

Badbury Parish News

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Vicar's Letter



I expect many, like me, are feeling low or confused by the events of this year – the death of a much-loved and long reigning monarch, war in Ukraine, political mischievousness, high interest rates, cost of living rises, coping with Covid, as well as dealing with our own personal trying circumstances. It's easy to say, "What's there to look forward to?"

This is where the seasons of Advent and Christmas come to our rescue – for there is a lot to look forward to as we prepare our hearts and minds afresh to celebrate the wondrous birth of Jesus and reflect on God's love for his creation. It is a time of joyful expectation, of renewed hope and deep spiritual significance.

If you were to ask me to choose a passage to sum up this special time, it would be those beautiful words from John's Gospel: **"God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever**

believes in him, may not perish, but have everlasting life (John 3.16).

The story of our redemption begins with the birth of God's Son at Christmas and continues in our lives until we reach its final fulfilment when we experience the reality of this promise in all its glorious fulfilment. This is what we look forward to and celebrate.

Reverend Maureen Turner



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Welcome to Badbury Parish News

Since taking up my role as your Vicar in 2021, many have asked us to look at ways in which we communicate our Churches news and events to you. In response to this feedback, we have produced this "Badbury Parish News" – a new e-newsletter for all Churches in the Benefice. By producing digital editions four times a year, we recognise the need to do all we can to conserve energy, reverse the effects of climate change and care for our environment and the world which our Lord God created.

By signing up to receive our e-newsletter we can do our bit to conserve energy, materials and reduce waste. If you would like to receive future editions – please send a one-time email to request your details to be added to our distribution list at badburyparishnews@outlook.com

Printed copies will still be available in all our Churches for those who need access to a physical copy.

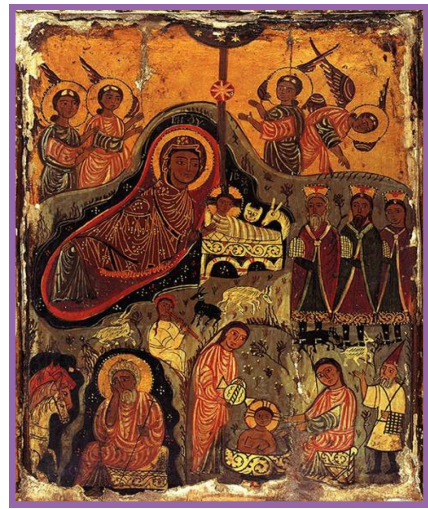
An Advent Prayer

God of light and hope,
Look upon us in love,
And fill us with the Spirit of Jesus
That we may love you and serve you in your kingdom.
Protect us during these weeks
And keep us watchful in prayer
As we await the coming of our Lord,
Jesus Christ,
Who is the light of the world,
And who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Advent Bible Study Group

The Advent Bible Study Group will meet on Tuesday afternoons during Lent - 29th November 6th, 13th, 20th December - at The Vicarage, Great Coxwell, 2.30pm to 4.00pm.

The theme this year is "The Nativity". Each week, we shall focus on a person or groups of people associated with our traditional nativity story as depicted in the beautiful 7th century icon from St. Catherine's Monastery.



Icon from St. Catherine's Monastery

New Wall at St. Mary's Church Yard

We finally put things straight with the Church yard wall at St Mary's this autumn. The wall had slowly developed a very strong inward curve as a large Ash tree had grown over many years and was pushing against it. Things came to a head when an Elder sapling also managed to get established and squeezed the stones further. The wall was going to fall into the Church yard, if left for much longer. With the help of the National Trust we were able to save the large Ash tree from being felled, much to everyone's joy, although the small Elder did have to be removed.

Following approval from the Diocese the wall was dismantled and rebuilt by local builder Nick Mustoe of S. Mustoe's and Sons who managed to put in two lintels to allow the Ash tree to stay in place and allow room for future growth. Lime mortar and local Cotswold stone was used to rebuild the wall either side of the tree and make the wall secure and in good health especially on the south east corner. The Church yard wall should be good for many years to come. Our heartfelt thanks to our neighbours, the National Trust and Nick Mustoe and his team.



