

Badbury Parish News

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Vicar's Letter



“Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labour in vain”. Psalm 127.1

It would be an impossible task for me as House for Duty vicar (3 days a week) to lead four rural churches adequately or successfully if it were not for the support of members of all four congregations in the Badbury Benefice. Each Church has a uniqueness of style which I have appreciated and tried to uphold when planning services and special events during the year.

I have been impressed by the co-operation of people both within their own parish churches and across the Benefice. We are blessed with people who offer great commitment to the tasks they do. From readers to welcomers, preachers to flower arrangers and cleaners, those serving coffee and opening the church, bell ringers, organists,

intercessors, those keeping the Churchyards tidy, and other roles done behind the scenes. Everyone's contribution is important to the life, witness, and mission of the Church.

I can reflect positively on the level of co-operation within the Badbury Benefice. It is heart-warming to see people visiting and worshipping at other churches and there has been a steady increase of people who offer to work across the four churches when needed. Co-operation, prayer, and worship are important things when trying to build up a thriving church in our rural communities.

We can move forward confidently in the knowledge that we are doing our best in serving God who will bless all our righteous endeavours.



Reverend Maureen Turner



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Kings Coronation Celebrations

What a wonderful weekend of celebrations we had to mark King Charles III's Coronation. From inspirational church services to picnics, to BBQs and volunteering, there was something for everyone. Suzanne Tearle, Church Warden at Eaton Hastings) writes:

"To mark the Coronation "Big Help Out" in Eaton Hastings, villagers got together for coffee and cake on the green at Roadside Cottages, enjoying conversation and contributing to a number of community mini projects. These included cleaning of the redundant BT phone box for future community use, clearing of drains and gullies, grass cutting along paths and litter removal. It was an enjoyable morning which set the tone for future similar activities."



The Big Help Out at Eaton Hastings

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Holy Communion at Home—Reminder

Our Vicar is happy to take the sacrament of Holy Communion to parishioners at home if they would find it helpful. This short service lasts about ten minutes, and the timing of the visit can be flexible.

Likewise, she is happy to do general pastoral visits when requested. If this is something you would find helpful and beneficial, then please get in touch with Maureen to arrange a visit.

Stations of The Cross

During Holy Week, the Contemplation Garden at Great Coxwell became the venue for the Stations of the Cross. These fourteen stations depicted Christ's last day from when he was condemned to death to being placed into his tomb. The walk, consisting of scripture and reflections, was poignant and meaningful and further blessed by the sun.



Reflecting upon the 7th station - Jesus falls for the second time



Thanks to Esme Buller

Esme Buller has been a very active lay minister at Buscot for many years. We are truly thankful for all her work to make St. Mary's a church that people enjoy coming to. She was able to bring many years of experience to her role and her prayers and sermons were always thoughtful.

We wish her all the very best in her retirement.

Photography Competition Launched!

The first Badbury Benefice summer photography competition is announced.

Open to all and ranging from - an image captured on a mobile phone camera or more sophisticated camera equipment.

This completion is themed around the Benefices four churches and churchyards.

You can photograph anything inside one of the churches and within the churchyard perimeter. So it could be anything from a photo of the altar, or the lichen on a gravestone to the sunshine on the bell tower. The photo must be taken this summer (June to August) and the closing date for entry is September 5th 2023.

There are two categories. One for adults (over 18s), and one for children (under 18s). Please send your entry to badburyparishnews@outlook.com clearly marked with entrants name, email address and which Church the photo is from and if entering in the children's OR adults competition.

The judge will be Reverend Maureen Turner and her decision will be final. Winners photographs will be selected for entry into the next parish newsletter or reprinted elsewhere by the Benefice.

Coming Soon to Eaton Hastings

Saturday evenings of 30th September and 7th October 2023 in St. Michael's – two illustrated lectures given by Roger Vlitos about the Pre-Raphaelites in Eaton Hastings and the history of the local area including Buscot - look out for more details.



Cherry tree in full flower at St. Mary's, Buscot (above) photographed by Jonny Farnol, Buscot Warden and (below) Contemplation Garden with views over the Vale of the White Horse, photographed by Anne Hamling



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Reverend Graham Martin: An Appreciation

It was a privilege to be able to conduct the funeral service of Graham Martin at St. Mary's Buscot on Wednesday March 15th 2023, and it was heart-warming to see nearly one hundred people in church to pay tribute to a much loved priest and friend.



Graham as we all remember him

Graham was duly laid to rest in the churchyard, close by the church which he loved and where he ministered in retirement. Graham assisted during the vacancy before my appointment in 2011 and throughout most of my eight years as parish priest, until dementia and physical infirmity sadly overtook him.

