

FROM THE VICAR

Happy New Year! I wonder what 2016 will hold for you – and indeed for us all in our five villages.

There's said to be a traditional Chinese curse: "May you live in interesting times!". And certainly many of the events which make it into our headlines, or indeed into the history books, are not at all the sorts of happenings that we'd like to be personally involved in. Our hearts go out to those caught up in some of the desperate situations, in the Middle East and elsewhere, that are so much in the news at present. And we must be careful that our own relative peace and prosperity (for which we are devoutly grateful) do not insulate us from remembering, and doing what we can to alleviate, the plight of others.

Closer to home, what shall we do to make 2016 a really good year in our villages? It's a time of year when planning is under way for some of the summer events that bring people together in our communities – the fetes etc for which each year sees a difficult search for volunteers and organizers. Can you spare some time to help? Don't wait to be asked: let us know!

In church we've some interesting services planned. See inside for something quite special on Tuesday 26th (*page 2*) – and other interesting times of worship on Wednesday 6th (*page 3*) and Sunday 31st (*page 4*). Our worship leaders meet on the 12th to plan Holy Week and Easter, and to continue the discussion about the best pattern of worship (times of day and types of service) for our five churches. Do let us know what you think!

As I wrote last month, part of the key to a flourishing church life (in worship and other ways) is to have enough ministers to provide the range of good-quality events that we all want. I'm delighted that Rev Margaret Bettis will be helping us from this month (*see page 5*), and also that Rev Roger Scoones will be moving here after Easter to join the Team – more details next month. But clergy will always be a specialist minority: more important is the role of 'lay' members of the church and community (*page 3*) ... not least your own active good-neighbourliness.

What 2016 will bring to us is only slightly under our control. Perhaps a better question is: what will you bring to 2016?

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Partington". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Our love & prayers are with Simon and the family after the funeral of **Sandy Studholme-Wilson**, which took place in Eastleach recently.

PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

For many years now the week of January 18 - 25 has been observed throughout the world as a week of prayer for Christian Unity – eight days (an ‘octave’) culminating in the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul.

Here in CHEQS, as in most villages, the only church buildings are those of the Church of England (though a private Roman Catholic chapel is of course under construction). But we have a wide range of Christians living in our villages, and our churches see themselves as centres of worship and service for all who live locally, regardless of denominational affiliation (if any) – even if a number of residents prefer often or usually to worship in the local towns.

This year we’re marking the Week of Prayer on Tuesday 26th, with a service of ‘Vespers’ at 6.30 pm in Eastleach church led by Fr Michael Robertson, the Roman Catholic priest in Fairford. Come and join us for this special time of worship!

WISDOM FROM THE PAST

A couple of months ago I spent a few days at ‘Gladstone’s Library’ (formerly known as ‘St Deiniol’s’) preparing mentally and spiritually for Christmas and the year ahead. There had been various changes since my last visit, including some banners around displaying some of the great man’s sayings. Two that were in sight from the desk where I spent several productive hours were: “We look forward to the time when the power of love will replace the love of power: then will the world know the blessings of peace”; and “Nothing that is morally wrong can be politically right”. Perhaps we should reposition them to somewhere where today’s politicians can reflect on them?

JP

What if there were no hypothetical questions?

EPIPHANY – TWELFTH NIGHT

We shall be following the theme of Epiphany (the visit of the Wise Men to the infant Jesus – or, in old Prayer Book terminology, the ‘Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles’) on Sunday 3rd. But the feast itself of course falls on Wednesday 6th, ‘Twelfth Night’.

We’re marking the occasion with a service of Holy Communion at Coln church at 9.00 am, with a cup of coffee at the Vicarage afterwards. All are welcome!

Advance news of all our special services can be found on the church website, on the ‘Services’ page, and elsewhere. Have you bookmarked it yet?

PASTORAL ASSISTANTS

Christian ministry, like Christian worship, is for all church-members – not just those who are paid, or otherwise ‘professional’. The role of clergy is to lead the church community in work & worship ... doing some of it themselves, but also encouraging and equipping others to serve and lead.

A particular part of this shared ministry is the Diocesan training and authorizing of ‘Pastoral Assistants’ to share in the church’s caring work in a particularly visible way. Two of our members are starting a training course this month, and two or three more will probably do so in the autumn. PCC authorization of their future ministry is being sought, and we shall commission them publicly in due time. Watch out for further details!

This sort of ministry focuses, rather than replaces, the everyday care and support that we’re all called to show for one another – something which is such a happy mark of our various village communities. As part of that, don’t hesitate to let the Vicar, or any others, know if there are neighbours who are lonely or in any kind of need: we shan’t intrude, but we do want to care as appropriate.