St. Mary's Church yard wall being repaired

Tribute to her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

The death of Queen Elizabeth II affected us all as we remembered her in all our Benefice Churches. Here is a tribute to a Queen of great faith, mindful of the King she served.

St Mary's marked the tragic loss to the Church and Country of her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth, the head of the Church of England.

The Queens death was announced on September 8th 2022 and the following morning the Church bell was rung along with other Church bells throughout the country. The bell chimed 96 times, once for every year of her life.

The following day, Saturday September 10th, a prayer vigil was held in Church. The service was led by Reverend Maureen Turner and attended by regular and irregular Churchgoers. Many people brought flowers.

A memory table was set for the flowers, a portrait of her Majesty from her younger days was placed, various pieces of peoples memories of the Queen found there way to the table and a book of condolence was opened. The book was signed by so many people all recalling thoughts and recollections of our late Queen, she was loved so much by so many. The Paschal candle was lit and candles were available to light from this and placed in the font.

St Mary's remained open throughout the period of mourning. The memory table and book of condolence remained open whilst the Queen lay in state in Balmoral, Edinburgh and Westminster. It was closed shortly after the funeral at Windsor Castle.

Sunday September 18th saw a beautiful Holy Communion Remembrance service for Queen Elizabeth. Special prayers were said reflecting on the Queens devotion to duty and her service to God and Country. This service was particularly well attended and the Church resounded with the sounds of hymns sung with much emotion.

We shall all miss Queen Elizabeth greatly.

God save the King!

Jonny Farnol, Buscot Warden



The late Queen Elizabeth II with her grandchildren

Welcome to the World Baby Read

We are pleased to announce the birth of Theodore Lawrence Read, on 13th September 2022. His parents, Lauren and Jamie were married at St Mary's last year. We look forward to welcoming him into the Church at his baptism.



Baby Theodore Lawrence Read

Kneelers

To commemorate the life of Sally Cadbury and her close connection with St Michael and All Angels, more than 20 kneelers depicting local birds and wildlife are being created by members of the Eaton Hastings village, friends and members of the Cadbury family. Led by Mrs. Siân Gardiner, and with stitching taking place during the autumn and winter seasons, we aim to have them ready for a special service of blessing and inauguration next Spring.

Suzanne Tearle, Eaton Hastings Warden

Are you Church Warden material?

Since Maureen, our Vicar, arrived, she has been thankful for the tremendous support and encouragement shown by the Church Wardens over the months. We are very privileged to have such dedicated and hard-working people fulfilling this important role. Ideally, we should have two Church Wardens per Church but presently we only have one per Church. We would love to fill the vacancies by those who regularly attend services and feel called to this role.

Church Wardens, alongside the parish Priest, are responsible for the day-to-day functioning of the Church in their communities. Some duties include supporting Vicar and other Church personnel; encouraging members of the Parochial Church Council to promote the pastoral mission of the Church, ensure that the buildings, contents, and Church grounds are maintained in good order and consult with Diocesan personnel when concerns arise. Wardens have been known to harvest the vicarage fruit trees (not compulsory).

If you are interested, please talk to the Vicar or your local Warden. Further information can also be found on the Oxford Diocesan website "Becoming a Church Warden" <https://www.oxford.anglican.org/churchwardens#becoming>



Pat Cook, Great Coxwell Warden



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- ★ Sign up to get the reflections by email for free
- ★ Tell your smart speaker to "Ask the Church of England for today's Follow the Star reflection"
- ★ Call the Daily Hope free phone line to listen each day: 0800 804 8044

To get the app or signup to emails, visit cofe.io/FollowTheStar, or scan the QR code.