Graham was born in Ashton-Under-Lyne, Lancashire in 1939 and already by his mid-teens he had developed a strong sense of his vocation to the priesthood. After his marriage to Diane in 1962, they moved to Nottingham where he took up teaching posts in English, and he became a Lay Reader. Soon they had a family: Julian, Elspeth and Kirsten; and in due course four grand-children arrived: James, Rebecca, Daniel and William.

In 1968 they moved to Gloucester where Graham continued teaching (now in RE) until he started training for the priesthood at Wells Theological College. Following ordination he served a five year curacy at St. Catherine's Gloucester, and then became part-time Priest in Charge of Brookthorpe

and Waddon, just outside Gloucester, followed by eleven years of non-stipendiary ministry in several groups of Gloucestershire parishes alongside his teaching career.

Graham then moved into full-time parish ministry in 1989, becoming Rector of Kemble, Somerford Keynes, Shorncliffe and Poole Keynes, as well as being Bishop's Visitor to schools. In 1996 Graham became incumbent of the benefice of Bibury with Winson and Barnsley in the heart of the Cotswolds, and he wrote in a published interview in Cotswold Life of his love of rural ministry and the quality of pastoral encounter which it afforded.

Graham was a man of many parts. He was a chairman for the examination boards, in turn, of the universities of Bristol, Cambridge and Oxford; he served as Diocesan Ecumenical Officer, in which capacity he met the late Pope John Paul in Rome; and he was also a Chaplain to her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, as well as being Chairman of the local committee of the National Trust.

After eight years in the village of Bibury, Graham and Diane retired to their charming home in Lechlade, from where Graham faithfully assisted in ministering in the four churches of the Badbury Group, just across the Thames in the Diocese of Oxford.

I remember Graham with affection as a wise and perceptive priest with a delightful, rather dry sense of humour, who warmly supported me in my ministry.

So let us praise God for Graham's wisdom, his thoughtfulness, his high standards and his loving kindness, and give thanks for all that he has given to us.

David Williams

Others Thoughts

Esme Buller recalls Graham as, *"...a remarkable caring Christian gentleman, a true priest and loyal friend..."* who encouraged her in her licensed lay ministry over many years.

John and Maggie Burrows writes, *"Our best memories of Graham include his occasional sermons which were always softly spoken, but with a gentle wit and he easily kept his congregation's attention throughout his talks. He was very popular and was really missed when he had to retire."*

Marilyn and John Stott write, *"He was a jolly person with twinkling eyes. A real joy to have him preaching to us and taking a service."*



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Music for the Joy of Singing

The Benefice is blessed with three regular organists, Olly, Pat and Jennifer, whose playing at services adds to the enjoyment of singing hymns in our churches. We also had, until recently, Lauren Gale playing at Eaton Hastings. We thank them all for their contribution to the Benefice over the years.

Jennifer writes: "I was taught to play the organ by our village organist. I have been playing for the Communion Services at Buscot and Eaton Hastings since 2002 and then St Giles when their present organist moved. Before each Sunday service, I practice both at home and in the church.

I have enjoyed playing for the services at all four churches in our Benefice. All are very different including the organs, and I have been able to meet and get to know a variety of people in each of the congregations. I play music for the joy of singing in our services"

Thanks to all our organists, for their commitment and time given to play music in our services over the years. May the joy of singing continue in all our churches.



Olly Fox playing at Eaton Hastings

Dates for Diaries

Moonrakers Celtic Concert.

Saturday 8th July 2023 - 7.30pm to 9.30pm at All Saints Church, Coleshill.
Tickets available from
homershamcourt@outlook.com

BBQ for the Benefice PCC's helpers and partners.

Saturday 5th August 2023 - 2.00pm to 5.00pm at the Vicarage, Great Coxwell.
Please let Reverend Maureen Turner or the Wardens know if you would like to come.
Donations of around £5 would be welcome to offset catering costs.

Summer Bible Study.

Tuesdays in July 2023 on 4th, 11th, and 18th at 2.30pm – 4.00pm.
Our theme for Summer Bible study will be words and numbers from the Bible.

Dedication of Kneelers to Sally Cadbury

Over the last few months a group of very talented individuals have been working up church kneelers that have been either donated or they have worked on - on behalf of another.

All the kneelers are dedicated to Sally Cadbury, a much loved and missed member of the Parish and church community.

On the 17th September 2023 at St. Michael and All Angels, Eaton Hastings we will be dedicating these colorful additions to the church as part of the Evening Prayer service. We will be starting slightly earlier than normal at 5:30pm and serving drinks and nibbles afterwards.

