



Badbury Parish News

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Vicar's Letter

Spring has come again

Spring is always a welcome season, especially after long, cold winter months. It brings with it warmer weather, lighter evenings, and signs of re-birth. It is also the season that hastens in Easter – the day we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus. The day when “love has come again” into our lives.

Easter follows the long, somewhat solemn, and reflective period of Lent where, for forty days, we examine our consciences and take stock of our lives and faith. Morally, it is an opportunity for all of us to reflect upon our responsibility to live a good life in harmony and peace with our neighbours. Spiritually, it can be a time where we come closer to God, repent of sins and weaknesses and enjoy a more fulfilling relationship with him and those whom we serve.

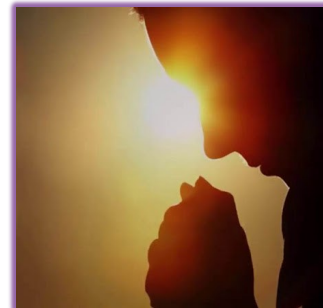
Jesus loved us so much that he was prepared to die for our sins.

When he was taken down from the cross, he lay in a darkened tomb along with his follower's broken dreams and grief. Winter had come upon them with a vengeance. But love broke through the darkness, death could not contain him. His glorious resurrection is Spring to the soul. Our lives have been restored with a sense of re-birth, renewed hope and joy forevermore.

Here is a verse from a well-loved Easter hymn for us to reflect upon:

**Forth he came at Easter,
Like the risen grain,
He that for three days
In the grave had lain;
Quick from the death,
My risen Lord is seen:
Love is come again,
Like wheat that springeth
green.**

“Now the green blade riseth”



Wishing you all the joy of the Easter Season,

Reverend Maureen Turner



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Printed copies will still be available in all our Churches for those who need access to a printed copy, and to those who have requested for a copy to be delivered through their letterbox.

If you have any stories or features you would like us to cover in our next quarterly edition—we would love to hear from you.

Buscot Praise

The Carol Service at St. Mary's, Buscot on December 18th 2022 was a fabulous evening. A full house of 107 people, a beautifully decorated church, a wonderful choir and a lovely service led by Reverend Maureen, who was as serene and calm as ever.



Military Wives Choir at St. Mary's, Buscot

The Military Wives Choir (pictured above), sang from the Chancel and lifted all our hearts, as together we celebrated the birth of Christ with resounding Christmas Carols. One photo couldn't capture the spirit within St. Mary's that night, but we certainly ushered in Christmas at Buscot.

Jonny Farnol, Buscot Warden



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Lent Bible Study 2023

Theme: A Thriving Church

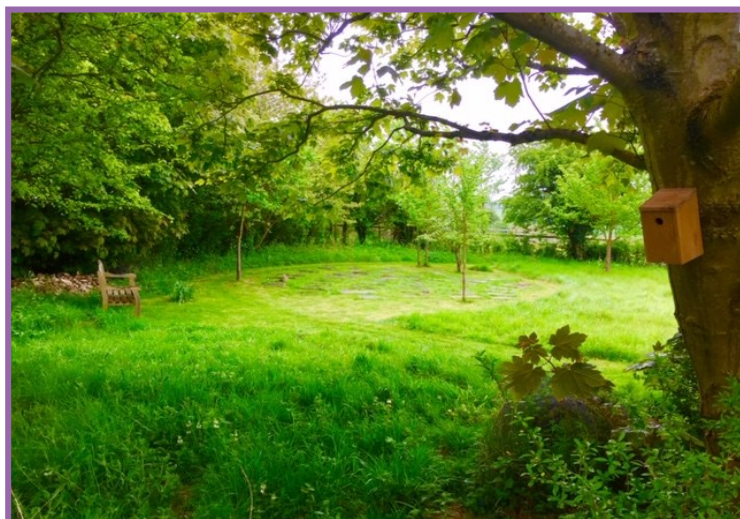


**Every Tuesday from 2.30pm—4.00pm
From 28th February 2023 to 28th March 2023
At
The Vicarage, Great Coxwell**

This year's informal course of bible studies will be focusing upon "becoming a Christ-centered Church". It will be based upon the recently published "How Village Churches thrive". Over the five sessions, there will be readings and discussions on some of the challenging aspects of being a rural church today and how we meet those challenges in practical and prayerful ways.

