



Wykeham Benefice News

April, May 2024

‘He is risen’, an introduction from
Rev’d Canon John Tattersall’

Lord Saye and Sele’s long and interesting life remembered

Reports and photos of successful Lent lunches

A tour of Christ Church Cathedral and Evensong in May

Christian Aid week celebrated in Sibford in May

A Summer Fete in Shutford in June

Brackley Wind Ensemble and a June Summer Garden Party
in Swalcliffe

He is risen!

If you come to one of our churches in April or the first week of May this year, you cannot fail to notice the minister's bidding: *He is risen!* to which all respond: *He is risen indeed! Alleluia!* The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is at the heart of what we believe as Christians. Of course his humble birth in a stable, the miracles that he performed and the way that he taught his disciples are important: we learn about all of those through the year. But we already had the miracles and teachings of the prophets before the birth of Jesus. However, on Good Friday we remember that Jesus took our sins with him to the Cross and died for us, and on Easter Day we rejoice that he conquered death and rose again, having defeated evil and conquered death. He showed us that death is not the end and thereby transformed the way that we should regard our lives. He showed what it means to have a God whose love for mankind is never ending. No prophets before then or since have done all that.

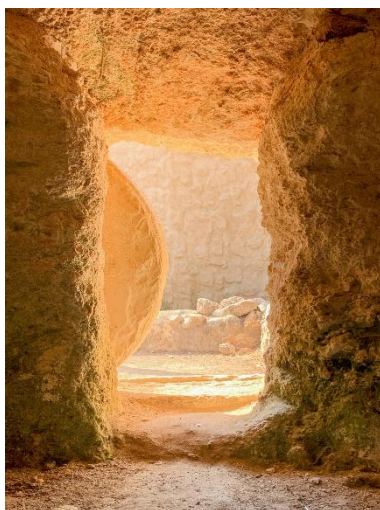
By the time you read this it will probably be too late to encourage you to come to one of our special Easter services: the Maundy Thursday vigil, the Good Friday meditation and devotional services or the Dawn Eucharist on Easter Day itself. But please do come if you read this before the end of March. However, we have services each Sunday throughout April and May when we will be celebrating the resurrection, including our Ascension Day service at Broughton at 7pm on Thursday 9th May, when we commemorate the risen Jesus' ascension to Heaven to reign with his Father, so that he can be present in all of our hearts.

I have agreed to start confirmation classes for those who have not been confirmed yet and would like to understand our faith more fully and to proceed to confirmation by the Bishop, enabling you to receive communion and participate fully in our Church. Please contact me if you would like to join these classes.

With every blessing

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John', with a horizontal line underneath.

The Reverend Canon John Tattersall



News from the Parishes

Tadmarton

We hosted a Lent Lunch in Tadmarton village hall which was well attended by over 30 people. Thanks go to all who made this such a friendly and welcoming occasion and to all who prepared and gave food, washed up and to those who gave generously raising money for the Brodey Centre (a cancer centre) in Banbury. The seniors lunch on the Friday of that week also contributed to the collection and we were able to send £262 to the centre.

We also had a letter from the Sunshine Centre in Banbury for the money that was donated at our Carol service. The centre helps venerable families and especially children in deprived parts of the town.

We have had lay led services during the last few months with our congregation ready to take part in prayers and readings with Chris and Tim taking services and Maggie and Louise taking the Mothering Sunday service and distributing flowers. We thank all who take part whilst we wait for a new rector to be called, meanwhile we also thank all those clergy who take our services. We look forward to all the special services that are being held across the benefice as we approach Easter and pray for the life of all our churches

The funeral of Jean Hall took place with the church full of people paying their respects. We pray for her family at this time.

Our PCC meeting has taken place and all our policies and procedures were agreed and adopted. We also looked at ways to make the pathway to the church safer and ideas will be explored. We look forward to spring and the beauty of the trees and flowers around us we look for the best way forward.

Broughton with North Newington

Over the past few months, sections of the wooden flooring have been replaced at St Mary's; we are delighted with the work. Coming up next, work to repair the spire will be undertaken.

