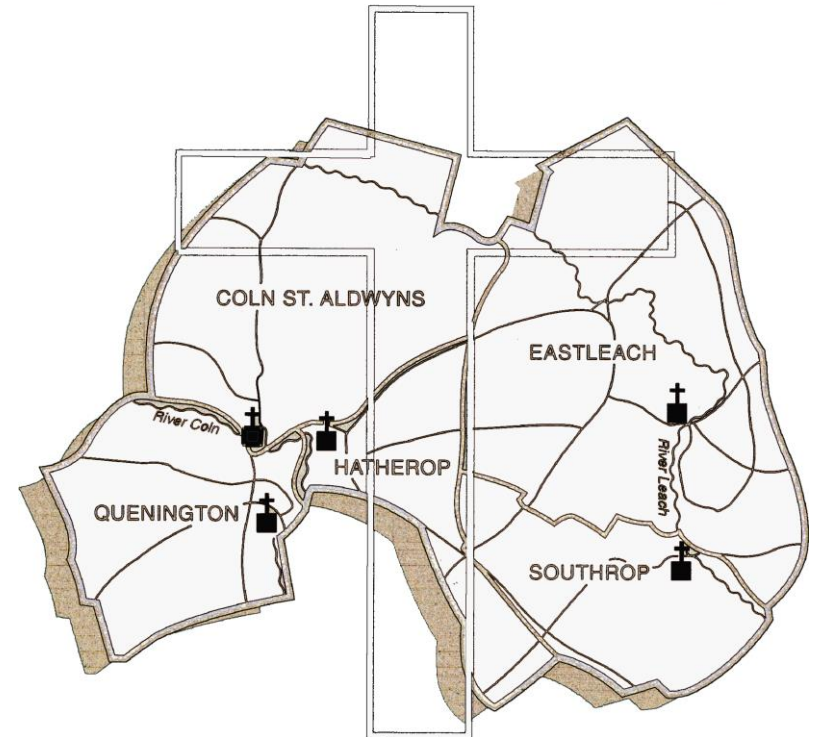


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## Easter?

The date of Easter baffles even the religiously devout: Easter is the first Sunday after the first full moon on or after the March equinox. If you don't plot the phases of the moon against the years ahead the date of Easter is something of a mystery. The timing isn't ideal. Shouldn't it be fixed later in the year when the weather is likely to be better?

Christmas is much more straightforward; a predictable festival that the secular world enjoys with the church but Easter...? Christmas can be fun even when faith can be abandoned, ignored or dismissed but Easter...? A few Easter Eggs an opportunity to gather with family and friends to have a break from work but what else?

Easter is a highlight of the church year; it is the crux upon which all else rests. At Easter the church remembers the extraordinary events that were a catalyst for the broken, ill educated, unimportant disciples to carry their belief that, "Jesus Christ is Lord," to the rest of the Roman Empire from where it has travelled over the centuries to the four corners of the world. Jesus' resurrection is the fulcrum around which all of history pivots.

Our world is broken: the planet is polluted; nations are at war; people are persecuted and abused; people we love suffer and even die. A Christian faith expresses the hope that this is not what was intended and that things will not only get better but that in Christ all things will be made new. This hope is not a meaningless, groundless desire but rooted in historical events that gives the church confidence to proclaim with Jesus' apostles that, "Jesus Christ is Lord."

If you want more from Easter then please join the church as it celebrates this great feast. In the weeks before Easter we preparing for it. The Lent talks on Thursday evenings are offering interesting perspectives on living in a broken world and how the Christian faith has strengthen and sustained people who have experienced pain. The service in the morning on Good Friday reflects on how Jesus' experiences can help us live full lives in a broken world. Not forgetting Easter Sunday itself of course ...

May your Easter be filled with joy and meaning.