Topics include how we can be more welcoming, becoming the heartbeat of village community, using the buildings and grounds creatively, celebrating life events and festivals, engaging with children, the isolated and lonely in our communities.

Please let our Vicar know if you would like to attend the Lent course this year.



Contemplation Garden at St. Giles, Great Coxwell



Call to God's Service

God often calls people into service at unexpected times and in unexpected ways – could God be calling you to use your gifts to serve your church?

There are many ways to help support parish life, and all are vitally important in the day-to-day running of the church. For example welcoming people into the church, providing refreshments after services, flower arranging, supporting children's ministry, ensuring the church building is clean and safe or financial support. As well as these important roles, there are positions where, with a bit more commitment, you could really make a difference in the direction and future of your parish and its church. Becoming a PCC member is one such role.

The PCC support their vicar in the running and management of the church. Their primary function is promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC meets three to four times per year. Through discussions, development plans, decision making and setting objectives, you can gain a real pride in the fact that you are equipping and building up the church.

To become a PCC member, you must fulfil the following criteria:

- Be a baptised lay person aged 16 or over
- Be a member of the Church of England or of a Church in communion with the Church of England



St. Mary's PCC Meeting in progress including Scruff the dog!

- Be resident of the parish or, if not resident, have habitually attended public worship in the parish for six months
- Be on the church's electoral role

Interested? Get in touch with the Vicar.



All Saints, Coleshill love to celebrate Plough Sunday and the tractor and plough on the Green attract a lot of a attention. The smiles on the children's faces say it all.

Holy Week and Easter Services

Palm Sunday—2nd April 2023 at 10.30am
Holy Communion, Buscot

Tuesday 4th April 2023 at 2.30pm
Stations of the Cross, St. Giles Contemplation Garden

Maundy Thursday—6th April 2023 at 5.00pm
Reflective Service, Buscot

Good Friday—7th April 2023 at 10.30am
Morning Prayer, Eaton Hastings

Good Friday—7th April 2023 at 3.00pm
Family Service, Coleshill

Easter Sunday—9th April 2023 at 10.30am
Holy Communion, Great Coxwell



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Eaton Hastings Celebrations

Two very happy occasions took place when the marriage of Suzanne Cole and Alister Wright was held in August 2022, followed by that of Gina Cole and Alex Donger in October.

Suzanne and Gina are sisters who grew up in Eaton Hastings where their parents still farm. Three generations of Coles, including Aubrey and Margaret who remain active members of the church, pictured on the left.

Olly Fox played for both ceremonies and Alex stole the show driving his bride Gina away in a 162 HP tractor.



Gina and Alex. Get me to the Church on time!



Suzanne and Alister, with the Cole family



Eco Church Award for St. Michael and All Angels

Congratulations St. Michael and All Angels, Eaton Hastings who have achieved an Eco Church Bronze Award.

Eco Church is a Rocha UK's award scheme for churches in England and Wales who want to demonstrate that the gospel is good news for God's earth. Eco Church is run in partnership with Christian Aid, The Church of England, The Methodist Church, Tearfund, The United Reformed Church and Allchurches Trust Limited.

Well done to everyone involved!

Find out more about Eco Church here - [Eco Church - An A Rocha UK Project](#)

playing live at

All Saints Church, Coleshill

Saturday 8th July 2023
7.30pm to 9.30pm

Tickets £15 (includes a glass of wine) available from All Saints Warden— Sue Homersham
homershamcourt@outlook.com

We Will Remember Them

Four Remembrance Sunday Services were held in the Benefice in November – one in each village. These solemn and meaningful services, blessed by the morning sun, were attended by many villagers and families. Thanks go to all who took part in some way especially readers and those who laid poppy wreaths.



Mr Rob Malone laying a wreath at the War Memorial, Coleshill on Remembrance Sunday

Holy Communion at Home

For many people, coming to church to receive Holy Communion is very important to their faith. However, sometimes, it is not always possible to come to church due to such things as infirmity, sickness, or mobility issues. It can be an isolating experience when a person is no longer able to meet with their friends and fellow Christians in an act of worship.

Our Vicar is happy to take the sacrament of Holy Communion to parishioners' homes if they would



find it helpful. This short service lasts about ten minutes, and the timing of the visit can be flexible.

Likewise, she is happy to do general pastoral visits when requested.

If this is something you would find helpful and beneficial, then please get in touch with our Vicar to arrange a visit.