Coming up in April and May:

On Thursday 9th May, we invite you to St Mary's Church for the very special Ascension day service at 7pm.

Please put Saturday 29th June into your diaries as we are planning to hold our Church Fete at St Mary's from 2-4pm. There will be a tombola, raffle, books, crafts, tea, coffee and cake. Please come along and help us raise funds for the church.

Broughton and North Newington

On Monday 12th February, the service of thanksgiving for the life of Lord Saye and Sele took place. It was a service filled with affection, readings and prayers. For those who were unable to attend, the YouTube recording of the funeral is still available (<http://bit.ly/LordSaye>) and some details taken from the Order of Service are below:



With Mariette in 2007



Nat was born on 22nd September 1920 in the Victoria Tower of the Houses of Parliament, where his maternal grandfather Sir Thomas Butler was Yeoman Usher to the Black Rod. His father was a regular soldier in the Royal Artillery and his governess encouraged his love of cricket.

Captain of Eton X1 v Harrow, Lords, 1939

He attended St David's Reigate from 1929, then Eton College from 1934 to 1939, where he was Captain of the XI. As war broke out, he went up to New College, Oxford.

He joined the Royal Warwickshire Regiment as a private soldier at the end of 1939. His middle brother, Ingel, was killed aged 19 on his first operational flight, shot down over the Mediterranean in 1941. His youngest brother, Oliver, became Dean of Lincoln in 1969.



Nat Fiennes, (L) with his father and brother Ingel (R) who was killed aged 19 in 1943 on his first operational flight.



Nat Fiennes, Adjutant with the 8th Battalion, Rifle Brigade, in Germany with General Montgomery

Nat was commission into the 8th Battalion, Rifle Brigade, becoming Adjutant in 1943. He landed at Juno Beach in Normandy on D-Day + 7, part of Operation Epsom in the heavy fighting on Hill 112 and Operation Goodwood near Caen.

He went into the concentration camp at Bergen-Belsen the day after it was discovered in April 1945. He ended the war as Military Governor of the island of Sylt, off the coast of northern Germany. He joined MECAS – the Middle East Centre for Arab Studies – in Jerusalem, and in 1946 became a Staff Officer at HQ in Palestine.

He returned home and began training to be a Chartered Surveyor, qualifying in the early 1950s. After a time with Lofts and Warner, and then John D. Wood, he set up in partnership with George Laws. Laws and Fiennes continues to manage properties and estates.

At Broughton Castle, 2010



He married Mariette Helena Salisbury-Jones on 4th December 1958 in St Margaret's, Westminster. They moved to Broughton Castle in 1968.



With two of his grand-sons, Ivo and Guy, in 2010 at the beach at Courseulles-sur-Mere where he and the 8th Battalion Rifle Brigade landed on D-D plus 6 in 1944,



Cricket with his grandson, 2006



Epwell

Christ Church Cathedral Tour, Evensong and Tea in the Great Hall. Tuesday, 7th May at 3p.m. Free tour, £6 towards the tea.

There will be a tour of the Cathedral, cloisters, gardens and tea in the Great Hall. After tea, your Guide will unwrap more of Christ Church's treasures for you, before Choral Evensong, one of the highlights of your visit. Here you will be witnessing an age-old choral tradition sung by the world-famous Cathedral Choir or our wonderful girls' choir, Frideswide Voices, which is optional. If you would like to join a Cathedral Tour of Christ

Church Oxford on the 7th May please get in touch with Carolyn Koch de Gooreynd, carolyn.kdeg@zen.co.uk. Transport as you prefer but we hope to share lifts.

Jesus at the Centre, a talk given by Ian Fleming.

On the 11th February we were delighted to welcome Ian Fleming who lives in Epwell to come and take our service. Ian worships at the Southam Road Evangelical Church. His theme was based entirely on Jesus being at the centre of our lives. It was an uplifting service with sensitive and strong leadership from Ian and we had good attendance. This is one not to be missed next time Ian would like to lead us. Thank you Ian, you were an inspiration to us all.



