

NEWS FROM THE PARISHES



BUSCOT

On April 15th, I conducted the baptism of Alice, daughter of Matt and Louise Stott (who were married in St. Mary's Buscot in August 2014). Alice is sister to George (who was baptised in St. Mary's in December 2015). The church was full, and there was a lovely festive atmosphere which continued in the celebration at the Buscot Village hall afterwards. It was a lovely example of the way in which the occasional offices, especially weddings and baptisms, are linked together especially in the ministry of the rural church. (*see photo*).

COLESHILL

Our biennial Animal Thanksgiving Service will take place in the Granary at Colehill on Sunday July 8th, and this will give us a special opportunity to think of the wonder of God's creation, and especially of the animals we care for, in a short family service which will include the blessing of the animals. Last time we had dogs, chickens and rabbits – maybe we will see other animals this year ?

EATON HASTINGS

On May 12th, the church at Eaton Hastings will be packed with wedding guests for the marriage of Alanna (daughter of Sally and Johnny Hume) and Hugh Lewis (son of the former Dean of Christ Church Oxford). This festive occasion will be the first wedding at Eaton Hastings since Suzanne and Michael Tearle's wedding in 2012, and will be conducted jointly by Hugh's father, Christopher Lewis and David Williams.

GREAT COXWELL

On April 20th, the funeral took place of Colonel Geoff Lee, one of our best loved residents of Great Coxwell, and the church was full to overflowing.

Geoff's distinguished military career took him to Malaya, Hong Kong, Berlin, Londonderry and Prague and finally to the Defence Academy at Shrivenham. Geoff was the founder of the Great Coxwell Christmas Crib tableau in the mediaeval Great Barn, and the Christmas Eve Nativity Procession and Barn Service, which is now in its eighteenth year. It is our best attended service of the year, and has raised large sums of money for the Bateman's Trust children's charity's work in Chennai, India.

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All Saints, Colehill



St Mary's, Buscot



St Michael & All Angels, Eaton Hastings



St Giles, Great Coxwell

LETTER FROM THE VICARAGE

Dear Friends,

Our rhythm of Sunday services, seasonal festivals and weekly Wednesday services of Morning Prayer provide the foundation of our worshipping life as church communities. Each Sunday we have Morning or Evening Prayer in one of our churches, and Holy Communion in another; and we are blessed in the Badbury Group of Churches with a rich diversity of tradition in the form of our services.

However, another important dimension of our worshipping life is found in the occasional offices: baptisms, weddings and funerals, and occasionally services for the blessing of marriages, memorial services and graveside services for the interment of ashes. Through these services we reach out to a larger number of people, to whom the church extends a warm welcome.

On average we have about six baptisms, four weddings and eight funerals (or interments of ashes) each year. Some baptisms take place in our monthly Communion services and others take place on a Sunday afternoon, depending on circumstances. Now that I have been your parish priest for seven years, I have

had the privilege, on occasion, of conducting a couple's wedding and then the baptism, in turn, of their first child and their second child. In this way relationships are formed and developed; and I have been heartened by how many of the couples whose weddings I have conducted have remained in contact with us. Indeed several brides and grooms are now regularly involved with the life and worship of one or other of our churches.

There are indeed other ways of keeping in touch with those who have received the ministry of our occasional offices, and in particular, I regularly invite the families of all those whose funerals I have conducted over the past seven years to our annual All Souls service, which is an opportunity of remembering departed loved ones in a special way.

I believe it is important to provide sensitive and helpful preparation for all those who approach us for baptisms, weddings and funerals, but I also believe that it is important that we extend a welcome which is open and accessible. In this way our relatively small yet faithful church communities can touch the lives of many.

With warmest good wishes,
Your friend and vicar, David



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CALENDAR OF SPECIAL SERVICES & EVENTS



ASCENSION DAY

Thursday May 10th 7.30pm Holy Communion at Buscot. A major festival of the Church at which we remember Jesus' ascension to heaven.



PENTECOST *

Sunday May 20th 10.30am Family Communion at Buscot; marking the end of the Easter season, when we think of the coming of the Holy Spirit to the Church.



TRINITY SUNDAY

Sunday May 27th 10.30am Holy Communion at Coleshill. A special occasion for us to think about God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.



PARISH RAMBLE

Saturday June 2nd 10.00am Buscot estate circular walk (6 miles): details from David Williams



VICARAGE GARDEN PARTY

Saturday July 7th 2.30 to 5.00pm Tea, cakes and savouries in the garden of The Grange, Eaton Hastings (*by kind permission of John and Elizabeth van der Westhuizen*)



ANIMAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE *

Sunday July 8th 5.00pm A service to celebrate God's creation, including the animals we look after, in the Granary at Coleshill.



LAMMAS *

Sunday July 29th 10.30am Family Communion at Buscot. A service where we offer the first fruits of the Harvest to God).



BUSCOT FEAST OF DEDICATION

Sunday August 19th 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 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 also be Evening Prayer (instead of Morning Prayer) at 6.00pm as follows:

May 6th: Buscot
 May 13th: Coleshill
 May 27th: Great Coxwell
 July 22nd: Great Coxwell
 August 5th: Buscot

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.

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