

## FROM THE VICAR

Before the time of Jesus, what we now know as the Feast of Epiphany was the Festival of Dionysus, the Greek god of wine. Fountains would sometimes run with wine rather than water, and devotees would imitate Bacchus and Silenus in an orgy of drunkenness.

The church in its wisdom replaced the Dionysus myth with the story of Jesus turning water into wine at the wedding feast in Cana (chapter two of John's gospel), a 'Sign' of God's coming kingdom. We looked at that story in four of our churches a couple of weeks ago, and reflected on what the sign (like an elephant advertising a circus) revealed.

Two themes emerged. The first was of *replacement*. It wasn't just any old water that was turned into wine at Cana, but specifically water that had been set apart for the Jewish rites of purification. Jesus, from the very start of his ministry, was replacing religiosity with reality. And yet so often in our churches we behave as though God is religious, more interested in what happens in the narrow confines of our buildings than in the great world of despair and hope around us. Parishioners constantly accost me about our services – that they're too traditional, or not traditional enough; I long to hear people asking how we can better serve the world's poor, or bring the warmth of God's love to more of our neighbours.

The second theme was of *abundance*. The 'firkins' in our old church Bibles translate to more than a thousand bottles of wine – take that, Dionysus! A rule of thumb that I use as a Christian minister is that any sort of religion, Christian or other, that diminishes us as human beings is false. Where there is pettiness, judgementalness or spite, there the Spirit of God is absent; and where there is love, warmth and celebration – in church or at a wedding party – there God is to be found.

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I shall be away on an extended break during February – my first significant holiday since starting work here nearly a year ago. For routine church matters during that time please contact the churchwardens (details inside the front cover) or one of the other Team Clergy – details on our website or *via* the wardens. Thank you.

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

## FROM THE REGISTERS

Congratulations to **Andrew Johnston & Laura Sedzikowski, Olly Barrant & Zoe MacDonald** and **Emily Van Oss & George Lawson**, who were married in our churches recently.

Our love & prayers are with the families & friends of **Roy Barber**, whose funeral we conducted recently, and also with Martin and the family after **Jilly Scott's** death.

## LENT 2016

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday (February 10th) – for details of our services that day see page 9. This year there is no Lent Course being arranged by the South Cotswolds Team as a whole, but Lechlade and Fairford churches are running Lent study groups, to which all are welcome – details can be found on their websites.

Towards the end of the season, as a preparation for Holy Week and Easter, John Partington will be leading a theological reflection, ‘Why the Cross?’, looking at four Biblical images (metaphors not paintings!) of the death of Christ. As with our studies in Luke last December, a single session will be repeated in three different venues – just pick the time that suits you: Monday 14 March, 7.30 pm at Fairford Church Room; Tuesday 15 March, 10.30 am at Ampney Crucis Rectory; Wednesday 16 March, 2.30 pm at Coln St Aldwyns Vicarage.

## 'BOOKS AND BRING & BUY' IN QUENINGTON

Come, and bring your friends, to a special charity sale in Quenington Village Hall on Saturday 5 March, 2.00 - 4.00 pm. Most proceeds will be given to the Red Cross Appeal for refugees in Europe and in Syria; some will be given to St Swithin's Church, Quenington.

Items for the **Bring & Buy**, including raffle items, toys, bric & brac and clothes (some of your unwanted Christmas presents?) can be brought to any of the monthly coffee mornings; or as indicated in future months' editions of this magazine. All proceeds to the Red Cross Appeal.

**Books** are being sold with proceeds shared between the Red Cross and Quenington church – part of our regular *CHEQS booksales* for church and charity. Books can be brought to the coffee mornings, or to the Vicarage, or left in any of the CHEQS churches.

Bring your donations to the village Hall on Saturday 13th 10.00 am - 12 noon or Friday 4 March 6.00 pm - 7.30 pm or Saturday 5 March 10.00 am - 11.00 am. If you would like us to collect items, call Antonia on 07581 294139.

