

NEWS FROM THE PARISHES

BUSCOT



Our Parish Ramble on June 2nd was a circular walk starting and finishing at Buscot, and our half-way point was the village of Kelmscott on the other side of the Thames, where fifteen of us enjoyed sumptuous elevenses at the lovely home of Peter and Valentina Lee (see photo).

COLESHILL

Our biennial Animal Thanksgiving Service took place at the Granary in Coleshill the day after the Vicar's Garden Party. There were nearly twenty adults and children, seven dogs and three chickens – and all the animals seemed to enjoy the occasion. Jan Hall gave the talk, after which I blessed all the animals individually.

EATON HASTINGS

Elizabeth and John van der Westhuizen very kindly hosted the annual Vicar's Garden Party in their beautiful home at The Grange on Saturday July 7th. The house dates from 1658 and the superb walled garden provided plenty of shade on a hot summer's day. In the course of the afternoon, over forty people came to enjoy the lovely spread of savouries and cakes which had been provided by a team of people from across the parishes, together with tea and cold drinks which were in abundant supply (see photo) This year we raised £190 for our Garden Party charity, Helen and Douglas House - the hospice for children near Oxford.



GREAT COXWELL

Our Badbury Churches' Summer Study Groups met at the vicarage in Great Coxwell on three Wednesday mornings and afternoons between July 11th and August 1st. The course was entitled 'Women of the Old Testament: heroines or villainesses?'. There was a lot of interesting discussion and people agreed that they had gained fresh perspectives on the Bible passages that we studied. Our next course will be for Advent, starting on December 5th.

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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

Dear Friends,

In the period between mid-August and late October we celebrate the Feasts of Dedication of all four of our churches : at Buscot (the Blessed Virgin Mary) in August, at Great Coxwell (St. Giles) in September, and at Eaton Hastings (St. Michael and All Angels) and Coleshill (All Saints) in October. These are opportunities for us to think not only of the churches' patron saints but also of their building and dedication, and of those people in successive generations who have helped to care for these holy places over the last 800 years or more.

Much of our church life is focused on our lovely, historic places of worship; but we should also remember all that takes place outside the church buildings, often during the week. The news from the parishes takes a slightly different form in this issue of the Bugle, because although all the events which are described took place in particular locations, they attracted people from across our four churches and parishes, providing special times for meeting and fellowship.

For example over twenty people now meet regularly three times a year in the vicarage at

Great Coxwell, for morning and evening study courses during Lent and Advent and in the summer. Our summer course this year is described on page 4.

Our church and community life is reflected in a range of events and activities which take place in our four villages, but I'd like to highlight two annual social events which took place this summer our - Parish Ramble and the Vicar's Garden Party, which were both very convivial and enjoyed by all (see p.4, with photos).

Finally you'll also see that there is a piece about our biennial Animal Thanksgiving Service at the Granary in Coleshill in July, which drew people from across our parishes. This service encourages us to think of the life and example of St. Francis, who saw the praise of God's creation in all its fullness within church and beyond as inseparable.

In conclusion, I offer you some words by St. Francis gathered from Psalm 95 which encourage us to rejoice in God, always and everywhere:

Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad, let the sea be moved and the fullness thereof; the fields and all that are in them be joyful. Sing unto Him a new song; sing unto the Lord all the earth.

With warmest good wishes,
Your friend and vicar, David



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CALENDAR OF SPECIAL SERVICES & EVENTS

*All services are held in the respective churches unless otherwise Indicated. Services marked * are particularly suitable for children and young people*

SONGS OF PRAISE AT BUSCOT

Sunday September 2nd 6.00pm Our annual Songs of Praise service at Buscot, with hymns chosen and introduced by members of the church.

GREAT COXWELL September services

Sunday September 9th 10.30am Family Communion celebrating the dedication of the church to St. Giles*

Sunday September 30th 10.30am Benefice Communion Service for the Badbury Group of Churches

HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICES AND EVENTS *

Sunday September 23rd 10.30am Harvest Festival Family Communion at Coleshill

Sunday October 7th 10.30am Family Communion for Harvest and the Feast of Dedication (to St. Michael and All Angels) at Eaton Hastings

Sunday October 7th 5.00pm Harvest Festival Service at Buscot

Sunday October 14th 10.30am Harvest Festival Family Communion at Great Coxwell, followed by Harvest Lunch in the village Reading Room

ALL SAINTS *

Sunday October 28th 10.30am Family Communion service at Coleshill celebrating the dedication of the church to All Saints

ALL SOULS

Sunday November 4th 4.00pm All Souls service at Buscot: a special occasion to remember and give thanks for departed loved ones.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICES: SUNDAY NOVEMBER 11TH

marking the centenary of the ending of the First World War

9.00am at the Eaton Hastings War Memorial, by Roadside Cottages

9.40am at Buscot Church (with Holy Communion)

10.50am at Coleshill, starting on the village green by the church

12 noon at the Great Coxwell War Memorial, by the Reading Room

CHRISTINGLE *

Sunday December 9th 10.30am Christingle Family Communion at Great Coxwell. (We are making the Christingles for the service in the Reading Room the previous day at 10.00am)

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICES *

Sunday December 16th 5.00pm at Buscot

Saturday December 22nd 5.00pm at Coleshill

CHRISTMAS COMMUNION

Monday December 24th Christmas Eve 11.30pm Midnight Mass at Great Coxwell

Tuesday December 25th Christmas Day

9.00am Christmas Day Communion at Coleshill*

10.30am Christmas Day Communion at Eaton Hastings*

Sunday December 30th 10.30am Benefice Communion Service at Buscot

There is Evening Prayer (instead of Morning Prayer) at Eaton Hastings on the third Sunday of each month from April to October at 6.00pm. There will be Evening Prayer (instead of Morning Prayer) at 6.00pm on September 9th at Great Coxwell and September 23rd at Coleshill.

There will be combined services of Morning Prayer and Holy Communion at 9.00am at Eaton Hastings on December 16th and Great Coxwell on December 23rd, with no 10.30am Communion services on those dates.

PATTERN OF SERVICES

Each Wednesday: 9am Morning Prayer at Great Coxwell.

	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

