

## FOREWORD

*This year marks the 150th anniversary of the introduction of 'Reader' (ie Lay Preacher) Ministry in the Church of England. We asked our own Reader, John Exelby, for some reflections.*

Not long ago I was driving back from a Gloucester Rugby away game with a friend from one of our villages. "What I want to know," he said as soon as we got in the car "is whether Christians, Jews and Muslims have the same God. If not, why not – and if it is the same God why are we always fighting each other in the name of religion?" I did my best to answer on the way home, did some late-night research and knocked out a couple of sides of A4 which I delivered to him. The following Saturday to the amazement of those around us on the terraces at Kingsholm a group of us were discussing alternative faiths rather than the failings of the referee – although we got to that later.

As what I might call an ordinary person who publicly advertises his faith (without, I hope, any bible-thumping), I'm not seen as an authority-figure in the way that a vicar often is. People talk to me and ask questions all the time in a way they never did before I became a Reader. They also ask me to help with special services like baptisms, weddings and funerals because they have known me for years and feel that I am a friend who can give them comfort when they need it. They know my weaknesses as well as my strengths, and accept them knowing that I, though an incomer of only twenty-two years' standing, have our villages at heart just as they do. And, of course, I am an extra pair of hands to make sure that with my fellow Readers and lay colleagues who take services, every church in CHEQS can have a service every Sunday – and more often if that's what's wanted.

Being a Reader is for me a wonderful privilege and a very special way of serving our communities.

John Exelby

*Thank you, John, for your ministry amongst us in the CHEQS churches – and thanks also to our other Reader, Hanmer Webb-Peploe, for his hard work over the years!*

## **FROM THE REGISTERS**

We welcome **Jonah Brookes, Harriet & William Jakeman** and **Jasmine & Leonardo Boswell**, baptized into the church last month.

Our love & prayers are with the families & friends of **Arthur Tye**, whose funeral we conducted recently in Eastleach.

## **ASCENSION DAY**

Don't forget Ascension Day – Thursday 5th. We're offering a choice of two services – at 7.00 am in Bibury (followed by breakfast at the Vicarage), and at 7.00 pm in Ampney St Peter. All are welcome!

Bishop Rachel has designated the day as a Day of Prayer for the Diocese – do visit the cathedral, if you easily can, to be a part of that. Between then and Pentecost (Sunday 15th) we're encouraged to hold special prayers in our various parishes: details will be given in our churches of how we plan to do so.

## **SOUTH COTSWOLDS TEAM**

The Diocese has confirmed that the clergy staffing for the Team (of which CHEQS is part) is reducing from 4 full-time and 3 part-time clergy to 4 f/t & 2 p/t ... with the likelihood of further reduction to 4 f/t & 1 p/t before long. There are no immediate implications for the CHEQS churches – but conversations will be held soon about our staffing in the medium to long term. In the next few months we shall looking again at our pattern of services, and our lay-involvement, as part of this wider planning.

Meanwhile, on Sunday 5 June the clergy from across the Team will be leading worship in different churches from usual – and we look forward to welcoming Andrew Cinnamond from Lechlade to our three morning services.

## **DO YOU WANT TO LEARN GREEK?**

Following a number of requests, John Partington is starting fortnightly sessions this month – initially for beginners, but quite soon at an intermediate level – for those who would like to read the New Testament in its original language. Please let him know if you'd be interested in being part of this.

## REFLECTIONS FROM DOWN UNDER - (2)

*John Partington continues his reflections on four Sundays spent worshipping recently in New Zealand.*

On our second Sunday on the other side of the world we were in New Zealand's south island, following a delightful couple of train journeys, and a ferry trip, from our holiday base in the north.

Christchurch was devastated by an earthquake in 2011, and the city centre is still largely ruined – reminding me of nothing so much as my time in Sarajevo some years earlier. There's a resilient spirit there, however, and shops are springing up in converted shipping containers as the work of proper rebuilding slowly proceeds. (I'd always longed to experience a 'quake, and was delighted that there was quite a large one – the second biggest this century – while we were there: the lift no longer working to our twelfth-floor hotel room seemed a small price to pay for the experience!)

One of the major casualties of the 2011 earthquake was the nineteenth-century cathedral, semi-ruined five years ago and further damaged in the tremors while we were there. To rebuild it would cost \$105 million, whereas to replace it with a modern structure, more suited to contemporary worship than its neo-gothic predecessor, is estimated at \$66 million. Not surprisingly the church favours the latter option – but its proposals, published last December, caused huge controversy, particularly amongst non-church-attenders. (*Plus ça change ... !*) In the next few weeks a government-appointed mediator is due to judge on the matter..