WEEKDAY WORSHIP IN SOUTHPROP

While most of our Sunday services in Southrop are more suitable for adults than children, the opposite is true on weekdays.

Each month the village school holds a service, usually at 9.00 am on a Wednesday – to which they warmly welcome local residents, young and old. So why not come and support them, and enjoy some simple worship – on January 20th, February 10th, March 24th (1.00 pm), April 27th, May 25th, June 22nd, July 19th (11.00 am).

CANDLEMAS

The 'Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple' is a sort of turning-point between Christmas and Easter. We've three special services on Sunday 31st marking the theme.

At 11.00 am in Eastleach church there will be a seasonal celebration, along the lines of that enjoyed last year, for old and young alike.

Also especially suited to younger people will be the celebration at 11.00 am in Quenington church, the next in our monthly series of all-age services.

Finally there's another of our occasional shared services for the wider South Cotswolds Team of which CHEQS is part, at 6.00 pm in Meysey Hampton church.

'BOOKS AND BRING & BUY' IN QUENINGTON

Book the date now for a special charity sale in Quenington Village Hall on Saturday 5 March, 2.00 - 4.00 pm. Most proceeds will be given to the Red Cross Appeal for refugees in Europe and in Syria; some will be given to St Swithin's Church, Quenington.

Items for the **Bring & Buy**, including raffle items, toys, bric & brac and clothes (some of your unwanted Christmas presents?) can be brought to any of the monthly coffee mornings; or as indicated in future months' editions of this magazine. All proceeds to the Red Cross Appeal.

Books are being sold with proceeds shared between the Red Cross and Quenington church – part of our regular *CHEQS booksales* for church and charity. Books can be brought to the coffee mornings, or to the Vicarage, or left in any of the CHEQS churches.

CHILDREN & CHURCH IN 2016

We're continuing in the new year with our monthly 'all-age' services around CHEQS – the next being at 11.00 am on January 31st in Quenington and March 6th at Coln. Over the Easter period we hope to have a procession with a donkey in Southrop, a service on Good Friday and then some really inspiring worship on Easter Day itself.

In time we'd like to have monthly family-friendly worship in most of our villages. Let us know what you'd like and (especially!) if you can help this happen.

WELCOME TO MARGARET!

We're very pleased that Rev Margaret Bettis has agreed to help us from time to time in the CHEQS churches – part of the increase in CHEQS staffing that was prefigured in last month's magazine. We asked her to tell us a little about herself:

I came to a real faith in Jesus Christ when I was sixteen. It was a wonderful life-changing decision, which has never ceased to be exciting as by his Spirit I have been led to serve him in many places and many varying situations. It has been as Isaiah says: "Being in the Way, the Lord led me."

My early career was as a social worker specializing in adoption & family work, a post which led to a time as a 'mission partner' in Kenya with the Church Mission Society [CMS]. On my return I went to the CMS training college in Birmingham to help others in this work. From there I spent an exciting time for five years in another area of Birmingham working as a Team Vicar in an inter-church team. The Lord then led me back to Hertfordshire to serve in parish ministry for the rest of my paid working life. I had the joy of being ordained priest with sixty others in 1994 as women were allowed to take on this role. This came with the privilege of being the incumbent of two churches.

Having retired eleven years ago I came to live in Cirencester, and last year in Fairford. It has been my joy and privilege to serve, as a retired priest, in a number of parishes ... which has now led to my joining you. From time to time you will see me about and meet me in the services. I look forward to seeing what unfolds. May there be many blessings for all of us in the year ahead.

Margaret will be working with us on one Sunday a month initially, rising to two in a few months' time. We look forward very much to getting to know her better.

THANK YOU FOR THE HAMPERS !

Dave Kinghorn, the new Director of Gloucester City Mission, was delighted with the contribution from the CHEQS villages ... and indeed was almost overwhelmed with the total of 332 bags from the wider area. He assures us that they will all be used and says that they are a great encouragement to his team's work.

CHEQS EDITORIAL TEAM

The practical production of this magazine is in capable hands, thanks to the good offices of Miranda Lawson who took over as editor from Rachel Mehtar last year. But we'd like also to develop an editorial board, which would meet perhaps three or four times a year to oversee the content of the magazine and to encourage the commissioning of news & articles.

The ideal would be to have at least one member from each of our five villages, to ensure that each village has regular up-to-date content in the magazine. Members of the Team wouldn't need to be church-members, but should have a desire to see the magazine develop in breadth & depth, and be prepared to solicit their fellow-villagers for articles from time to time.