Prayer

We praise you and we bless you, our risen Lord Jesus, King of glory, for in your resurrection the power of love breaks open the earth and frees life from death. As the angel rolled away the stone from the prison of the tomb, so release those imprisoned by life's misfortunes. To you, Lord Jesus, whose life brings surprises beyond our wildest expectations, be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**



Joint Benefice Confirmation Classes










If anyone from our Benefice would like to be confirmed this year, the Reverend Norma Fergusson is happy to invite you to join their Confirmation classes at St. Andrew's Church, Shrivenham. These classes will take place on a Thursday evening, for six weeks, beginning **2nd March 2023.**

The Confirmation Service itself will be conducted by Bishop Gavin on the morning of **Sunday 18th June 2023** at **St. Andrew's Church.** If you are interested, contact our Vicar who will then pass your details on to Reverend Norma.

Children's Page

In every seasonal issue we will include an activity on our Children's Page.
This issue's theme is **The Easter Story**.

Colour the pictures. Cut out and stick in the correct order.

 <p>Jesus carries a cross up a hill. He is nailed to the cross and dies.</p>	 <p>The body of Jesus is locked in a stone tomb.</p>
 <p>Jesus has arisen and appeared to his friends.</p>	 <p>Jesus arrives in Jerusalem to celebrate Passover.</p>
  <p>Mary, a friend of Jesus, discovers the tomb empty.</p>	 <p>Jesus is betrayed by Judas and arrested.</p>
 <p>Jesus enjoys a Last Supper with his 12 friends.</p>	 <p>Some people are jealous of Jesus being so popular.</p>



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Calendar of Spring Services

We will be reverting to the summer pattern of services after Easter.

We look forward to seeing you in our Churches for the following services;

All Saints, Coleshill

Date/ Start Time	Service
7th March 2023 at 3.00pm	Good Friday Family Service
26th March 2023 at 10.30am	Holy Communion
23rd April 2023 at 10.30am	Holy Communion
14th May 2023 at 9.00am	Morning Prayer
28th May 2023 at 10.30am	Holy Communion—Pentecost
11th June 2023 at 9.00am	Morning Prayer
25th June 2023 at 10.30am	Holy Communion

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING: 26TH MARCH 2023, AFTER MORNING SERVICE, INSIDE ALL SAINTS CHURCH

St. Mary the Virgin, Buscot

Date/ Start Time	Service
19th March 2023 at 10.00am	Joint Holy Communion—Mothering Sunday
2nd April 2023 at 10.30am	Joint Service—Palm Sunday
6th April 2023 at 5.00pm	Maundy Thursday—Reflection
16th April 2023 at 10.30am	Holy Communion by extension
7th May 2023 at 9.00am	Morning Prayer—Celebrating the Coronation
21st May 2023 at 10.30am	Holy Communion—Ascension Sunday
4th June 2023 at 9.00am	Morning Prayer—Trinity Sunday
18th June 2023 at 10.30am	Holy Communion

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING: 13TH MAY 2023 AT 10.00AM AT BUSCOT VILLAGE HALL, BUSCOT



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St. Giles, Great Coxwell

Date/ Start Time	Service
22nd February 2023 at 2.30pm	Holy Communion—Ash Wednesday
12th March 2023 at 10.30am	Holy Communion
9th April 2023 at 10.30am	Holy Communion—Easter Day
23rd April 2023 at 9.00am	Morning Prayer
30th April 2023 at 10.30am	Joint Service of Holy Communion
14th May 2023 at 10.30am	Holy Communion
28th May 2023 at 6.00pm	Evensong—Rogation
11th June 2023 at 10.30am	Holy Communion
25th June 2023 at 9.00am	Morning Prayer

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING: 25TH APRIL 2023 AT 7.00PM IN THE READING ROOM

St. Michael and All Angels, Eaton Hastings

Date/ Start Time	Service
5th March 2023 at 10.30am	Morning Prayer and Holy Communion
7th April 2023 at 10.30am	Good Friday—Morning Prayer
16th April 2023 at 6.00pm	Evensong (Lay led)
7th May 2023 at 10.30am	Holy Communion
21st May 2023 at 6.00pm	Evensong
4th June 2023 at 10.30am	Holy Communion—Trinity Sunday
18th June 2023 at 6.00pm	Evensong

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING: 18TH MAY 2023 AT 7.00PM AT RHODES FARM