Whatever the future may hold, for now the cathedral's services take place in a temporary (*ie* fifty-year design-life) structure, known popularly as the 'cardboard cathedral'. It's an ingenious building, shaped like a ridge-tent. Rubble-filled shipping containers form the low side-walls and support giant cardboard tubes (for all the world looking like oversized postal-stationery) which act as beams for the light-weight roof. It managed to look surprisingly beautiful.

While the locals know it as the cardboard cathedral, its official name (duly marked on all the road-signs) is the 'transitional cathedral'. What a wonderfully apt title that is for any church! After all, every church is 'transitional': merely a tabernacle, or 'tent', as we journey towards the heavenly city. And yet how easily we place our hopes in "buildings made by human hands". That's perhaps as true in CHEQS as anywhere in the world: we're blessed with such wonderful historic church buildings here, enhancing our worship with their rural dignity – but more beautiful even than them is the reality of lives touched by God.

While the building was perhaps unique, the service we went to was a standard Anglican service of Holy Communion, or 'Eucharist' as the grander churches

usually term it – much the same as we usually have in Quenington and Coln, and often in Southrop\*. The congregation was the usual New Zealand mix of ex-European and Maori (and, increasingly, mixed-race) worshippers – and I was intrigued by how the standard liturgy was adapted in various places to reflect the indigenous heritage, with its pre-Christian spirituality, of the national church. In a strange way it reminded me of our own contemporary services’ echoes of sixteenth-century theology and liturgy – but with the advantage that the culture that the cathedral service was honouring had living adherents in the building!

And then the cathedral choir! Christchurch is perhaps the most ‘English’ of New Zealand’s cities, and – with eyes closed – I could have been in any of our great churches in this country. It reminded me what a delight it is that the Coln choir, albeit not yet at cathedral standard, is singing in more of our CHEQS services. Do come and feast your ears as well as your soul!)

*Next time – I go to a church in ‘Paradise on Earth’, and speak in other tongues.*

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\* I remember when the Roman Catholic church adopted English, rather than Latin, for its worship in the 1960s someone bemoaning the fact that the Mass would no longer be identical throughout the world (‘identically incomprehensible’, I remember thinking) – but the reality today is even better, that not only throughout the world but also across the denominations we now use almost identical versions of the service, so that in a Roman Catholic church in Flanders recently I understood not a word of the service and yet knew exactly what every word meant.

## **CHQ SHARED SERVICES**

*celebrating our united parish*

May 29	11.00 am	Coln St A	Holy Communion
Jun 26	9.30 am	Quenington	Holy Communion <i>also Barn Service in evening</i>
Jul 31	11.00 am	Hatherop	Family Communion
Aug 28	6.00 pm	Coln St A	Evening Worship <i>also 9.30 am HC at Quenington</i>
Sep 25	9.30 am	Quenington	Holy Communion
Oct 30	11.00 am	Hatherop	Family Communion
Nov 27	6.00 pm	Coln St A	Advent Carols <i>also 9.30 am HC at Quenington</i>
Dec 11	9.30 am	Quenington	Holy Communion

# FROLICS DAY!

## Monday 30th May

Starting in the Eastleach Playing Field  
Arrive at 11:30am for....

12pm: Kids Football

12:30pm: Kids and Adults Touch Rugby

1pm: Adults Football (married vs unmarried)

Followed by

2pm: Children's Races and Obstacle Race - all ages

with

Barbecue!

then...

5pm: Fun and Games at the Vic!

and then it's down to the river for...

### The Frolics Regatta!!

Make your own model boat from recycled materials- no motors!

Prizes for the winner and 'Best Boat'!!

£1.00 entry fee - open to all ages 0-100!

and finally...

### The Legendary River Tug of War!

Frolics Raffle - any donations are massively welcomed! Contact us or pass to the Vic in Eastleach!

## Come and enjoy a day of frolics!!

For more information contact;

Dylan Jones - 07917733510 / dill\_chelsea@hotmail.co.uk

Paul Ponting - 01367850512 / p\_d.ponting@btinternet.com

## HATHEROP CASTLE NEWS

*The Director of Sport writes:*

The Best Start in Life – physical activity in the early years

Being active regularly is good for all of us, but for children under the age of five it can be vital to their future health and wellbeing. 91% of children aged 2-4 are currently not meeting the UK physical activity guidelines for their age-group of three hours of activity a day. This means that they are missing opportunities to benefit their health and establish a healthy lifestyle that carry on into adulthood.

