

FROM THE VICAR

Dear friends

The traditional symbol for John, the gospel-writer, is an eagle – a tribute to his soaring eloquence. In the past few weeks many of us will have listened to that summit of his writing, the prologue, used as a Christmas gospel-reading – “In the beginning was the Word ...”.

Over the last year a group of us have been looking at some of the subtleties of John’s writing that get “Lost in Translation”, and this month we’re looking at that Christmas gospel. (You don’t need to come to all, or many, of the sessions if it doesn’t suit; but why not come to this one – 3.00 pm on Monday 21st at the Vicarage?)

Let me pick out just one phrase: “the Word was with God”. In English that sounds very static; but in the original Greek it’s quite the opposite – the little word ‘with’ actually expresses movement. It’s all part of describing God not as a ‘person’, still less as the theoretical single centre of things (the “unmoved mover” of traditional philosophy). Instead, what we call ‘God’ embodies relationship. Elsewhere in the Bible John says that God “is love”: there is love *within* God, from which the love *from* God to the human race derives.

Seen that way, the gospel invitation (in the life and teaching of Jesus) is for us to share in the relatingness of God – to let our daily living be an outworking of the love at the heart of all things which we call ‘God’. Now, there’s a good resolution for 2019!

Next month the Team Council is discussing the staffing of our twenty-two village churches. As time goes by we’re trying to share this around more creatively: so for example I currently share the oversight of Kempford & Whelford with a halftime clergyman, Nick Scott; and we benefit in this parish from Roger Scoones’ and Margaret Bettis’ ministry. Welcome news for many is that Michael Hand is returning to lead our Good Friday meditation – extending his use of Renaissance art that so many found helpful last time he joined us. More on this later in the Spring!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Partington". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke underneath.

FAIRFORD ART SOCIETY

Our first meeting of 2019 is on Thursday January 3rd at 2.30pm at Fairford Community Centre when Liz Harding will be “Taking an Idea for a Walk”
Visitors welcome £3.00

We shall have two get-together sessions in January on Thursdays 17th and 24th at Fairford Centre at 1.30pm. Visitors welcome £3.00.

Info Sallie Seymour 01367850385. www.fairfordartsociety.weebly.com/

QUENINGTON VILLAGE HALL COFFEE MORNING

Saturday, January 12th, 10.30-12

We will have the normal delicious cakes and raffle.

Anyone wishing to contribute cakes, please bring them along – costs will be reimbursed!

COLN CINEMA invites you to a showing of “The Bookshop”

Vicarage Cottage Barn, Coln St. Aldwyns

Friday 18th January 2019, 7.30 pm (Doors: 7pm)

England, 1959. Free-spirited widow Florence Green (Emily Mortimer) risks everything to open a bookshop in a conservative East Anglian coastal town. While bringing about a surprising cultural awakening through works by Ray Bradbury and Vladimir Nabokov, she earns the polite but ruthless opposition of a local grand dame (Patricia Clarkson) and the support and affection of a reclusive book loving widower (Bill Nighy). As Florence's obstacles amass and bear suspicious signs of a local power struggle, she is forced to ask: is there a place for a bookshop in a town that may not want one? Based on Penelope Fitzgerald's novel, *The Bookshop* is an elegant yet incisive rendering of personal resolve, tested in the battle for the soul of a community. Cert. PG 113 mins.

LECHLADE HISTORY SOCIETY

Monday 21 January 2019, 7.15 for 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. Courts and Lives of Henry VII and VIII as shown by their account books.

Guests welcome £4. Contact Marian Winckles 01367 252851 or visit www.lechladehistory.co.uk

HATHEROP CASTLE SCHOOL

For me a close second to the end of the summer term, in my all time favourite teaching moments, is the last two weeks of the Michaelmas term. Who could resist those precious exciting days as the children count down to the end of term with Christmas on the horizon?