We'd also be pleased to hear from anyone who would like to write for the magazine from time to time – perhaps especially someone who would like to interview local residents and write up their stories. Please contact the Vicar or the editor if you'd like to learn more about being involved in any of these ways.

LECHLADE HISTORY SOCIETY.

The next meeting will be on Monday 18th, at 7.15 for 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall – “Landscape and Changes in England”.

Jeremy Lake will be looking at how human habitation has impacted on the English landscape and how usage has changed over time. Jeremy is an Historic Environment Analyst with *Historic England*.

Guests welcome, entry £4. For further information contact Alan Garnell on 01367 253087, or visit www.lechladehistory.co.uk.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED ...

... to deliver the CHEQS magazine in Quenington.

Offers of help with these monthly deliveries would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Ron Bennett on 750531.

Do backwards poets write inverse?

COLN CINEMA ...

... invites you to a showing of *45 Years* at Vicarage Cottage Barn – Friday 15th at 7.30 pm (doors open 7.00 pm).

Featuring outstanding performances by Charlotte Rampling and Tom Courtenay. Kate Mercer (Rampling) and her husband Geoff (Courtenay) had to cancel the party for their 40th anniversary at short notice when Geoff underwent bypass surgery. The comfortably-off, left-wing, childless, provincial couple now have a week to go before a replacement party to celebrate their 45th anniversary. But shattering news arrives for Geoff from the Swiss authorities, explaining that the perfectly preserved body of his ex-girlfriend, Katya, has been found, fifty years after she slipped into an Alpine crevasse. From the moment the news is received Kate can “smell Katya’s perfume in the room” and her perspective on their marriage changes forever. *Cert. 15, 95 mins.*

OTHER CHURCHES

ST MARY’S, FAIRFORD – Open daily, 10.00am - 5.00pm. 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.

ST LAWRENCE, LECHLADE – Sunday: 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP), 10.00 am Morning Worship (HC 1st, 3rd, 5th; MP 4th; All-Age 2nd); 6.00 pm Evening Worship (Evensong 1st, 3rd, 4th; Holy Communion 2nd; Healing 5th). For weekday activities see www.stlawrencelechlade.org.uk

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

ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY (ROMAN CATHOLIC), FAIRFORD (Horcott Road) – Saturday 6.00 pm Vigil Mass, Sunday 11.00 am Mass (Children’s Liturgy of the Word offered whenever possible). For details of other activities, see www.stthomasparish.plus.com or contact Father Michael Robertson on 01285 712586 or michael.robertson@priest.cliftondiocese.com

FAIRFORD UNITED CHURCH (CONGREGATIONAL/METHODIST) – Sunday: 10.00 am Morning Worship & children’s activities. Fairly-traded goods for sale.

LECHLADE BAPTIST CHURCH – Sunday 10:30 am Morning Worship (with prayer from 9.45 am); 6:00 pm Evening Worship (2nd & 3rd Sundays); 7.15 pm *SNAP* Youth Service (4th/5th Sundays). For weekday activities etc see www.lechladebaptistchurch.org.uk

SUNDAY SERVICES IN JANUARY

Sunday 3

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

Sunday 10

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

Sunday 24

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

Sunday 31

9.30 am	Holy Communion	Southrop	<i>JP</i>
11.00 am	Family Communion *	Quenington	<i>JP</i>
11.00 am	Morning Prayer	Eastleach	<i>CAW</i>

** united service for the three-church parish*

HALF YOUR WOOD AND HALF YOUR HAY ...

... **still in store on Candlemas Day?** February 2nd ('Candlemas') is traditionally the midpoint of winter – halfway between the winter solstice and the vernal equinox. Its contemporary title is ...

.... the 'Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple', which this year we're celebrating in the CHEQS churches on January 31st. We're holding special worship at 11.00 am at both Eastleach and Quenington (the latter a child-friendly Family Communion); and then at 6.00 pm there's a shared service for the South Cotswolds Team (of which we are a part), at 6.00 pm at Meysey Hampton.

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The monthly Southrop School service will be in church at 9.00 am on Wednesday 20th – all welcome. The following week is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, and we welcome the local Roman Catholic priest, Fr Michael Robertson, to lead a service of Vespers at Eastleach at 6.30 pm on Tuesday 26th.

Don't forget that we also meet at 6.00 pm every Saturday in Coln church to pray for the following day's services.