*For children under five who are not yet walking:* Physical activity is any movement at this age. Examples are: floor-based play in different positions eg ‘tummy time’, rolling, or reaching for toys; water-based activities.

*For Children under five who are walking by themselves:* Your child should be active for at least a total of three hours a day. This does not have to be all at once, so their physical activity can be spread throughout the day. Physical activity can be unstructured active play or structured exercise of varying intensities. Movement skills gained at this young age set the scene for skills such as balance and co-ordination when they are older.

Being physically active at a young age is proven to support brain development, enhance bone health and muscular development as well as have non-physical benefits to social and cognitive skills development and emotional wellbeing.

As Director of Sport at Hatherop Castle School, I regularly see the benefits that sport and exercise can have on young children. Part of my job allows me to teach Physical Development (PD) in the Nursery once a week, during which time the children have an opportunity to experience a variety of games and activities. Most of the activities taught allow the children to explore the use of equipment and become active learners and have the opportunity to show their creativity. The skills learnt at this age are then developed throughout Nursery and into Reception. As the time allocation for sport increases as the children move up the school, it means the children are able to play and perform a host of new skills not done before. Weekly swimming throughout the year is a huge benefit.

From experience, children must be fully engaged and enjoy what they are doing otherwise they lose interest. If children have the opportunity to run and play, they will, in time, start to show interest in various activities. With lots of reinforcement and continuous praise, all children can achieve and be rewarded with the benefits that a healthy lifestyle can bring to us all.

*Hatherop Castle's next Open Day is on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>.*

## HATHEROP C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

We had a fantastic Spring term with many extra events taking place. Particular highlights included hosting the annual small schools football competition in which all our teams performed extremely well. Our Tag Rugby team was second in the cluster qualifier beating many local schools and therefore represented the South



Cotswolds at the next round of the competition at the Cotswold School. We also took part in the Sport Relief Mile, where every child in the school ran / walked / jogged a mile.

We had great success at the Mock Trial competition, coming third overall. There were also prizes given to Grace Ward, for a special recommendation for her performance as an usher, and First Prize for Will Harvey as the Court Artist.

To stay up to date with the latest news from our thriving village primary school, please follow us on [@hatheropcofe](#) or visit [www.hatherop.gloucs.sch.uk](http://www.hatherop.gloucs.sch.uk)

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**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](http://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](http://www.stthomasparish.plus.com) or contact Father Michael Robertson on 01285 712586 or [michael.robertson@priest.cliftondiocese.com](mailto:michael.robertson@priest.cliftondiocese.com)

**FAIRFORD UNITED CHURCH (CONGREGATIONAL/METHODIST)** – Sunday: 10.00 am Morning Worship & children's activities. Fairly-traded goods for sale. Our monthly Contact Group meetings will be on Friday 6 May and Friday 4 June, 12.30 - 2.30 pm – meet friends old & new over tea/coffee and light refreshments.

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

# SERVICES IN MAY

## Sunday 1

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

## Sunday 8

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>JP</i>

## Sunday 15 *Pentecost*

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>JP</i>
11.00 am	Morning Prayer	Eastleach	<i>MB</i>
<u>7.15</u> pm	Evening Worship *	Quenington	<i>JP</i>

*\* a youth-led service in the Village Hall*

## Sunday 22 *Trinity*

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

## Sunday 29

9.30 am	Holy Communion	Southrop	<i>JP</i>
11.00 am	Holy Communion **	Coln	<i>JP</i>
11.00 am	Family Service	Eastleach	<i>BB / CA-W</i>

*\*\* united service for the three-church parish*

## SPECIAL SERVICES THIS MONTH

The agricultural seasons are important to us in our rural parishes, and so we're observing **Rogationtide** in our morning services on Sunday 1st. The 11.00 am service in Eastleach that day will take the usual form of a procession through the village – this year ending at the Victoria Inn, where we shall celebrate John Exelby's (and other Readers') ministry amongst us.

**Ascension Day** is on Thursday 5th, marked by services at 7.00 am in Bibury (followed by breakfast), and 7.00 pm in Ampney St Peter. Let us know if you'd like a lift!

The annual visit of **Keble College Choir** is on Wednesday 11th, when they'll lead Choral Evensong for us at 6.30 pm in Southrop church – Rev Jenn Strawbridge, the college chaplain, will be our preacher.

Sunday 15th is **Pentecost** ('Whitsun' in old terminology) and in the evening we're hosting the 'SNAP' youth-led service at 7.15 pm in Quenington Village Hall.

