

NEWS FROM THE PARISHES

The news items this time feature only Buscot and Great Coxwell, as by their nature, they are longer than usual. Coleshill and Eaton Hastings will feature next time.

BUSCOT



At the end of November 2016, St. Mary's Buscot suffered the theft of its richly carved and gilded, double-sided Spanish Baroque lectern, dating from about 1700, which was given to the church about 1900 by Sir Alexander Henderson (later first Lord Faringdon). It is one of a number of historically and artistically significant furnishings with which he beautified the church between 1890 and 1907, and it features in Charles Tracey's book *Continental Church Furniture in England: A Traffic in Piety*. The police investigated the theft, but no leads were forthcoming. However, in August 2017, the Archdeacon of Dorchester, Judy French, was contacted by a Suffolk-based fine arts dealer who had bought it in good faith, but who, looking at the illustration in Tracey's book, thought that it could belong to St. Mary's. It was duly identified by John and Maggie

Burrows, who brought it back to the church from Suffolk in October. It will again be displayed in the church when CCTV has been installed and the lectern has been secured. *The photograph shows the returned lectern, displaying the Royal Arms of Castile and Leon.*

GREAT COXWELL



On November 15th, the Bishop of Dorchester conducted a baptism and confirmation service for three candidates from the Badbury Group of Churches at St. Giles, Great Coxwell. Bishop Colin baptised Kenny Vanhinsbergh-Perez, and confirmed Kenny, and Henry and Millie Kassulke. It was a memorable occasion and Bishop Colin's warmth and humour characterised the occasion. Over

40 people were present, and £200 was given in the collection for the Bishop of Oxford's Outreach Fund. The ladies of St. Giles' provided a lovely spread of food in the Reading Room after the service. We offer our heartfelt good wishes to Kenny, Henry and Millie on this milestone in their Christian journey. *See photograph.*

THE BADBURY BUGLE

Newsletter for the churches of Buscot, Coleshill, Eaton Hastings and Great Coxwell

Jan - April 2018



LETTER FROM THE VICARAGE

Bishop Steven, who was appointed Bishop of Oxford last year, is encouraging every church, chaplaincy and school in the diocese over the coming year to read, study and reflect on the opening words of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount, which are found in Matthew's Gospel, chapter 5, verses 1 to 10, and are known as the Beatitudes. In these verses, Jesus speaks words of encouragement, joy and hope to all who follow him. The Beatitudes tell us of the blessings which are given to those who are righteous, humble, merciful and pure in heart, and to those who are peacemakers and have courage in practising their faith. They give us a picture of Jesus himself; and they show us that to be more Christ-like means for us to become a more contemplative church, a more compassionate church and a more courageous church.

A contemplative church spends time with God. A compassionate church mourns with the suffering in the world, and is full of loving-kindness which leads to action. A courageous church puts its heart and soul into everything that it does. It seeks justice, peace and reconciliation, and is ready to share the good news of the Christian faith.

As we reflect on the Beatitudes and think about the life of the church in the Oxford Diocese and in our locality, Bishop Steven hopes that we will see the many good things that are happening, and that our vision for the church in the life of the community will be re-kindled.

The churches in the diocese have been invited by Bishop Steven to share in an Advent Study course based on the Beatitudes, and we have organised a three-week course for the Badbury Group of Churches based on this material, on Wednesday mornings and evenings in December. Our seasonal study groups now have about 25 people attending them from across our four churches; and we enjoy fellowship, we spend time in prayer and we study the Scriptures, always looking for ways in translating what we have learnt into our own lives. We hope that we will be enriched by this Advent course, and by what we learn from one another. The Beatitudes are all about the kingdom of heaven, and of God's vision for human life. Do take the opportunity of reading or re-reading them. They offer words of encouragement for everyone.

With warmest good wishes,
Your friend and vicar, David



The Reverend David Williams
The Vicarage, Great Coxwell, Faringdon, Oxfordshire, SN7 7NG
Tel: 01367 240665
email: davidwilliams24@btinternet.com

CALENDAR OF SPECIAL SERVICES & EVENTS



PLOUGH SUNDAY*

Sunday January 14th 9.00am A service for all the family at Coleshill, in which we bless the plough and the seed for the New Year.



CANDLEMAS *

Sunday January 28th 10.30am Family Communion service at Coleshill, in which we mark the end of the Christmas season, and celebrate the light of Christ and his first appearance as a child in the Temple



ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday February 14th 7.30pm Communion service at Coleshill, marking the beginning of the season of Lent, when we prepare ourselves for Easter

LENT STUDY COURSE



Wednesdays February 21st, 28th, March 7th, 14th and 21st
Study group for the Badbury Group of Churches, meeting on the mornings and evenings on the five Wednesdays of Lent - details from the Revd. David Williams



MOTHERING SUNDAY*

Sunday March 11th 10.30am Family Communion service at Great Coxwell (with distribution of posies).

PALM SUNDAY*



Sunday March 25th 10.00am Palm Sunday Procession, beginning at the King's Hill gate, behind Coleshill church and proceeding to the church, as we remember (at the beginning of Holy Week) Jesus' entry into Jerusalem



MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday March 29th 7.30pm Communion service at Great Coxwell: a special commemoration of the Last Supper on the Thursday of Holy Week

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



GOOD FRIDAY

Friday March 30th We remember Jesus' death on the Cross in our four churches

9.30am
11.30am
2.00pm
3.30pm

Good Friday Liturgy at Great Coxwell
Morning Prayer at Eaton Hastings
Stations of the Cross at Buscot
Telling the Easter Story: a service for families and young people at Coleshill*



EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday April 1st We celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the dead
9.00am Easter Communion at Buscot*
10.30am Easter Communion at Eaton Hastings*

ROGATION*



Sunday April 29th 10.00am Rogation prayer walk in Great Coxwell, starting at the Great Barn, and proceeding to the church for a Family Communion service (Rogation is when we seek God's blessing on the harvest).

There will be no Morning Prayer at Buscot on January 7th, at Coleshill on March 11th, or at Great Coxwell on March 25th. There will be Evening Prayer (instead of Morning Prayer) at Eaton Hastings on April 15th at 6.00pm.

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.