

NEWS FROM THE PARISHES

BUSCOT

The Fellowship of St. Birinus was established in 2009 by Colin, Bishop of Dorchester to honour people who have given exceptional service to their church and community over a number of years, and each year incumbents are invited to nominate someone in their parishes for this award. This year I nominated Fred Iles, in recognition of his exceptional service to St. Mary's Buscot, his faithful and diligent work as churchwarden from 2004 to 2011 and for his daily care of the church and its many visitors over many years. I presented the Award to Fred on behalf



of Bishop Colin at the Parish Communion service on February 19th, at which many of Fred's family and friends were present (*see photo*).

COLESHILL

In the first half of this year there will have been no less than six baptisms at All Saints Coleshill, beginning on Palm Sunday: of Edward and Thomas Goddard (twin boys of Hannah and James, who were married in the church five years ago), of Maisey Yates and her uncle and godparent Justin Yates later in April, of Ava Floyd at the end of May and Oscar Lack early in June. It has been a great pleasure to welcome the families to our church and to talk to them about the significance of baptism: as a sign of turning away from darkness towards the light of Christ, as an important milestone in our spiritual journey through life, and as a sign of our becoming a member of the world-wide church family. We hold them in our prayers.

EATON HASTINGS

All four churchyards of the Badbury churches have been a pleasure to see this Spring, but the carpet of primroses at Eaton Hastings has been the most extensive (*see photo*). This is reminder that our churchyards are a wonderful habitat for flowers, birds and insects, as well as the place where departed forbears are laid to rest – these are all consecrated gardens which date back to early mediaeval times.



GREAT COXWELL

Oxfordshire Arts Weeks feature in many of our local villages, but Great Coxwell (as a village) has organised a series of displays of the work of local artists throughout the village, and this year will take place over the two weekends of May 6th and 7th and May 13th and 14th. Two of the artists (Sam Thulin and Valentina Calitoiu) are active members of St. Giles Church. Work includes painting, stone carving, ceramics, woodworking, handmade books, jewellery and mosaics, including demonstrations. There will be coffees, lunches and teas in the Reading Room, a concert at Stonevale and a plant sale at the church. All are warmly invited to come.

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All Saints, Coleshill



St Mary's, Buscot



St Michael & All Angels, Eaton Hastings



St Giles, Great Coxwell

LETTER FROM THE VICARAGE

Shortly before Easter I took some time away from parish work and went on a six-day retreat staying in a convent guest house next to the mediaeval church of St. Julian in Norwich. On the south side of the church, there is a chapel which is built on the foundations of the room where the great mediaeval spiritual writer Julian of Norwich chose to be confined as an anchoress, and where she wrote her classic work of literature *Revelations of Divine Love*, which is the first surviving book in English written by a woman. Much of Mother Julian's writing is ahead of its time, and it has profound insights into the love of God, and the way that it is expressed. Julian's writings have always attracted me and on my retreat I was privileged to be able to attend services in the very place where she lived and wrote.

It was a valuable opportunity to re-charge my batteries, both spiritual and physical, and it gave me quality time for reading, praying, walking and cycling, so that at the end of the time my body, mind and spirit felt to be in a better equilibrium. I think we are all likely to benefit from taking time away from our daily round, in order to refresh ourselves. Free of

many of the distractions of the working week, I found that I was able to see things more clearly, to offer my prayers to God more freely, and to discern that which is of true value in life more readily.

People make their way to the shrine of Julian of Norwich in a similar way that they travel, for example, to the shrine of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Walsingham, or to Iona with its associations with Celtic saints such as Aidan and Columba. People have long gone on pilgrimage journeys to enrich their spiritual lives; and holy places, associated with men and women of exemplary spirituality and goodness, have long given us a focus and a sign-post for our life's journey.

Pilgrimages have the power to nurture and sustain our inner life. All we need is a pilgrim spirit, a recognition that life is a journey, coming from God and returning to God, and that we walk in the company of Jesus Christ and those who follow him. If we look at life in this way, we will see that the journey and the destination are inseparable.

With warmest good wishes,
from your friend and vicar,
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CALENDAR OF SPECIAL SERVICES & EVENTS



ROGATION SUNDAY *

Sunday May 21st 10.00am Rogation prayer walk in Buscot, starting at the Village Hall and arriving at the church by 10.30am for a Family Communion service



ASCENSION DAY

Thursday May 25th 7.30pm Prayer Book Holy Communion at Eaton Hastings. A major festival of the Church at which we remember Jesus' ascension to heaven.

DEDICATION OF GREAT COXWELL CHURCH GARDEN



Sunday May 28th 6.00pm Dedication of wildflower garden of remembrance in the Great Coxwell churchyard extension - beginning in church, moving to the churchyard, and concluding with refreshments in the Reading Room (the village hall)



PENTECOST *

Sunday June 4th 10.30am Family Communion at Eaton Hastings Church. A major festival at which we think of the coming of the Holy Spirit to the Church.



PARISH RAMBLE

Saturday June 10th Great Coxwell to Eaton Hastings: details from David Williams

TRINITY SUNDAY



Sunday June 11th 10.30am Holy Communion at Great Coxwell, at which we think of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit

FAMILY SERVICE *

Sunday June 25th 9.00am Family Service at Great Coxwell: focusing on A World in Need

VICARAGE GARDEN PARTY



Saturday July 8th 2.30 to 5.00pm Tea, cakes and savouries in the garden of the Old Rectory, Coleshill (*by kind permission of Lady Judy Martin*)

** These services are particularly suitable for families and our young people*



LAMMAS *

Sunday July 30th 10.30am Family Communion at Great Coxwell (*a service where we offer the first fruits of the harvest to God*)



CONCERT AT COLESHILL

Saturday August 19th 7.00 for 7.30pm Musical Banquet Concert in Coleshill Church, with refreshments, in aid of the Badbury Group of Churches (ticket details from David Williams)



BUSCOT FEAST OF DEDICATION

Sunday August 20th 10.30am A service of Holy Communion, celebrating the dedication of Buscot Church to St. Mary the Virgin.

SERVICES OF EVENING PRAYER

There will be the following services of Evening prayer (instead of Morning Prayer) in the summer months at 6.00pm.



May 21 st	Eaton Hastings
May 28 th	Great Coxwell: Service of Dedication of Garden of Remembrance
June 4 th	Buscot
June 18 th	Eaton Hastings
July 9 th	Coleshill
July 16 th	Eaton Hastings
July 23 rd	Great Coxwell
August 20 th	Eaton Hastings

PATTERN OF SERVICES

	9am Morning Prayer	10.30am Holy Communion
1 st Sunday	Buscot	Eaton Hastings
2 nd Sunday	Coleshill	Great Coxwell
3 rd Sunday	Eaton Hastings	Buscot
4 th Sunday	Great Coxwell	Coleshill

Each Wednesday: 9am Morning Prayer at Great Coxwell.