As the days grow ever shorter, rain filled and gloomy, the classrooms start to fill with the sparkle and glitter of the approaching festivities. The sound of Nativity songs being rehearsed fills the corridors and preparations for the performance begin. Costumes are sourced and lines perfected.

This year the countdown to Christmas began with the staging of “Christmas Counts” by the Nursery and Reception pupils. A delightful story centred on the Nativity, provided opportunities for all the children from 2 to 5 years old to dress up and perform on stage for their parents. The older children took the lead parts of the inn keepers, Mary and Joseph, kings and shepherds whilst the very youngest took on the roles of the angels and sheep.

As the curtain opened excited pupils kept a look out for the familiar face of a parent and gave a subtle wave. The challenge for the staff was to keep everyone focussed to the best of their abilities. However, keeping a small flock of very young sheep on task for the whole performance was at times perhaps a step too far. True to form, once one sheep decided to leave the stage others soon followed! Undeterred the rest of the cast carried on to the finale.

This year the build up to Christmas has been as exciting and glitter-filled as other years gone by and like the children I look forward to every day.

Lucy Riley, Head of Nursery

HATHEROP C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

‘Caring, Believing, Achieving’

We wish you a very Happy New Year as we look forward to a new term at school. A new year brings fresh challenges and new beginnings. At the end of last term, we had to say ‘goodbye’ to a much loved member of our school team, Mrs Debbie MacKenzie, who had been at the school for 18 years. We are a close knit and family oriented school and her presence will be sadly missed. However, we are delighted to welcome to our team, Mrs Nadine Scaysbrook, and we hope she will look forward to this new beginning with Hatherop CofE Primary School.

Our value of the term is Respect and we shall be learning how we can show respect to others and the world we live in. In our daily worship, we enjoy regular visits from the 'Open the Book' team and Revd John Partington and Revd Roger Scoones and together we will use biblical teaching to help learn about this value and how we can live it. At our recent visit to Gloucester Cathedral, the children learnt about British Values and Grace told Foundation Governor, Jackie Cullum, all about Sir George Onesiphorus Paul (a local Gloucester figure) who had helped reform jails: "He had tried to change their conditions. This showed the value of Respect, since he said even though they had done something bad they needed to be respected."

To stay up to date with the latest news from our school, please look at our website, www.hatherop.gloucs.sch.uk.

CHQ PARISH: NEW WEBSITE

The united parish of Coln St Aldwyns, Hatherop and Quenington has a new website: <https://www.chqchurches.net/> Should you inadvertently access the previous website then you'll be redirected to the new one.

Please note that the email addresses such as vicar@cheqs.church; magazine@cheqs.church - in fact any email address: @cheqs.church - have not changed. You may continue to use them.

For those who need regularly to access details of services, including hymns, readings etc (including for Eastleach and Southrop) they may be found at the top of this page on the new website: <https://www.chqchurches.net/downloadable-resources-for-clergy-worship-leaders-etc.html>

QUENINGTON VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB

1st No 25 S.Lawrence, 2nd No.8 J. Dooley, 3rd No. 17 C.Mace

Please don't forget to renew your numbers for 2019. Numbers cost £12 for the year and all profits go to village hall funds. Contact David Bostock on 01285 750456 for more information.

THE LEAGUE OF FRIENDS FAIRFORD HOSPITAL



Christmas Bazaar

We held a very successful Bazaar on the 17th November. Thanks to all the local businesses for their donations and to the volunteers who staffed the stalls and to all who attended. The sum of £3,035 was raised for The League of Friends.

100 Club 2019

Subscriptions are now due for 2019. We really want to increase the number of members, so if you have not set up a direct debit for the 100 Club please send your £12 to Andrena Miles (Treasurer of League of Friends of Fairford Hospital) AMM Bookkeeping & Accountancy, 11 High Street Fairford, Glos, GL7 4AD

Application forms are available on our website www.friendsoffairford.org.uk

House-to-House 2019 Dates

The League of Friends House-to-House fund-raising event will take place between the 1st and 14th April 2019. Our thanks to all our existing volunteer co-ordinators, and collectors. With the new housing in both Fairford and Lechlade we urgently need more volunteer collectors to deliver and collect the envelopes in your local area. If you think you can help please contact Christine Barker on: 07767 408409 or email: fairford.lof@hotmail.co.uk

Date for your diary : Curry Night – Tuesday 26th February 2019

At Khushi's in Lechlade - further details to follow.