*We continue with our monthly reflective service of Evening Prayer at 6.30 pm on the last Wednesday (25th) in Eastleach; and also with our weekly Saturday services of Evening Prayer at 6.00 pm in Coln church. The Southrop school service is at 9.00 am on Wednesday 25th. All are welcome to join us at any of these.*

## READINGS, PSALMS, HYMNS & COLOURS

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| <b>1</b> ( <i>Easter 6</i> ) Psalm 67; Hymns 157, 115, 125<br>Acts 16. 9-15, John 5. 1-9                  | <i>white</i> |
| <b>8</b> ( <i>Easter 7</i> ) Psalm 97; Hymns 140, 141, 345<br>Acts 16. 16-34, John 17. 20-26              | <i>white</i> |
| <b>15</b> ( <i>Pentecost</i> ) Psalm 104. 25-37; Hymns 156, ?, 356<br>Acts 2. 1-21, John 14. 8-17         | <i>red</i>   |
| <b>22</b> ( <i>Trinity</i> ) Psalm 8; Hymns 95, 102, 180<br>Proverbs 8. 1-4, 22-31, John 16. 12-15        | <i>white</i> |
| <b>29</b> ( <i>Trinity 1</i> ) Psalm 96. 1-9; Hymns 331, 49, 202<br>1 Kings 8. 22-23, 41-43, Luke 7. 1-10 | <i>green</i> |

## **COLN VILLAGE FETE**

The famous Coln St Aldwyns Flower & Produce Show and Children's Fete is back to celebrate its thirtieth anniversary on Saturday 3 September from 1pm to 5pm in Manor Farm House gardens. Along with stalls and games, there'll be a Hog Roast lunch and bar courtesy of Chris & Pete of White Monk Ltd, two sets from village favourites Ukey Dukes, and, of course, the battle to be crowned "Big Spud" – get your seed potato and pot for £2 at Coln Stores! Funds raised support local children's charities.

## **QUENINGTON VILLAGE HALL**

All are welcome at this month's Coffee Morning – Saturday 14th, 10.30 am - 12 noon. This month we will be joined by a local agent for Phoenix Trading selling greeting cards, giftwrap, tags and stationery. Bring a friend and enjoy coffee and home-made cakes. (We shall also be having our usual raffle and book exchange.) Anyone wishing to contribute cakes, please bring them along – costs will be reimbursed! Contact Janet Goddard, 01285 750323.

*Winners of the March 100 Club Draw: 1st 51 (D Fielder), 2nd 27 (J Evans), 3rd 28 (A Goddard). New members always welcome. Numbers cost £12 for the year (pro rata if joining part way through the year) and all profits go towards the village hall funds. Contact David Bostock on 01285 750456.*

## **LECHLADE HISTORY SOCIETY.**

This month's meeting is on Monday 16th, 7.15 pm for 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall – the Rise and Fall of the English Public House. Mike Marshman looks at this English institution from the Saxon taberna, via the medieval ale house, coaching inn, beer house and gin palace, to the public house of the 20th and 21st centuries. Mike is the County Local Studies Librarian at the Wiltshire & Swindon History Centre. Guests welcome, £4. Contact Alan Garnell 01367 253087 or visit [www.lechladehistory.co.uk](http://www.lechladehistory.co.uk).

## **BICYCLES FOR REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS**

A huge thank you to everyone who donated their unwanted bicycles over the past few weeks. Incredibly, we have collected 27 bikes, 21 of which have already been repaired, serviced and taken to the Harbour Project in Swindon (website: [harbourproject.org.uk](http://harbourproject.org.uk)) for distribution to refugees. They still have a need for another dozen, so if anyone else has an adult bicycle they no longer want, no matter the condition, I'd be happy to come and collect it from you at your convenience. Cathy Forman, Coln St Aldwyns – 01285 750671

# HIKE FOR HOME-START

CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF HOME START'S SUPPORT OF FAMILIES ACROSS THE COTSWOLDS

Join us for a very special 10km circular charity walk through Stowell Park by kind permission of Lord and Lady Vestey.

The walk will take us along some of Britain's most beautiful private valleys, through woodlands and down Roman paths.

All walkers will be given a map, water and refreshments after the walk.

We also have lunch for 100 walkers, provided by the wonderful chefs of Wiggly Worm, a dynamic Gloucestershire based charity, who amongst other great projects run the Bistro at the Star Centre.

Lunch places are limited so please book now to avoid disappointment.

Dogs on leads welcome.

**9.30 AM WEDNESDAY 11 MAY 2016**

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**WALK £15 / WALK & LUNCH £25**

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## **CHEQS GARDENING CLUB**

The programme for the coming months includes: a Plant Sale & Supper on May 10th at 6.00 pm; and visits to Oxleaze Farm in June, The Old Vicarage at Bledington in July and a double visit in September to Bush House Garden Wiggington and South Newington House Garden.