Chris, June, Alasdair, Ian and Carolyn

This is a part of our mission going forward, to invite speakers to our lay led services whose faith is in Jesus Christ being at the centre of their working and everyday life. You may conduct your faith through a different denomination but we would be interested to hear from you. Our next Lay led service will be the Family Service on 14th April and then 12th May, both at 10.30a.m. If you would like to give a talk on Christianity or lead a service please approach one of the PCC or Church Wardens if this interests you. Thank you.

Alasdair Lowe and Carolyn Koch de Gooreynd.

Our Lent lunch took place on 4th March. Our collection responded to an urgent request from an army Chaplain-Ben at a camp in this country where they are training Ukrainian service men. He asked for support to help supply a thousand packs for items that the soldiers are allowed to take back with them, some tinned food or

toiletries. **We managed to raise £200** from the generous donations given at the lunch. Lindsay Mills gave an informative short talk about the charity and the work that has been going on to do collections since the start of the war.

Lindsay Mills telling us about the charity



Hook Norton Brewery has supported this cause with the use of their delivery vans and several Ukrainians, who have managed to relocate here, help to do much of the packing of the packs which have got into Kiev, Lviv and areas in the south of the country.

*Charles Pollard, Mary Nash, David Long,
Nicola McHugh and Alasdair Lowe*



*Peter Koch de Gooreynd
Steve Rutledge
Ken Jeffs
Allison
Pollard
Anthony Koch de Gooreynd
Luke Koch de Gooreynd*



Supplies bought with the £200 collection for the personal hygiene packs for Ukrainian soldiers

APCM

This year our Annual Parochial Church Meeting is due to take place on Wednesday 1st May at 6.30pm in St Anne's and is open to all.

Shutford

A special Mothering Sunday afternoon service was held in church, instead of the village hall, with a small congregation and refreshments afterwards.

There were pots of daffodils to take home.

Details of proceedings at the Annual Parochial Church Council meeting on 18th March, our Lent Lunch and Easter celebrations will be reported next issue.

The annual report and accounts have been accepted by the PCC and a copy is held in church. Thanks to the generosity of our small good natured congregation, and legacies, the church is in a good state financially.

The church has also been awarded a grant of £8000, by OHCT, towards the cost of plasterwork and limewashing, due to be completed during the summer, and later than expected.

Attendances at services were at a 20 year high in 2023, thanks to several weddings, but are relatively small compared to the total village population.

There is need for younger villagers to join our congregation and we look forward to the appointment of a new rector to help encourage them to do so.

Primroses and daffodils have replaced snowdrops in the churchyard and extension and are worth a visit with benches at both locations to rest awhile: the church is open every day.

An online e-envelope will be set up to receive Shutford villagers' donations during Christian Aid Week, 12th – 18th May: details will be published locally.

The Shutford Midsummer Fete is on 22nd June in the Manor Field (see separate poster): some of the money raised will be donated to St Martin's Church and Banbury Young Homeless Project. Ken Jeffs



Sibford

Posies were distributed at the Mothering Sunday service followed by Tea and Cakes in the village Hall, £40 was collected for the Children's Society. Our thanks to Jocelyn Merris LLM for leading the service and reminding us that the origins of Mothering Sunday is when people traditionally visited their mother church, the one of their baptism. Mother's Day is an Americanism which has crept in.

Spring is in the air and plans are in hand for our **Annual Parish Meeting on Friday 26th April at 7pm in church** followed by Drinks and Nibbles. **A coffee morning for church funds is to be held in Church on Saturday 27th April at 10.00 – 12 noon.**

Christian Aid Week 12th – 18 May. The lay service in church on 12th May at 10 am will be showing a video of the effective work of Christian Aid around the world. We will again be using the delivery only of collection envelopes with several collection points around the Sibfords, also on-line giving.