Every blessing

Revd Craig

## Welcome

Marije (Maria) Vijselaar and her harps to 22 Hatherop  
Ady Barker & Lynn Richards with Megan to No.6 The Piece, Hatherop

## Baptism

Kitty Rose Jenkinson, Eastleach, Sunday 9th March

## Confirmation

Luke Dale-Henderson, Thomas Haddock, Holly Harvey, Charles Leach, Hatherop,  
Sunday 23rd February by Bishop Martyn of Tewkesbury

## Funeral

Sylvia Walters, Quenington, Thursday 27th February

**Bringing healing and wholeness through Jesus Christ.** Saturday 26th April, 7.30 pm at The Harnhill Centre. Contact the office to make a booking: 01285 850283 or visit our website at: [www.harnhillcentre.org.uk](http://www.harnhillcentre.org.uk). Arthur Dodds Lecture with Rt Revd and Rt Hon Lord Carey of Clifton. No charge – plate for donations

**Keble evensong on 7th May.** The annual visit of the Keble Choristers to lead Evensong takes place this year in St. Peter's Church, Southrop on Wednesday 7th May at 6.30p.m. The preacher will be Bishop Martyn of Tewkesbury. Following the service there will be a reception for Southrop and Eastleach parishoners to bid farewell to Craig and Ros

**Lent prayers in church.** Throughout Lent there will be additional short services of prayer through Lent: Coln, Fridays - 28th March, 11th April at 12 noon. Eastleach, Saturdays - 29th March, 5th April at 9am. Southrop, Mondays 31st of March and 7th April at 9am

**The Problem of Pain:** Christians searching for God in the midst of suffering, Thursdays at 7:00pm in St Mary's, Fairford South Cotswolds Team Lenten Series March 27th: David and Joanna Whittaker: The Illness and Death of a 5 year old daughter. April 3rd: Revd Dr Trystan Owain Hughes: 'Finding Meaning and Hope in Suffering'. April 10th: Anne Atkins: When Life seems against you. April 24th (St Mary's, Kempsford) Susie Fletcher: The heartache of childlessness and adoption  
**Lent Groups** – exploring faith and Christian understanding of contemporary issues. To find the group that suits you time and location please contact Deaconess Patti Price (01285 750218)

**Holy Week and Easter services.** Please see the list of services for details of times and locations. Good Friday, Coln St Aldwyns, 9am to 12 noon - A three hour watch: reflecting on 6 words

**Egg Hunt** ... Saturday 19th April, 3pm, The Vicarage, Coln St Aldwyns, Children's Easter Egg hunt and family Easter activities. Donations of small Easter eggs are welcomed - please drop off at the Vicarage

## The Seven Last Words of our Saviour on the Cross

All our welcome to come to this Lenten event which will be on 5<sup>th</sup> April at 2.30pm at St Thomas, Fairford: tea and cake afterwards. We have the quartet (Tony Frewer and friends) but volunteers are needed to read the extracts from Cardinal Hume's Reflections. If you would like to be one of the readers, please e-mail [patsy\\_e@stthomasparish.plus.com](mailto:patsy_e@stthomasparish.plus.com)

## Lent Lunches

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April	The Problem of Pain Talks – Thursdays, St Mary's, Fairford
April 2	Lent Lunch, Colnside House, Fairford
April 3	Friendship Circle Musical Entertainment by Rachel Emmerson & Chris Watson at Southrop Village Hall
April 4	The Quenington Society Talk
April 5	Lent Prayers - Eastleach
April 5	Lenten event, St Thomas, Fairford
April 6	Quenington Car Boot Sale
April 7	Lent Prayers - Southrop
April 8	CHEQS Garden Club April visit
April 9	The Cotswold District & Fine Arts Society April Talk
April 9	Eastleach Parish Council Meeting
April 10	Southrop Annual Parish & Parish Council Meeting
April 11	Lent Prayers - Coln
April 12	Quenington Village Hall Coffee Morning
April 19	Easter Egg Hunt
April 20	Fairford & District Choral Society
April 24	Quenington Parish Meeting - 7.30pm in the Village Hall
April 25	Coln Cinema
April 26	The Harnhill Centre Lecture
April 26	Quenington Spring Clean - 10am outside the Village Hall
May 7	Keble Evensong, St Peter's Southrop
May 10	Fairford & District Choral Society
May 11	Friendship Circle Mystery Tour and Lunch
June 5	Friendship Circle Coach Tour followed by a visit to Milletts Farm and Lunch
June 6	The Quenington Society Talk
June 7	The Great Southrop Bake
June 28/29	Southrop Open Gardens Weekend