If you need further information about The League of Friends please contact Christine Barker or visit our website www.friendsoffairford.org.uk

A VISIT TO XYLEM - GODWINS PUMP FACTORY

In November, local residents were invited to visit the Xylem factory in Quenington. Seven of us took up the offer, and were given lots of information about the company and its activities before being taken on a tour of the site. I found the 90-minute visit interesting, but sadly wasn't allowed to take any photos on the factory floor for security reasons (which was completely understandable!).

A summary of impressions:

- Xylem is a large American-owned company, but the Godwin name is retained as branding for the pumps;
- there is a great emphasis on Health & Safety, for both staff and visitors;

- staff development is important to the company – younger people are encouraged in their careers;
- making the business as stream-lined and cost-effective as possible is beneficial financially, but also allows the factory to make best use of the limited space available;
- the company wants to be seen as part of the local community, and to reduce, as far as possible, any negative impact of having a factory in the middle of a residential area;
- Xylem as a company, including someone from the Quenington site, was one of the organisations which gave practical support in the rescue of the Thai children’s football team and coach back in July 2018.

If you want to find out if there’s any local information about the history of the Godwin pump factory, you could look at the Quenington Archives. These are now stored in the Quenington Village Hall, and there will be a launch event at one of the coffee mornings in the spring - watch this space.

Margaret Stranks

QUENINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Plan: Thank you to all the residents that completed the Parish Plan questionnaire in the summer; there was a 68% return (163 forms) and the responses will help guide the Parish Council in producing an Action Plan for the coming years. The first draft of the Action Plan will be prepared in the New Year.

Loose Memorials: Quenington Parish Council is responsible for ensuring that Quenington Cemetery is safe for visitors and is required to carry out memorial inspections to check that all memorials are stable and secure. Following a inspection in November 2018, a number of memorials were found to be loose and need attention. Responsibility for memorials rests with the residents of the deceased; most of the memorials in question are from a number of years ago and our records are minimal. If anyone can help with identifying relatives of the following - date of death in brackets - please contact the clerk (Contact Details inside back-cover of this magazine):

- Violet Morris (1910),
- Evelyn, Ernest & Margaret Maslin (?),
- William Bartlett (1918),
- John Arnold (1932),
- John Godwin (1910),
- Eric & Clarice Smith (1973),
- Jack Whittaker (1971),

- Ernest & Cynthia Burge (1980/1988),
- John Gwynne (1981),
- Horace Cuss (1983),
- Thomas & Yvonne Kendall (1999),
- Evelyn Sainsbury (1992)
- Florence Arnold (1969).

CHORAL EVENSONG AT ST. ANDREW'S EASTLEACH

Sunday February 3rd at 6 p.m



This special service will be sung by the choir of our fellow church, St. Lawrence, Lechlade. The service celebrates Candlemas which is the time that Jesus was introduced into the temple and which also marks the midpoint of winter. It will be a joyful occasion and we hope that people from all parishes will join us. There will be more details in the February edition of the CHEQS magazine.

ST MARY'S, FAIRFORD – Sunday: 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP), 10.00 am Sung Eucharist (Family Service on last of the month), 6.00 pm Choral Evensong (BCP). 'Funday Sunday' 4.00 - 6.00 pm on second Sundays – crafts, games, worship & a cooked tea.

ST LAWRENCE, LECHLADE – Sunday: 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP), 10.00 am Morning Worship with children's activities (HC 1st, 3rd, 5th; Informal 4th, All-Age 2nd); 6.00 am Evening Worship (Evensong 1st, 3rd, 4th; Holy Communion 2nd; Healing 5th). For weekday activities see www.stlawrencelechlade.org.uk

St Lawrence's Lechlade & St Mary's Fairford both celebrate Holy Communion on Thursdays: at 10.00 & 10.30 am respectively. CHEQS residents are warmly welcome!

ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY (ROMAN CATHOLIC), FAIRFORD (Horcott Road) – Saturday 6.00 pm Vigil Mass, Sunday 11.00 am Mass (Children's Liturgy of the Word offered whenever possible). For details of other activities, see www.stthomasparish.plus.com or contact Fr Michael Robertson on 01285 712586 or michael.robertson@priest.cliftondiocese.com

FAIRFORD UNITED CHURCH (CONGREGATIONAL/METHODIST) – Sunday: 10.30 am Morning Worship & children's activities. Fairly-traded goods for sale.

LECHLADE BAPTIST CHURCH – Sunday 10:30 am Morning Worship (with prayer from 9.45 am); 6:00 pm Evening Worship (2nd & 3rd Sundays) For weekday activities etc see www.lechladebaptistchurch.org

SERVICES IN JANUARY

Sunday 6 *Epiphany*

8.30 am	Holy Communion	Hatherop	<i>RS</i>
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Southrop	<i>RL</i>
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Coln	<i>RS</i>
11.00 am	Morning Prayer	Eastleach	<i>JE</i>
6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Quenington	<i>MS</i>

Sunday 13 *Baptism of Christ*

9.30 am	Holy Communion	Quenington	<i>JP</i>
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Eastleach	<i>DB</i>
6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Coln	<i>JP</i>
6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Southrop	<i>RS</i>

Sunday 20

8.30 am	Holy Communion	Hatherop	<i>JP</i>
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Southrop	<i>RL</i>
11.00 am	Communion & Baptism	Coln	<i>JP</i>
11.00 am	Morning Prayer	Eastleach	<i>IT</i>
6.00 pm	Choral Evensong <i>with members of Coln choir</i>	Quenington	<i>JP</i>

Sunday 27

9.30 am	Holy Communion	Quenington	<i>RS</i>
11.00 am	Morning Prayer	Eastleach	<i>JE</i>
6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Coln	<i>TBC</i>
6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Southrop	<i>GL</i>

EPIPHANY

Epiphany, or Three Kings' Day, is the 12th day of Christmas, with January 6th marking the official end to the festive season for many Christians.

In the West, Christians began celebrating the Epiphany in the 4th century, associating it with the visit of the Magi (the three kings) to Bethlehem. It's also used by some to celebrate Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist although we celebrate that on 13 January.

According to the Gospel of Matthew, the three wise men followed the star of Bethlehem across the desert to meet the baby Jesus, offering gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

The gifts were symbolic of the importance of Jesus' birth, the gold representing his royal standing; frankincense his divine birth; and myrrh his mortality.

On the first Sunday of February our services will be as follows: 8.30 am Communion at Hatherop (TBC); 9.30 am Holy Communion at Southrop (RL); 11.00am Holy Communion at Coln (JP); 6.00pm Evening Prayer at Eastleach (AC); 6.00 pm Evening Prayer at Quenington (MS)

KEY TO WORSHIP LEADERS

DB – David Bainbridge; JE – John Exelby; JK – Jane Kidd; GL – Gordon Land; JP – John Partington; MS – Mike Stranks; RL – Ron Lloyd; RS – Roger Scoones; IT – Ian Taylor

READINGS, PSALMS, HYMNS & COLOURS IN CHQ

Hymn numbers, Psalms and Readings refer to C, H & Q only – for E & S see separate rotas