## **QUENINGTON VILLAGE CAR-BOOT SALES**

The next Quenington car-boot sale will be held on The Green at 11.00 am on Sunday 1st and 29th. The next one will be on Sunday June 6<sup>th</sup>. £5.00 per car

## **SOUTHROP WELCOMES ...**

Marc & Kate Holland & their children Tegan, Theo & Ferne to 5 Dawes Close.

## **QUENINGTON VILLAGE HALL COFFEE MORNING**

The next coffee morning will be held on Saturday 14th, 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

## **QUENINGTON OLD RECTORY – MONEY RAISED**

Quenington Old Rectory opened its gates twice in April to help raise funds for the Red Cross and for Cobalt, the Cheltenham-based MRI scanning charity. On Sunday 3rd the grounds were filled with visitors enjoying the wonderful gardens, full of bulbs and early shrubs: £420 was raised for the Red Cross from entries and sales of tea & cake. On Sunday 10th the Rare Plant Fair made its annual appearance with twenty-four visiting plantmen & women selling a wonderful range of flowers for Spring planting. As ever, this was a great success, with over 600 people attending and helping to raise around £2,000 for the charity, Cobalt Health. David & Lucy Abel Smith extend their thanks to their neighbours, without whose support none of this would be possible.

## SATURDAY MORNING FOOTBALL

Southrop  
Jubilee field

10.00 - 11:30  
am every  
Saturday



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child.

Coach – Dylan Jones.

Any queries, contact Dylan on  
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[dill\\_chelsea@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:dill_chelsea@hotmail.co.uk)

# coln+ choir

## SUMMER CONCERT

**Saturday 11th June 2016 at 7pm**  
**Coln St Aldwyns Church**  
(doors open at 6.30pm)

### Guests including

Hatherop Primary School Choir  
Katie Griffin  
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**  
**VILLAGE FÊTE**  
**SAT 11TH JUNE 2016**

**FALCONRY DISPLAY**  
**£200 GRAND PRIZE DRAW**  
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With musical accompaniment  
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**St Mary's Church  
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## CHEQS DIARY

for this month's Sunday services see centre pages

May 1	11.00 am	Quenington Car Boot Sale
	7.30 pm	Fairford & District Choral Society – Handel's <i>Messiah</i>
May 5	7.00 am	Ascension Day Communion at Bibury church
	\time?s	Friendship Circle Coach trip to Whitehall Garden Centre
	7.00 pm	Ascension Day Communion at Ampney St Peter
May 10	6.00 pm	CHEQS Gardening Club, Plant Sale and Supper, Black Bourton
May 11	9.30 am	Home Start Walk
May 11	6.30 pm	Choral Evensong in Southrop church (with Keble College choir)
May 14	10.30 am	Quenington Village Hall Coffee Morning
May 15	7.15 pm	SNAP Pentecost Praise at Quenington Village Hall
May 16	7.15 pm	Lechlade History Society
May 18	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer at Hatherop church
May 15	7.15 pm	SNAP Pentecost Praise at Quenington Village Hall
May 21	9.30 am?	Hatherop Castle school open day
May 25	9.00 am	Southrop School Service ( <i>all welcome</i> )
May 29	11.00 am	Quenington Car Boot Sale
Jun 2		Eastleach & Southrop Friendship Circle Mystery Tour
Jun 11		Southrop Village Fete
	7.00 pm	Coln Choir Summer Concert
Jun 14	2.00 pm	CHEQS Gardening Club visit to Oxleaze Farm
Jun 22	9.00 am	Southrop School Service ( <i>all welcome</i> )
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer at Coln church
Jun 25	<i>tbc</i>	Youth Barn Service at Swyre Barton Farm
Jun 26	11.00 am	Quenington Car Boot Sale
Jun 26	3.00 pm	Family Day at Swyre Barton Farm (5.00 pm picnic, 6.00 pm service)
Jun 29	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer at Southrop church
Jul 13	9.30 am	Holy Communion at Quenington church
Jul 14		'Young Musician' concert at Quenington
Jul 19	11.00 am	Southrop School Leavers' Service
Aug 23	-	Lechlade Church <i>Polar Explorers</i> Bible holiday club begins
Sep 3	1.00 pm	Coln St Aldwyns Flower & Produce Show and Children's Fete
Oct 19	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer at Bouthrop church
Oct 23	11.00 am	Confirmation Service at Bibury church
Oct 26	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer at Bouthrop church
Oct 30	1.00 am	<i>British Summer Time ends</i>