## VILLAGE ROUNDUP

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## THE COTSWOLD DECORATIVE & FINE ARTS SOCIETY

The Cotswold Decorative & Fine Arts Society announce their lecture on April 9th is entitled "Has listing gone too far? The rise and rise of historic building preservation," by Dr Nicola Smith. This lecture will explore the origins and development of historic building preservation and consider the future for heritage protection in England.

Lectures take place at the Bradwell Village Hall, Burford OX18 4XF, and begin at 11.00am with complimentary coffee and tea from 10.15-10.45am. Non-members are very welcome, no need to book (suggested donation £8). For more information see our website [www.cotswolddfas.org.uk](http://www.cotswolddfas.org.uk)

## SOUTHROP 2014 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Southrop 2014 Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 p.m. in Southrop Village Hall.

Excellent refreshments will once again be provided. Everyone is invited. See CHEQS insert for Agenda and further details of the Annual Parish Meeting

## SOUTHROP PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The April meeting of the Parish Council will be held immediately before the Annual Parish Meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> April, starting at 6.30 p.m., to which everyone is also invited to attend.

## THE QUENINGTON SOCIETY

The Quenington Society, as usual, is offering a wide-ranging choice of talks and events from April. Although we were formed all those years ago to organise the childrens' summer camp, talks on subjects of local interest, walks and party time still continue. All are welcome, even if you don't live in Quenington. All talks take place in the Village Hall on the Green. Doors open at 7.00 p.m. talks to start at 7.30 p.m. Entry £3.00. Refreshments will be available.

### **Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup> - Nicholas Ford, Chief Executive of the Ernest Cook Trust. '10 years on'**

It has been ten years since Nicholas Ford first spoke to the Quenington Society about the charity, its work both as a local land owner and as an educational trust of national importance. He will talk about the work of this remarkable trust which we are fortunate in having as our neighbour in the village.

**Friday June 6<sup>th</sup> - Margie Hoffnung, Assistant Conservation Officer at the Garden History Society** who worked with Mrs. Verey at Barnsley House. 'Rosemary Verey – her Contribution and Legacy to 20th century gardening.' Margie Hoffnung will place Rosemary Verey (1918-2001) into context historically, discuss the people who influenced her, her wonderful horticultural library, what her main design themes were (patterns, vistas, potager, knot gardens, etc) and will use some of Verey's own drawings/diary entries as some of the illustrations. Margie will describe how her legacy lives on through her generosity to younger gardeners/designers.

**Later in the summer there are plans for a visit to Lydiard House and church and for a Quenington village party – the Singapore Sling and Fling.**

## FAIRFORD AND DISTRICT CHORAL SOCIETY

Bach's St. John's Passion will be performed by the Fairford and District Choral Society on Saturday 10th May after Easter on Sunday 20th April.

Please phone 01285 712094 or visit Blenheim Antiques in Fairford or 01285 713681 or visit [www.fairford.org/choralsociety](http://www.fairford.org/choralsociety) Booking starts 2nd April for 7.30pm Saturday 10 th May.

## QUENINGTON CAR BOOT SALE

It's that time again, our first car boot of the season. April 6th at 11.0 clock on the village green. All proceeds to the youth club. All welcome - see you there.

## HATHEROP CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

We are having a fantastic term.

Our Year 5 and 6 won the Mock Trial competition. This is a superb result. One of our Year 6 boys, Tom Mundy was awarded the Best Court Artist, and one of our Year 6 girls, Emilie Welstead, was awarded Best Court Reporter. We must say a big thank you to the support from David Hicks-Beach and Ruth Wells. Mrs Wilder worked incredibly hard with the children who have made us very proud.

We are through to the second round of the Nature Quiz with the highest first round score ever and the children competed well at the Tag Rugby tournaments.