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| 6 (<i>Epiphany</i>) Psalm 72. 10-15; Hymns 103, 94, 96
Isaiah 60. 1-6; Matthew 2. 1-12 | <i>white</i> |
| 13 (<i>Christ's Baptism</i>) Psalm 29; Hymns 46, 104, 646
Isaiah 43. 1-7; Luke 3. 15-17, 21-22 | <i>white</i> |
| 20 (<i>Epiphany 3</i>) Psalm 36. 5-10; Hymns 99, 569, 742
1 Corinthians 12. 12-31a; Luke 4. 14-21 | <i>white</i> |
| 27 (<i>Epiphany 4</i>) Psalm 19. 1-6; Hymns 721, 112, 683
1 Corinthians 13. 1-13; Luke 2. 22-40 | <i>white</i> |
| 3 (<i>5th Sunday before Lent</i>) Psalm 48; Hymns 9(am)/10(pm), 621, 588
1 Corinthian 15. 1-11; Luke 5. 1-11 | <i>gold</i> |

HARP, VIOLIN, VOICE AND CHOIR

Hatherop Church, Saturday 26 January, 7.30pm



If in the past you've attended concerts given by the Coln Choir you may remember the harpist Marije Vijselaar who was a popular guest at some concerts. Marije is returning from Holland for a concert with violinist Giles Francis who also lives in Holland, but is originally from Calcot.

They are joining forces with mezzo soprano Kate Hicks Beach and Coln Choir to give a concert in Hatherop Church on Saturday 26th January at 7.30pm. More details to follow, but make a note of the date and time; it's not to be missed!



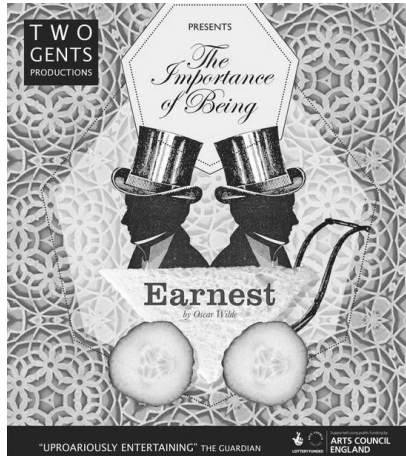
QUENINGTON VILLAGE HALL PRESENTS...

...The Important of being Earnest by Oscar Wilde

DATE: Friday, February 1st

TIME: 7.00 for 7.30pm

TICKET PRICE: £10 (includes refreshments) Bar available



This is a witty and laugh-out-loud comedy of mistaken identities, confusion and cucumber sandwiches. On the surface it is a light, fluffy jibe at the nonsensicalness of the English upper class at the turn of the 20th century. At a deeper level, it is also a profound plea for sincerity and caring in the face of adversity.

The production sets out to examine these themes from the perspective of the migrant and the outsider. Embracing wild wit, deft humour, role swapping and banter with the audience, two actors – yes, just two - unfurl a riot of love, confusion and high jinks.

A perfect show for anyone ready for a good night out, looking for a bit of comedy and entertainment, hankering for a fresh take on a classic play or simply a fan of good theatre. This includes adults of all ages, young adults and children from the age of 12 and above.

To read more about this new and innovative take on Osacr Wilde's play see: www.twogentsproductions.co.uk/the-importance-of-being-earnest.html and also discover the fantastic reviews this production has received!

For Tickets:

Queningtonvillagehall@gmail.com *or* Coln Stores *or* 01285 750788

NEW WASTE BINS IN EASTLEACH

During the Annual Parish Meeting in the Spring of 2018, the thorny subject of Dog Fouling was once again a topic of concern to villagers. Many will recall the issue that our local farmer had with cattle aborting and the steps he has taken to provide “Poop Scoops” to remove the offending dog waste out of harms way for both livestock and walkers. But there is still concern about dog waste in Eastleach and Fyfield.

The Parish Council had previously funded bins in strategic locations but alas, we still have poor ownership routines from visitors and locals who feel that its beneath them to clean up after their dog. The PC has purchased two further bins: a general waste bin at the “layby” by the Thames Water pump station and a dog waste bin by the old Telephone Exchange near the Allotments. Dog waste can be deposited in all the general waste bins in our village; they are emptied each Wednesday. Failure to pick up dog waste is an offence and can carry a fine of £1000. We are sure that dog walkers want to believe that our Village is worth their effort and that it is their duty to be responsible pet owners.