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Christmas Carol Service

St. Mary the Virgin Church, Buscot
18th December 2022 at 5.00pm

Please join us to celebrate with a traditional and meaningful carol service. We are delighted to report that our special guests will be members of the Military Wives' Choir. They will provide a good lead to the congregational singing and will delight us with a carol or two from their Christmas repertoire.



Morning Prayers paused during Winter

At a meeting of the Benefice Wardens, the question of the morning prayer services was discussed at length. It was agreed that these services should be curtailed during the winter months. Attendance is very low and weather and light conditions are not always favorable to the congregation and the Vicar. This was discussed with our Vicar, Maureen, and she agreed that it made sense.

Sue Homersham, Coleshill Warden

Just Married

Charlotte and Josh at their wedding at All Saints, Coleshill in July 2022. A day never to be forgotten, full of joy, lovely music, moving service and loud cheers. Maureen lead the happiest of services and the Church was filled with love and warmth.



Charlotte and Josh at All Saints

Cost of Living Crisis

Signposting help for individuals—please share this link <https://oxford.anglican.org/environment-and-social-justice/cost-of-living-crisis/support-for-individuals/>

Guess the Caption...

What was the Vicar saying...? Please send your answers to badburyparishnews@outlook.com



Saturday 19th November 2022

Christmas Bazaar

at Foxley, Great Coxwell
(pink cottage at the bottom of the village)

10.00am - 12.30pm & 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Refreshments, coffee, tea, cakes, Christmas gifts, decorations and jewellery, chutney, jams, puzzles and books, Christmas hamper raffle.

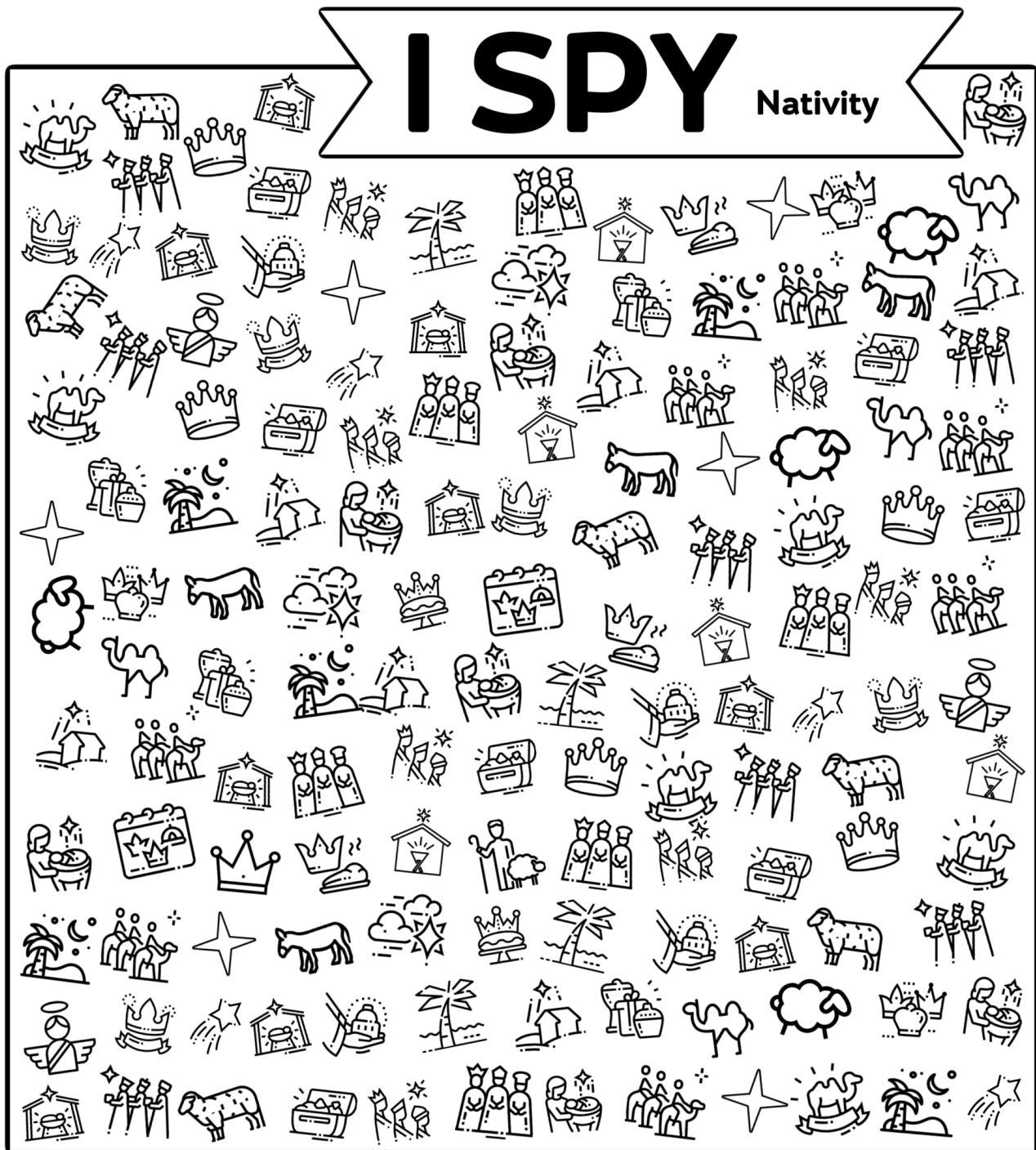
Free entry - All Welcome (including children)
Jane Holmes (01367 241367)