Siân Gardner



Thankyou for Helping Muhammed

Last autumn we did some fundraising to enable the vital medical treatment for a young boy called Muhammed Gassama in The Gambia, West Africa. Eight-year old Muhammed lives with his mum and extended family in the town of Serrekunda and was playing with friends when he was hit by a speeding car which left him with several life-changing injuries. Knowing that the quality of healthcare in this part of Africa is particularly dependent on how much you can pay, we knew it was important to get Muhammed the best treatment we could find in the country. Like the majority of families in the Gambia, Muhammed's mum survives on a day-to-day basis - her small income just about covers the food they need to buy each week and they have nothing left over. Thanks to the incredible and heartfelt response from many of you and the wider PCCs, we were able to raise over £1600 to contribute towards the hospital costs he needed. This was able to get Muhammed the attention of consultant doctors who set the bones and checked on the progress of his recovery. Even basic things like regular x-rays and changing dressings had to be paid for from the funding we sent them.

In February, I was in The Gambia and had a chance to meet up with Muhammed and saw firsthand that his recovery has gone incredibly well. He is now having monthly check-ups at the hospital and should not need any further treatment. He is having physio sessions once a month to make sure his bones and muscles recover strongly. All this has been made possible with the generous help of many of you and so I wanted to thank you deeply once again.

Due to the 5 months he spent in hospital he has been forced to resit a year of school and so we are hoping to organise some extra tutoring for him between now and the start of the new school year in September. Many thanks.

Olly Fox



Children's Page

This quarter our children's page theme is **animals of the bible**.

Match the question with the answer on the right.



Bible Pathway Adventures

BIBLE QUIZ

Animals of the Bible

Match the question with the answer on the right.

QUESTIONS

- ___ Which animal saved Balaam's life?
- ___ What animal swallowed Jonah?
- ___ What animals appeared in Pharaoh's dreams?
- ___ Which king of Israel imported peacocks?
- ___ Who was Yeshua only sent to help?
- ___ After Yeshua's birth, what two birds did Mary and Joseph offer as a sacrifice at the temple?
- ___ Who killed a lion with his bare hands?
- ___ Which animals appeared in the second plague of Egypt?
- ___ When the 12 spies visited the land of Canaan, which animal did they compare themselves to?
- ___ Before the Feast of Unleavened Bread, which animal did Yeshua ride on into Jerusalem?

ANSWERS

1. Samson
2. Cows
3. A giant fish
4. Solomon
5. A young donkey
6. Frogs
7. Grasshoppers
8. A donkey
9. Two young pigeons
10. The lost sheep of the house of Israel. (Mat 15:24)



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Calendar of Summer Services 2023

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

All Saints, Coleshill

Times as stated

Date/ Start Time	Service
9th July 2023 at 9.00am	Morning Prayer
23rd July 2023 at 10.30am	Holy Communion
13th August 2023 at 9.00am	Morning Prayer
27th August 2023 at 10.30am	Holy Communion
10th September 2023 at 9.00am	Morning Prayer
24th September 2023 at 10.30am	Harvest Holy Communion

St. Mary the Virgin, Buscot

Times as stated

Date/ Start Time	Service
2nd July 2023 at 5.00pm	Songs of Praise Service
16th July 2023 at 10.30am	Holy Communion
6th August 2023 at 5.00pm	Evening Prayer
20th August 2023 at 10.30am	Holy Communion
3rd September 2023 at 5.00pm	Animal Thanksgiving Service
17th September 2023 at 10.30am	Holy Communion



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St. Giles, Great Coxwell

Times as stated

Date/ Start Time	Service
9th July 2023 at 10.30am	Holy Communion
23rd July 2023 at 6.00pm	Evening Prayer
30th July 2023 at 10.30am	St. James - Joint Benefice Holy Communion
13th August 2023 at 10.30am	Holy Communion
27th August 2023 at 6.00pm	Patronal Festival Songs of Praise
10th September 2023 at 10.30am	Harvest Festival Holy Communion (followed by Harvest Lunch)
24th September 2023 at 9.00am	Morning Prayer

St. Michael and All Angels, Eaton Hastings

Times as stated. All services — from the Book of Common Prayer.

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2nd July 2023 at 10.30am	Holy Communion
16th July 2023 at 6.00pm	Evensong
6th August 2023 at 10.30am	Holy Communion
20th August 2023 at 6.00pm	Evensong
3rd September 2023 at 10.30am	Holy Communion
17th September 2023 at 5.30pm	Evensong with Dedication of Kneelers