We will again this year provide Easter Eggs for Polly Preedy to distribute to those homeless and needy in Banbury, a little sweetness in difficult lives. If you would like to donate an egg please contact Isabel 07989 968736 or Barbara 07773 404088, We ask that the eggs are of the smaller size, so that everyone has something similar. Many thanks

Our thanks to John, Jocelyn and our happy band of retired clergy who care and support us in the Wykeham Benefice. Happy Easter

Swalcliffe

Roll on summer!

Our village Lent Lunch was held at Upper Lea on **Tuesday 12 March**. Sadly, it was a low turnout compared to previous years, but those who came enjoyed some delicious home-made soups, bread and cheeses. A donation of £120 is being made to Banbury Food Bank. Sincere thanks to Caroline and Raymond Sancroft-Baker for again hosting the lunch.



The annual general meeting of the PCC will be held on **Saturday 13th April** in the church at 12 noon. We warmly invite any villagers, who have an interest in the church, its maintenance and role in our community, to attend to ask any questions about our future plans.

It's Easter – and in Swalcliffe that means it's time to get your decorated eggs ready for the annual Easter Egg Rolling Competition on **Monday 1st April!** Races start at 2.30 after the judging of the eggs at 2pm pm outside the Stag's Head but get there early to get your entries in (£1 per entry). Prizes for winners of each race, the best decorated egg, best Easter bonnet and best miniature garden – something for everyone, all welcome.



Images kindly supplied by Colin Hill

Two dates for your diaries:

- A summer concert by the **Brackley Wind Ensemble** on **Saturday 15th June** from 7pm in the church. The orchestra will be performing an uplifting medley of film music and popular melodies ranging from the Star Trek theme to pieces by Holst and Copland – something for everyone! Tickets will be on sale from the beginning of May with proceeds being divided between the church fund and the breast cancer charity Coppafeel.
- **Swalcliffe Summer Garden Party:** instead of our usual 'al fresco' supper, this year we are doing something different! You are warmly invited to bring family and friends to enjoy an idyllic afternoon tea on **Saturday 22nd June 2024** from 3pm in the garden at the Manor, with the kind permission of George and Sandra Anderson. If you are able to help with baking scones or cakes, please contact Virginia Merritt on 07771788976. Details of ticket sales coming soon!

Service Rota overleaf with initials of Ministers assisting us while in an interregnum

Associate Minister: The Rev'd Canon John Tattersall (JT) **Licensed Lay Minister:** Jocelyn Merris (JM)

Assisting Priests: The Rev'd Brian Fairbank (BF); The Rev'd Dr David Pym (DP), The Rev'd Canon Glyn Evans (GE), The Rev'd Graeme Arthur (GA), The Rev'd Hazel Scarr (HS), The Rev'd John Smith (JS), The Rev'd Michael Campling (MC), The Rev'd Prebendary Olwen Smith (OS)

SERVICES

April

Tuesday of Easter Week	2nd	Tadmarton	10.00a.m.	BCP Holy Communion	JT	White
Sunday Easter 2 Low Sunday	7 th	Sibford	10.30a.m.	Benefice Eucharist	GE	White
Tuesday	9th	Tadmarton	10.00a.m.	BCP Holy Communion	DP	White
Sunday Easter 3	14th	Sibford Shutford Swalcliffe Sibford Epwell Broughton Tadmarton	8.00a.m. 9.30a.m. 9.30a.m. 10.00a.m. 10.30a.m. 11.00a.m. 11.00a.m.	BCP Holy Communion BCP Holy Communion Holy Communion All Age Family service All Age Family service Holy Communion Holy Communion	JT JT GE JM Lay led GE JT	White
Tuesday	16 th	Tadmarton	10.00a.m.	BCP Holy Communion	BF	White
Sunday Easter 4	21 st	Shutford Sibford Epwell Broughton Tadmarton Swalcliffe	9.30a.m. 9.30a.m. 9.45a.m. 11.00a.m. 11.00a.m. 6.00p.m.	Holy Communion Holy Communion Holy Communion All Age Family service All Age Family service BCP Holy Evensong	DP BF JT JT Lay led JM	White
Tuesday St George, Martyr & Patron of England	23 rd	Tadmarton	10.00a.m.	BCP Holy Communion	HS	White
Sunday Easter 5	28th	Sibford Swalcliffe Epwell Broughton Tadmarton Shutford	9.30a.m. 9.30a.m. 9.45a.m. 11.00a.m. 11.00a.m. 6.00p.m.	Holy Communion Taizé service Holy Communion Holy Communion Holy Communion BCP Evensong	GE JM JT GE JT JT	White
Tuesday	30th	Tadmarton	10.00a.m.	BCP Holy Communion	JS	White