Eastleach Parish Council



THE LONG SILENCE

At the end of time, billions of people were standing on a great plain before God's throne. Most shrank back from the brilliant light before them. But some groups near the front talked heatedly, not with awe - but with belligerence.

"Can God judge us? How can he know about suffering?" snapped a young brunette. She ripped open a sleeve to reveal a tattooed number from a Nazi concentration camp. "We endured terror ... beatings ... torture ... death!"

In another group a Negro boy lowered his collar. "What about this?" he demanded, showing an ugly rope burn. "Lynched, for no crime but being black!"

In another crowd there was a pregnant schoolgirl with sullen eyes: "Why should I suffer?" she murmured. "It wasn't my fault." Far out across the plain were hundreds of such groups. Each had a complaint against God for the evil and suffering he had permitted in his world.

How lucky God was to live in Heaven, where all was sweetness and light. Where there was no weeping or fear, no hunger or hatred. What did God know of all that humankind had been forced to endure in this world? For God leads a pretty sheltered life, they said.

So each of these groups sent forward a representative, chosen because they had suffered the most. A Jew, a Negro, a person from Hiroshima, a horribly deformed arthritic, a thalidomide child. In the centre of the vast plain, they consulted with each other. At last they were ready to present their case. It was rather simple.

Before God could be qualified to be their judge, he must endure what they had endured. Their decision was that God should be sentenced to live on earth as a man.

Let him be born a Jew. Let the legitimacy of his birth be doubted. Give him a work so difficult that even his family will think him out of his mind.

Let him be betrayed by his closest friends. Let him face false charges, be tried by a prejudiced jury and convicted by a cowardly judge. Let him be tortured.

Let him see what it means to be alone - terribly alone. Then let him die... a cruel, lingering and horrific death. Let there be a great host of witnesses to verify it.

As each leader announced his portion of the sentence, loud murmurs of approval went up from the throng of people assembled. When the last had finished pronouncing sentence, there was a long silence. No one uttered another word. No one moved.

For suddenly, all knew; God had already served his sentence.

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YOGA / EXERCISE 1) Contact Anne Sutherland – <i>ann@yogaspring.co.uk</i> for classes at Oxleaze, Langford and Coln Rogers. For more info <i>www.yogaspring.co.uk</i> 2) Tai Chi – phone Heather	01608 643059 01285 750751

CHEQS DIARY

Jan 3	2.30	Fairford Art Society. Fairford Community Centre
Jan 12	10.30	Quenington Village Hall Coffee Morning
Jan 15	6.00 pm	CHQ Parochial Church Council Meeting
Jan 17	1.30pm	Fairford Art Society
Jan 18	7.30 pm	Coln Cinema “The Bookshop”
Jan 20	6.00 pm	Coln Choir at Quenington Evensong
Jan 21	7.15 pm	Lechlade History society
Jan 21	3.00 pm	‘Lost in Translation’ at Coln Vicarage
Jan 26	7.30pm	‘Harp, Violin, Voice and Choir’ Concert at Hatherop Church
Feb 1	7 for 7.30	The Importance of Being Ernest Quenington village hall
Feb 3	6 pm	Choral Evensong, St Andrews Eastleach
Feb 25	3.00 pm	‘Lost in Translation’ at Coln Vicarage
Mar 19	6.00 pm	CHQ Parochial Church Council Meeting
Mar 25	3.00 pm	‘Lost in Translation’ at Coln Vicarage
Mar 31		Start of British Summer Time – clocks forward
Mar 31	11.00 am	Mothering Sunday Service at Hatherop Church
Apr 19	9.00 am	Good Friday Meditation at Coln Church
Apr 19	2.00 pm	Faily Service at Quenington Village Hall
Apr 20	9.00 pm	Compline at Coln Church
Apr 21	<i>Easter Day</i>	