At present, we are busy fundraising for Sport Relief by all walking/jogging/running a mile as well as having a 'Bake Off'.

To stay up to date with the latest news from our thriving village primary school, please follow us on twitter @hatheropcofe or look at our website [www.hatherop.gloucs.sch.uk](http://www.hatherop.gloucs.sch.uk)

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On the April 13th 2014 I am running the London Marathon to raise money for Clic Sargent. To help me raise as much money as possibly I have kindly been allowed to leave collection tins at Coln Stores, The Keepers Arms in Quenington and 7a Coffee Shop in Fairford. Please pop pennies into the pink pots to help me and spur me on come marathon day! If you would like to sponsor me online you can [www.justgiving.com/teamskinner...](http://www.justgiving.com/teamskinner...) You may see me training around the Coln Valley, feel free to give me a whoop or a toot to keep me running! Thank you all.... Lizzie

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Please contact Dr Benzie on [benzie@doctors.org.uk](mailto:benzie@doctors.org.uk) and thank you!

## **COLN CINEMA will be showing "Saving Mr. Banks"**

### **At Vicarage Cottage Barn**

On Friday 25th April 2014 at 7.30 pm. (doors open 7.00 pm.)

When Walt Disney's daughters begged him to make a movie of their favourite book, P.L. Travers' "Mary Poppins", he made them a promise - one that he didn't realize would take 20 years to keep. In his quest to obtain the rights, Walt comes up against a curmudgeonly, uncompromising writer who has absolutely no intention of letting her beloved magical nanny get mauled by the Hollywood machine. Inspired by true events, "Saving Mr. Banks" is the extraordinary, untold story of how Disney's classic "Mary Poppins" made it to the screen - and the testy relationship that the legendary Walt Disney (Tom Hanks) had with author P.L. Travers (Emma Thompson) that almost derailed it. Cert. PG. 2 hours.

## **QUENINGTON VILLAGE HALL COFFEE MORNING, Saturday 12th April, 10.30-12 noon.**

Meet up with friends and enjoy coffee and home-made cakes at our regular monthly coffee morning. Raffle and book exchange.

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

## **LECHLADE GARDENING CLUB EVENTS**

Lechlade Gardening Club meet every 2nd Wednesday in the month at 7.30pm in the Clarke pierce Room of the Memorial Hall, Lechlade on Thames and new members are always welcome. In February they had a talk on garden birds by David Cramp of the RSPB. David said in his talk that Nigella wasn't worth it. Well, that caused a stir amongst the cookery buffs, I'll say, but when they sat down in their seats all was revealed. He talked about the importance of birds to the whole ecology in a garden, and that once you can get a balance the birds are the best friends you'll ever have in a garden for pest control. Boxes are most important to encourage our feathered friends to return time and again, that some will only have one brood in the year but dependant on the food supply others will have possibly three broods. Just think what that would do to deplete the caterpillar and fly population. In the winter period it is not unusual to see a number of birds visit and stay inside a nest box for warmth and one particular box he knows of housed over 30 wrens at one time, a bit like the penguins, huddling together and continuously moving to take it in turn to be on the outside. Oh yes, David wasn't referring to a famous cook when he mentioned Nigella wasn't worth it, that would be libellous. What he said was, don't buy all these fancy bird seeds which when dropped on the ground make a miniature wheat field in what would have been a prestigious border. That includes Nigella seed. Rather, buy sunflower hearts which will attract all sorts of birds including goldfinches and greenfinches, and no hay field underneath the feeder - magic.

March talk is on Top and Soft Fruit by Eva Rogers and this will be reported on later as will the April talk on Recollecting the Collecting by Bob Brown. An interesting title!!.

There are still seats available for the trip to RHS Wisley in June and don't forget to get started on your preparation for the 9th Flower and Produce Show on 6th September in Lechlade. Details of all that is happening in the Lechlade Gardening Club can be found in their website <http://www.lechladegardeningclub.org.uk/>

## **EASTLEACH AND SOUTHPROP FRIENDSHIP JUMBLE SALE**

We would like to thank everyone who donated clothes, household, bric-a-brac & Raffle prizes etc. we are extremely grateful also the marvellous help from both our members & volunteers it was amazing.