Sunday Easter 6	5th	Swalcliffe	10.30a.m.	Benefice Eucharist	JT	White
Tuesday	7th	Tadmarton	10.00a.m.	BCP Holy Communion	BF	White
Thursday Ascension Day	9th	Broughton	7.00p.m.	Benefice Eucharist for Ascension Day	JT	White or Gold
Sunday Easter 7 Sunday after Ascension Day	12th	Sibford Shutford Swalcliffe Sibford Epwell Broughton Tadmarton	8.00a.m. 9.30a.m. 9.30a.m. 10.00a.m. 10.30a.m. 11.00a.m. 11.00a.m.	BCP Holy Communion BCP Holy Communion Holy Communion All Age Family service All Age Family service Holy Communion Holy Communion	JT JT GE JM Lay led JT GE	White
Tuesday St Matthias the Apostle	14th	Tadmarton	10.00a.m.	BCP Holy Communion	DP	White
Sunday Pentecost	19th	Sibford Epwell Shutford Broughton Tadmarton Swalcliffe	9.30a.m. 9.45a.m. 11.00a.m. 11.00a.m. 11.00a.m. 6.00p.m.	Holy Communion Holy Communion All Age Family service Holy Communion Holy Communion BCP Evensong	DP JT Lay led BF JT JM	Red
Tuesday	21st	Tadmarton	10.00a.m.	BCP Holy Communion	BF	Green
Sunday Trinity Sunday	26th	Shutford Sibford Swalcliffe Epwell Broughton Tadmarton	9.30a.m. 9.30a.m. 9.45a.m. 9.45a.m. 11.00a.m. 11.00a.m.	Holy Communion Holy Communion Holy Communion Holy Communion All Age Family service All Age Family service	GE JT BF DP JT Lay led	White or Gold
Tuesday	28th	Tadmarton	10.00a.m.	BCP Holy Communion	HS	Green

READINGS

7 th April	Second Sunday of Easter	Acts 4: 32 - 35	1 John 1: 1 – 2:2	John 20: 19 - end
14 th April	Third Sunday of Easter	Acts 3:12-19	1 John 3:1-7	Luke 24:36b- 48
21 st April	Fourth Sunday of Easter	Acts 4:5-12	1 John 3:16-end	John 10:11-18
28 th April	Fifth Sunday of Easter	Acts 8:26-end	1 John 4:7-end	John 15:1-8
5 th May	Sixth Sunday of Easter (<i>Rogation Sunday</i>)	Acts 10:44- end	1 John 5:1-6	John 15:9-17
9 th May	Ascension Day	Dan. 7:9-14	Acts 1: 1-11	Luke 24:44- end
12 th May	Seventh Sunday of Easter	Acts 1:15- 17,21- end	1 John 5:9-13	John 17:6-19
19 th May	Day of Pentecost	Acts 2:1-21	Rom. 8:22-27	John 15:26- 27,16:4b -15
26 th May	Trinity Sunday	Isa.6:1-8	Rom. 8:12-17	John 3:1-17

Reflection –

As John says in his introduction, “The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is at the heart of what we believe as Christians.” We continue to rejoice and can be confident through our faith that He is still with us. May we ask that those who are mentally or physically alone, simply in the UK, those without homes or families or in conflicts around the world, that they may find Jesus Christ as their Lord, there beside them to fill their despair with His love, guidance and support.

For Meditation the song ‘Always with Me’ by different artists, **iAmSon, Porters Gate, Paul Zach** and can be found on YouTube.

Articles for June and July to be sent to carolyn.kdeg@zen.co.uk by 12th May.