READINGS, PSALMS, HYMNS & COLOURS

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| 3 (<i>Epiphany</i>) Psalm 72. 10-15; Hymns 163, 51, 47* (*453 at Q)
Isaiah 60. 1-6 or Ephesians 3. 1-12; Matthew 2. 1-12 | <i>white</i> |
| 10 (<i>Baptism of Christ</i>) Psalm 29; Hymns 342 or 9, 526 (<i>tune 142</i>), 52
Isaiah 43. 1-7 or Acts 8. 14-17; Luke 3. 15-17,21-22 | <i>white</i> |
| 17 (<i>Epiphany 2</i>) Psalm 36. 5-10; Hymns 53, 233, 142
Isaiah 62. 1-5 or 1 Corinthians 12. 1-11; John 2. 1-11 | <i>white</i> |
| 24 (<i>Epiphany 3</i>) Psalm 19. 1-6; Hymns 528 (<i>tune 122</i>), 30, 458
Nehemiah 8. 1-3,5-6,8-10; Luke 4. 14-21 | <i>white</i> |
| 31 (<i>Candlemas</i>) Psalm 24. 7-10; Hymns 4, 311, 117
Malachi 3. 1-5; Luke 2. 22-40 | <i>white</i> |

SOUTHROP C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Christmas term was busy with a number of sporting and academic challenges and one whole morning given over to the annual engineering K'nex Challenge when the juniors were tasked with building a bridge with moving parts.

Year 5 took a trip to Skillzone in Gloucester, an interactive learning environment where they learnt how to recognise all sorts of dangerous situations and how to stay safe. Here's what one of the pupils had to say about their day;

“When we went to Skillzone to learn life skills it was very exciting and interesting. There were a lot of things to do. We went into a pretend house to spot the dangers and we went in a train and a car. We thoroughly enjoyed it.”

George Lager from the Cotswold District Council, came in to do an assembly about the issue of dog mess, the hazards it carries and what to do if the children see someone allowing their dog to foul without clearing it up.

As Christmas approached, the latter part of the term was, as ever, a delightful melee of spiritual, charitable and fun activities. Thirty shoeboxes were filled and despatched to disadvantaged children for the Samaritans' Operation Christmas Child Appeal, plays were prepared and performed, hats were made to wear at the Christmas party in the village hall, the Reception class performed their outdoor nativity in Horseshoe Wood, watched by parents and the rest of the infants and carols were sung around the village of Southrop, in aid of Shelter. Our Foundation Governor (and former infant teacher at our school) organised 'Experience Christmas' in St Peter's church which involved discovering more about aspects of the Christian festival of Christmas.

The term was brought to a close with the customary carol service in the church.

We are sad to say farewell to the Paterson family who are moving to Scotland. They have been a very active part of the school community and will be much missed. We wish them the very best of luck in their new venture.

If your child will be aged four before September 2016 you should apply for a place in primary school by Friday 15th.

We welcome personal visits to our thriving church school at any time. Please phone 01367 850246 to make an appointment to see the school rated by The Times newspaper as the seventh best (of over 250) in Gloucestershire in 2014.

Look at our website for further details of the school: www.southrop.gloucs.sch.uk

QUENINGTON VILLAGE HALL COFFEE MORNING

The next coffee morning will be held on Saturday 9th, 10.30 am – 12 noon.

Meet up with friends and enjoy coffee and home-made cakes at our regular monthly coffee morning. Raffle and book exchange.

Anyone wishing to contribute cakes, please bring them along – costs will be reimbursed! Contact Janet Goddard, 01285 750323

EASTLEACH AND SOUTHROP JUMBLE SALE

Organized by the Friendship Circle, and to be held on February 27th at Southrop Village Hall. Entry 2.00pm (20p)

Donations of jumble, bric a brac, cakes, books, toys etc can be left at the Hall on Friday 26th 2- 3.30 pm or on Saturday 27th 10 - 11 am.

Contact Sally Parris on 01367 850321 or Jane Jenkinson on 01367 850393

BULLDOGS FIREWORK DISPLAY – THANKS!

Despite the weather there was a great turnout for the Bulldogs firework display on November 5th, and £1500 was raised for local worthy causes. Bulldog Trevor Hing MBE said “the Bulldogs would like to thank the local community for braving the elements and supporting this fantastic event. Best fireworks ever”.

The Bulldogs would particularly like to thank everyone that helped on the night in the catering tent and Hatherop Primary School PTA for their efforts selling treats.

THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS!

Thank you to all who have placed adverts and supported the CHEQS magazine throughout the year.

Special thanks to our sponsors Xylem (Godwin Pumps) and Hatherop Castle School for their very valued and generous donations.

We wish you all a happy, successful and prosperous New Year.