The total at the moment stands at £977.60 which is fantastic.

Thanks again. Sally Parris

## **RHS WISLEY IN THE SUMMER**

What better time to visit the flagship RHS garden of Wisley than on 18th June 2014 with the Lechlade Gardening Club. By joining the Lechlade Gardening Club before the visit you can save yourself over 25% off the £19 cost of the visit. Lechlade Gardening Club members and RHS members will be able to join this trip for £14. Not only as a member of Lechlade Gardening Club do you get a reduction on the trip but you also get the opportunity to save 10% on seeds and plants purchased at the Burford Garden Centre.

RHS Wisley is 240 acres of formal and informal gardens including a renowned Glass House containing three climate zones. It has an extensive arboretum and there are numerous field trial gardens showing you the latest in plant development and techniques. The fragrances and blossoms will be outstanding this time of the year with delphiniums, sweet peas and clematis amongst many being at their best. For the foodies amongst you there are plenty of options for eating and drinking in the Restaurant, Glass House café, Conservatory or Food hall. Come and join us on this trip by contacting Mrs Audrey Barnes, 9 Roman Way, Lechlade GL7 3BS 01367252242.

## **SUMMER PROGRAMME**

It is hoped that the Summer Programme can go ahead this year however, this will require more helpers volunteering on the organising committee. It would be especially good to have representation from the Southrop/Eastleach villages. Please contact us if you would be interested in helping set up this wonderful activity programme for local children and their families. There is no obligation to be around throughout the summer weeks.

The next step is for a timetable of activities to be drawn up and then the forms will be distributed through the schools. Forms will also be available to pick up in Coln Stores for those living in the 5 CHEQS parishes. The programme costs £5 per family.

For further details contact Tara (750701) Ros (750021) Rachel (750409)

## **EASTLEACH PARISH COUNCIL**

The Annual Parish Meeting, to which everyone is welcome, will take place in the Village Hall on Wednesday 9th April 2014 at 7.30 p.m. There will be the usual reports from the Chairman, the Responsible Financial Officer and our District Councillor. There will also be a short outline of plans to restore the War Memorial. If you would like to raise any general issues, there will be an open question session. It would be helpful if you could notify the Clerk of any questions by Monday 7th April 2014. Gill O'Shaughnessy  
Clerk to Eastleach Parish Council. 01367 850 262

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## **SOUTHROP C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL**

The beginning of Term 4 is proving to be as jam-packed with activity as ever, both in and out of the classroom! The upper juniors have participated in a Mock Trial competition at the Bingham Gallery in Cirencester, defending a case against Coberley School. All the children played their part in the trial, from defendant to court artist. Sadly the defendant was found guilty but it was great fun and the magistrate was impressed with the children's efforts. The junior team also qualified for Round 2 of the Wildlife Quiz and will next meet Ampney Crucis Primary School. Several children entered the Cirencester District Athletics Association cross-country competition and gave an excellent account of themselves.

Southrop School played host to six schools on the Jubilee Close playing fields last week for the small schools tag rugby tournament. At the first meeting of Years 5 and 6 teams, Southrop came a very creditable second. This week sees the turn of Years 3 and 4.

Last week the children celebrated World Book Day by coming to school dressed as a character from a book. There was a colourful variety of new pupils at the school for the day, including Pippi Longstocking, Adrian Mole, The Gruffalo, The Wizard of Oz's Dorothy and Wally from Where's Wally! They were treated to readings by several visitors from the village and Reverend Craig Bishop who all shared some of their favourite books from their childhood. There was also a book quiz, a competition to guess each member of staff's favourite childhood book, design a bookmark and write a collaborative story with 3 others. Mad Hatter's Bookshop in Burford kindly arranged for us to have a selection of the World Book Day £1 books. At the end of the day, Year 6 pupils organised a book swap at 50p per book, to raise money for Book Aid.

