for our oldest pupils) complete the picture of a busy and thriving school.

In view of all that we have before us in the next couple of months, it is perhaps appropriate that this term's 'Taster' Day on Friday 1 May is based around the concepts of sport, health and exercise, for we shall certainly have to stay healthy if we are to get the most out of everything that is before us. During this academic year, we have had 'Taster' days based around Science and Art which have proved very popular with our pupils and with children from outside Hatherop Castle. All pupils in the school have spent a whole day in different activities linked to the title of the day and we are now looking forward to what May 1st will bring.

HATHEROP C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

At the Easter service, we thanked Kate Hicks Beach for her service to our school. Kate has led the choir for the last twelve years and we are enormously thankful for the time she has volunteered to help our children to sing. We wish her all the best for the future.

After a wonderful sunny Easter holiday, we have all returned to school, ready for an action packed summer term, including sports competitions, productions and a residential trip to France.

We focus on a different value each term. This term our value is 'Humility'. We are thinking about how Jesus showed humility towards his disciples by washing their feet. Also, we are using the saying '*Humility is not thinking less of yourself, it is thinking of yourself less*' and so we are thinking of ways to serve each other at home and at school.

To stay up to date with the latest news from our thriving village primary school, please follow us on twitter @hatheropcofe or look at our website.

coln+ choir

SUMMER CONCERT

Saturday 6th June 2015 at 7pm
Coln St Aldwyns Church
(doors open at 6.30pm)

Guests including

Hatherop Primary School Choir
Katie Griffin and Seth Bye
Marije Vijeslaar (Harp)

Refreshments to be served after the concert
(Donations kindly requested for the drinks)

All proceeds to local charities:
The Talland Group Riding for the Disabled
St John the Baptist Church, Coln St Aldwyns

Tickets on Sale at Coln Community Stores
£10.00 Adults £5.00 Children (aged 16 or under)

SOUTHROP CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our school was a very busy place throughout the month of March. Our upper juniors took part in the inter-school mock trial competition and we were very proud of all of them. Particularly well done to Saskia, in Year 6, who won joint first place for best performance.

Other extra-curricular challenges included a cookathon in the village hall during which healthy curry was cooked and then consumed by enthusiastic children and staff alike and a K-nex challenge to build the strongest castle, complete with turrets and drawbridge! Two children will be competing in the county finals later this month.

Our school took part in a number of sporting events during the term, including cross-country and cricket and netball tournaments, winning the cricket and achieving third place in the netball. Results to be proud of!

The PTA ran an extremely successful evening event in the village hall called Strictly FitSteps which raised a stunning £600. These extra funds are so vital to the school, allowing us to keep up to date with equipment and to put on such an exciting programme of activities.

We had our very own Springwatch going on in the infant classroom with the arrival of an incubator containing some eggs. There was a constant stream of visitors as we all watched for signs of little cracks appearing in the shells and then great excitement as the bedraggled chicks made their entrance, one by one, into the world!

With the approach of Easter, the juniors paid a visit to Gloucester Cathedral for the Exploring Easter Experience – a series of tableaux telling the Easter Story. The term was brought to a close with a special service in church, led by our new vicar, in which the children performed ‘Resurrection Rock’ consisting of some lively songs and Easter readings.

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FIVE VILLAGE DIARY

- May 6 9.30 am Hike for HomeStart, Cripps Barn, Bibury
- May 6 6.30 pm Keble College Choir at Eastleach (Bouthrop) Church
- May 7 Friendship Circle (E&S) trip to Yarnton Nurseries, with lunch
- May 9 10.30 am Quenington Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall
11.00 am Fire Safety Talk, Quenington Village Hall
2.00 pm Southrop Village Hall Jumble Sale
- May 10 11.00 am Rogationtide Service at Eastleach Church
6.00 pm Rogationtide Service at Southrop Church
- May 12 7.00 pm CHEQS Garden Club May Talk
- May 13 11.00 am The Cotswold Decorative & Fine Arts Lecture
- May 14 7.00 am Ascension Day service & breakfast at Bibury church
7.00 pm Ascension Day service at Ampney St Mary
- May 16 3.00 pm Quenington Church Fete at the Old Rectory
- May 17 11.00 am Quenington Car Boot Sale on the Green in Quenington
- May 18 7.15 pm Lechlade History Society Meeting, Memorial Hall
- May 20 5.00 pm Team Evening Prayer at Hatherop Church
- May 21 6.00 pm Coln St Aldwyns Annual Village Meeting
6.30 pm Hatherop Family Fun Run
- May 23 7.00 pm Gloucester Choral Society Music Evening
- May 24 9.30 am Family Pentecost Service at Southrop Church
- May 27 6.30 pm Night Prayer at Eastleach church
- Jun 6 1.00 pm Southrop Village Fete & Southrop Bake Off
7.00 pm Coln Choir Summer Concert, Coln St Aldwyns Church
- Jun 4 Friendship Circle (E & S) Mystery Tour & Lunch
- Jun 7 11.00 am Quenington Car Boot Sale on the Green in Quenington
- Jun 9 2.00 pm CHEQS Garden Club visit: Croft House, Somerford Keynes
- Jun 10 7.30 pm Confirmation service at St Mary's, Fairford
- Jun 13 Meysey Hampton Ball
- Jun 14 Fresh Air Sculpture Show & Artse Alternative Festival (*to 5 July*)
- Jun 15 9.00 am Southrop School Worship in Church
- Jul 2 Cheltenham Festival concert in Quenington church *the*
- Jul 2 Friendship Circle (E&S) Coach Trip to Gloucester Quays
- Jul 11 Big Band Picnic
- Jul 12 11.00 am Car Boot Sale on the Green in Quenington