FAIRFORD LIBRARY OPENING TIMES

Monday	9.30.am - 5pm	Wednesday	9.30am - 5pm
Thursday	9.30am - 7pm	Saturday	9.30 - 1pm

- **** NEW **** Free Wi-Fi service now available in the Library allowing all to use laptops, tablets and other mobile devices
- Apply for your concessionary bus pass for free: no need to buy a passport photo.
- Weekly Events: Toddler Time every Monday in term time 10 – 10.30am (2 years – pre-school), Baby Bounce and Rhyme Time – every Wednesday 10.30 – 11.00 (Songs and Rhymes for babies up to 2 years).
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- DVDs: latest releases to loan for only £1.50 until our next opening time, older titles just £1.

Advance notice of events:

- 11am Sat, 6 Feb a talk by Roger West, local entrepreneur and inventor
- 2.30pm Mon, 15 Feb – Half Term children's event hosted by The Dogs Trust School Holiday story sessions

Make it your New Year Resolution to use your local Library – it is FREE! We look forward to welcoming you and wish all our customers a very Happy

New Year

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Free parking at the rear of the library.

HATHEROP CASTLE SCHOOL NEWS

Life at Hatherop Castle continues apace after the Christmas holidays and the Lent term has excitements of its own to come. A number of fundraising events are happening; the first is a batik scarf making day in aid of the Xavier project which works with children in Kenya and Uganda and was founded by an ex pupil Edmund Page. Edmund recently won the 'Queen's Young Leaders Award' after setting up the Xavier Project in 2008 following a visit to these countries. Edmund came to visit our children in the Michaelmas term we decided we would like to raise money to support them. Our children spoke via Skype to some of the children in Kenya – a hugely exciting experience!

The second fundraiser will be in aid of the Debra charity for people, to use the charity's own phrase 'whose skin doesn't work'. Epidermolysis Bullosa (EB) is a group of genetic skin conditions which cause the skin to blister and tear at the slightest touch. We will be having a cake sale and a supporter of the charity will come in to school to tell the children all about the condition. Hatherop Castle School cake sales are legendary and we always raise a really useful amount of money. As well as enjoying the cake!

The third fundraiser is by one of our pupils who is also a resident of Hatherop. Kip is going to be raising funds for two axolotls, a tank and water filter to be looked after by the school, in school. Thus the creatures will be an educational feature of the biology lab for all the children. Thank you Kip.

As well as these projects our very supportive Parents' Association will be holding the annual Burn's Night supper and the very competitive Quiz and Curry evening when we all test our knowledge from geography to celebrity names. Our Open Morning on Saturday 27 February is celebrating our Queen's 90 years following a themed week looking at the past nine decades. We will also welcome external and internal candidates to our Scholarship and Assessment days on February 5th and 6th. So here goes for a busy term ahead!

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CHEQS DIARY

for Sunday services see centre pages

- Jan 6 9.00 am Epiphany Communion at Coln church
- Jan 7 Friendship Circle (Bingo) at Eastleach
- Jan 9 10.30 - 12 Quenington Village Hall Coffee Morning
- Jan 15 7.00 pm Coln Cinema – 45 Years
- Jan 18 7.15 pm Lechlade History Society
- Jan 20 9.00 am Southrop School Service (*all welcome*)
6.00 pm Eastleach PCC
- Jan 26 6.30 pm Vespers at Eastleach church (led by Fr Michael Robertson)
- Feb 4 Friendship Circle – Rivers and Wildlife - Southrop
- Feb 6 11.00am Talk by Roger West at Fairford Library
- Feb 10 9.00 am Southrop School Service (*all welcome*)
12 noon Ash Wednesday Communion at Fairford church
7.30 pm Ash Wednesday Communion at Lechlade church
- Feb 13 Quenington Village Hall Coffee Morning
- Feb 15 2.30pm Fairford Library story session hosted by The Dogs Trust
- Feb 19 6.00 pm Southrop PCC
7.00 pm Coln Cinema
- Feb 24 6.30 pm Evening Prayer at Eastleach church
- Feb 27 Friendship Circle – Jumble Sale - Southrop
- Mar 2 6.00 pm CHQ PCC
- Mar 3 Friendship Circle – Jukebox Jury - Eastleach
- Mar 5 2.00 pm Quenington Bring & Buy and Book Sale
- Mar 12 Quenington Village Hall Coffee Morning
- Mar 17 Coln Cinema
- Mar 24 1.00 pm Southrop School Easter Service (*all welcome*)
2.00 pm Hatherop School Easter Service (*all welcome*)
- Mar 27 Easter Day*
- Mar 29 6.30 pm Evening Prayer at Eastleach church (*John Keble died, 1866*)