## **THE GREAT SOUTHROP BAKE !!! PLANT SALE & CREAM TEAS, SATURDAY, 7TH JUNE 2014**

Southrop Village Hall is hosting an old fashioned baking competition with set recipes including Victoria Sponge, Jam Tarts, Chocolate Cake and more, with Cupcakes for the Children's classes. There will be several different classes: Open, Children Under 8, Children 8 – 12, Teens, and Men Only!

Once the judging has taken place, Cream Teas will be available. The plant sale will be your opportunity to buy your baby marrow plant, giving you plenty of time to nurture & love it, ready for 'Who's got the Biggest Marrow?' later in the season. There will be a wide variety of other plants available and, any contribution of labelled plants ready for sale would be appreciated. Please contact Abigail on 01367 850886 or email [abbey.beccle@hotmail.com](mailto:abbey.beccle@hotmail.com) for more information and your entry pack.



## HATHEROP CASTLE SCHOOL

As I sit down to write this on a cold, wet, winter evening, I am aware that by the time it is read we will be well into spring and hopefully, lighter evenings with sunshine and warmer weather. As the trees and flowers burst into life we too can look forward to new beginnings and exciting developments through the summer months.

At Hatherop Castle we have, once again, had a very busy term. Reception produced a wonderful assembly in which they spoke about friendship and how to be a good friend. They had filmed their own story using shadow puppets and all spoke with confidence. Prep 1 visited Farm to Fork and made some wonderful pizzas which I was able to see on their return. They had obviously had an exciting time and were able to tell me all about wheat, flour and how to make my own pizza! Prep 2 continue to enjoy their weekly trips to Forest school and Prep 3 had a 'real life' mathematics lesson in the café at Lechlade Garden Centre. Preps 4 and 6 went to the Roman Baths in Bath as part of their history and Latin topics and Prep 5 studied portraits at the Ashmolean Museum. Outside visits remain an important and integral part of life at Hatherop Castle and add so much value to the children's experience and learning.

Prep 8 have been busy with scholarships and exams. Already they have done tremendously well, receiving awards for academics, sport, drama, music and the performing arts. A total of ten scholarships between the twelve children as I write this! We congratulate them all for doing so well.

A new venture this term has been a Recital evening in which our gifted and talented musicians were able to perform as individuals and with our Junior and Senior choirs. This was a fantastic evening and clearly showed the potential of some of our very talented young people.

Preps 3, 4 and 5 are busy rehearsing for their production of 'Pinafore Pirates' and our annual Theme Week will take place shortly. During this week each class will study a particular film for the entire week and this will culminate in a "Glamour day" with the "Hatherop Castle Oscars Ceremony" on the Friday. Children and staff really enjoy this special week of the term. Many children will perform in the "Speech and Drama" evening, showing their dramatic talents and we look forward to taking part in the Parish Concert.

Our term ends with our Easter fete and we then wish our Preps 6, 7 and 8 "Bon Voyage" as they leave for their French trip during the holiday.

It just remains for me to wish you all a very Happy Easter.

Jenny Lay – Deputy Headteacher.

## CHEQS GARDEN CLUB

March talk- Tim Miles, Head Gardener at Cotswold Wildlife Park.

Tim gave us a wonderful insight into the care and skill involved in giving the animals the best environment to thrive in. The Gardens are as important as the animals, as they are carefully planned and planted to complement the habitat of the different animal species. For example, dramatic grasses surround the Rhino enclosure to imitate the African Savannah, exotic and colourful plants create the feel of a Rainforest, cacti and succulents a Desert. Cages are planted inside and out to soften, shade, and provide shelter to the occupants, and in the walled garden, meandering paths are combined with formal bedding to spectacular effect.

The park is open every day (except Christmas Day) and attracts huge numbers of visitors, so the gardens are planted to be enjoyed whatever the season. At the moment there are carpets of bulbs in meadow grass, which will later have wildflowers in the long grass. Soon there will be massed tulips with forget-me-nots and other spring bedding.

A huge number of trees enhance the Park (1/4 million have been planted over recent years)- there is an oak tree near the Orangery which is thought to be 600 years old. 9 Gardeners maintain these beautiful grounds, and a season ticket with a great reduction will give you several visits through the year to enjoy these spectacular gardens.