In aid of St Giles Church



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In every seasonal issue, we will include an activity on our Children's Page. This issue is—I Spy with the Nativity theme. Use the guide at the bottom to see how many Nativity themed items you can find. Circle each one you find, and then tick them off at the bottom once you have collected them all. Happy searching!



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Calendar of Winter Services

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

All Saints, Coleshill

10.30am unless stated otherwise

Date/ Start Time	Service
13th November 2022 at 10.50am	Remembrance
27th November 2022	Advent Holy Communion
(Saturday) 17th December 2022 at 5.00pm	Carol Service
25th December 2022 at 9.00am	Christmas Day Holy Communion
8th January 2023 at 2.00pm	Plough Sunday Family Service
22nd January 2023	Christingle Holy Communion
26th February 2023	Holy Communion
26th March 2023	Holy Communion

St. Mary the Virgin, Buscot

10.00am unless stated otherwise

Date/ Start Time	Service
13th November 2022 at 9.40am	Remembrance Holy Communion
18th December 2022 at 5.00pm	Carol Service
15th January 2023	Morning Prayer and Shortened Holy Communion
29th January 2023	Benefice Candlemas Holy Communion
19th February 2023	Holy Communion
19th March 2023	Mothering Sunday Holy Communion



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

St. Giles, Great Coxwell

10.30am unless stated otherwise

Date/ Start Time	Service
13th November 2022 at 12.00 noon	Remembrance—War Memorial
20th November 2022	Holy Communion
11th December 2022	Holy Communion
24th December 2022 at 5.30pm	Village Barn Carol Service
Village procession begins at the bottom of the village. Road closures from 5.15pm. Visitors parking available at Annabelle's Day Nursery, SN7 7LU	For those not joining the procession, please be in the Barn by 5.50pm.
8th January 2023	Plough Sunday Holy Communion
12th February 2023	Holy Communion
22nd February 2023 at 7.00pm	Ash Wednesday Holy Communion
12th March 2023	Holy Communion

St. Michael and All Angels, Eaton Hastings

10.30am unless stated otherwise

Date/ Start Time	Service
13th November 2022 at 9.00am	Remembrance— War Memorial
4th December 2022	Morning Prayer Shortened Holy Communion
18th December 2022	Holy Communion with Carols
25th December 2022	Christmas Day Holy Communion (modern language)
1st January 2023	Holy Communion
5th February 2023	Morning Prayer Shortened Holy Communion
5th March 2023	Morning Prayer Shortened Holy Communion



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