APRIL VISIT-TUESDAY 8TH APRIL- HIGHNAM COURT, GLOS GL2 8DP

We meet at the garden at 2pm ready for a guided tour, entrance fee £5-50, refreshments available from 4pm.

There are 40 acres to explore, with informal lakes, water gardens, formal Victorian gardens, trees and shrubs and 8 acres wildflower meadows with spring bulbs. Please let a committee member know if you wish to go.

May 13th- plant sale and cheese and wine- plants to buy - delicious supper

June 10th - an early evening visit to Eastleach House, the beautiful gardens created by Stephanie Richards. Refreshments available

June 24th - an afternoon visit to Williamstrip park with a guided walk by head gardener Paul Gray, by kind permission of Mrs Kennedy

This is just part of our wonderful programme this year- please contact Jenny Iles (01285 750729 jen.iles@dsl.pipex.com) if you wish to join, or Jan Bradley (01285 750367 janlizbradley@waitrose.com) for further information.

**April 2014****Midweek Services**

**Thursday 3rd April** 9.30 am Holy Communion CW Coln  
**Thursday 10th April** 9.30 am Holy Communion BCP Coln

**Sunday 6th April**

9.30 am Holy Communion CW Southrop CB  
 11.00 am Holy Communion CW Coln CB  
 11.00 am Morning Prayer BCP Eastleach PP  
 6.00 pm Evening Prayer BCP Quenington PP

**Sunday 13th April**

8.30 am Holy Communion BCP Hatherop CB  
 9.30 am Family HC CW Quenington CB  
 11.00 am Holy Communion BCP Eastleach CB  
 6.00 pm Evening Prayer BCP Coln HPW  
 6.00 pm Evening Prayer BCP Southrop RL

**Holy Week**

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup>** Fairford  
**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>** Fairford  
**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>** 6.30pm Evening Prayer BCP Eastleach CW  
**Maundy Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>** 7pm Holy Communion CW Coln CB/JE

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> (Good Friday)**

9 am-12 noon 3 hour watch Coln CB

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April**

6.00pm Holy Communion CW Hatherop CB

**Sunday 20th April (Easter Sunday)**

9.30 am Holy Communion CW Quenington RL  
 9.30 am Holy Communion CW Southrop CB  
 11.00am Holy Communion BCP Eastleach CB  
 11.00am Holy Communion CW Coln Rev. Paul  
 Springate/PP

**Sunday 27th April**

9.30 am Holy Communion BCP Quenington CB  
 11.00 am Morning Prayer BCP Eastleach JE  
 6.00 pm Evening Prayer BCP Southrop JE

**BCP – traditional language****CW – contemporary language****HYMNS AND READINGS**

**6th April** **Fifth Sunday of Lent** **Purple**  
 HC & FC Romans 8:6-11 John 11:1-45  
 MP & EP Psalm 130 Ezekiel 37:1-14 John 11:1-45  
 HYMNS: 157 70 334

**13th April** **Palm Sunday** **Purple**  
 HC & FC Philippians 2: 5-11 Matthew 21:1-11  
 MP & EP Psalm 31: 9-16 Isaiah 50: 4-9a Matthew 21:1-11  
 HYMNS: 60 61 63 (omit 4 & 6)

**17th April** **Maundy Thursday** **Purple**  
 HC & FC 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 John 13:1-17, 31b-35  
 HYMNS: 261 260 (2nd tune) 391

**19th April** **Saturday Easter Eve** **White**  
 HC Romans 6:3-11 Matthew 28:1-10  
 HYMNS: Sing Choirs of Heaven 77 73

**20th April** **Easter Day** **White**  
 HC & FC Acts 10:34-43 Matthew 28:1-10  
 HYMNS: 75 77 73

**27th April** **2nd Sunday of Easter** **White**  
 HC & FC Acts 2: 14a 22-32 John 20:19-end  
 MP & EP Psalm 16 Acts 2: 14a 22-32 John 20:19-end  
 HYMNS: 83 82 78