## **WORSHIP FOR FAMILIES**

This year we're continuing our pattern of holding at least one 'All-Age' Service each month in the CHEQS churches. After our service on January 31st there will however be no All-Age service in February. We make up for that in March, with four services which will be particularly suitable for children:

**March 6th** (Mothering Sunday) – 11.00 am Family Service in Coln church;

**March 20th** (Palm Sunday) – 11.00 am Donkey Procession at The Swan in Southrop;

**March 25th** (Good Friday) – 2.00 pm Children's Service and Easter Garden making at Quenington Village Hall;

**March 27th** (Easter Day) – 9.30 am Family Communion in Quenington church followed by an Easter Egg hunt in the churchyard.

## **HATHEROP CASTLE NEWS**

2016, a leap year, one whole extra day ... how will we use this extra time? Yes, it is a working day, and in Hatherop Castle School's busy schedule we are very grateful for any additional working time.

Due to a very early Easter this year, our term is shorter than normal, but in true educational madness no traditional events are suspended. How would it be possible to select one much enjoyed event to be abandon, would it be the House Singing Competition, where our three Houses face one another with a well-rehearsed musical item or Theme Week when we dispense with the curriculum to focus on one specific event or events. This year in particular would be impossible to drop as we are learning about the nine decades our Queen has been alive. This will be a fascinating experience for pupils and children alike: just think about all the changes she has witnessed in her life time! Maybe the pupils would select Exam Week to be deleted from the calendar but again I think that this is something that truly cannot be allowed to happen. We also have our very exciting Open Day on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> with the theme "A Royal Celebration", surely an event not to be missed by anyone. Before this Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> is our Scholarship Day when external and internal candidates can shine in their own areas of excellence.

So as you can see we will be busy up on the hill and will sincerely appreciate that extra day on the 29<sup>th</sup>. If you would like any further information about our Scholarship Day or Open Day please phone 01285 750206 and ask to speak to Debbie Whitehouse.

## ROGER SCOONES

*We're delighted to announce that in April a newly-retired clergyman, Roger Scoones, will be moving to the CHEQS churches from Manchester Diocese, to enjoy some well-earned rest in the Cotswolds ... and to be useful in our five churches. This will not displace any of our current ministers, but will bring the group up to strength so that we can minister more effectively, and less hurriedly; and so that we can continue to develop the worship and fellowship life of our different church communities.*



*We asked Roger to write about himself for us:*

Retirement! what does that mean?

When I was twenty-one years old I was given a booklet entitled 'My Pension' by the Solicitor to whom I was then articulated, in Plymouth. Retirement seemed a long way off in 1969! At last it has become a reality, and one which I am facing with a sense of excitement and slight trepidation.

As I was explaining to someone at a Carol Service before Christmas, the Church of England has been very good to me over many years, giving me work to do and somewhere to live! I have been greatly blessed, and my life in the ordained ministry has been a very happy, fulfilling and challenging one.

In 1982, to my surprise God called me away from the West Country, to serve in the North of England, – where I have remained ever since. The people of that first parish in Liverpool, and then in Bradford where I served in the Cathedral, have left an indelible impression on me, and I am leaving many dear friends to come south once again.

My calling to be a parish priest has led me to two quite different parishes in Cheshire, one a market town, Congleton, where I was very happy; and then by contrast to Stockport, where I have spent the last nineteen years engaged in bringing a struggling town-centre church into the twenty-first century.

The prospect of moving away from the bright lights of the vibrant city of Manchester and the spectacular hill country of the Peak District, both close at hand, leave me feeling sad, but satisfied, in having been permitted to spend a large part of my life serving the Lord here, amongst such lovely people and in such a beautiful part of the country.

Early in my ordained ministry I was invited to take a winter chaplaincy in the Swiss Alps, with the Intercontinental Church Society, with whom I'd worked before going to theological college in Bristol. As a skier, I have been blessed in being able to continue my ministry in Switzerland ever since, and being still fit enough to ski, and walk (though not seriously), I am a regular traveller to Wengen which is somewhere I have come to know and love.

My great-grandfather was an artist, and his appreciation of watercolour painting has come down to me through my mother; and though not being at all proficient, but keen to become more skilled, I look forward to spending time doing more painting, and perhaps to singing in a choir, if a bass is needed. I am looking forward to a quieter life in the countryside, after many years of rushing around in a great conurbation, which I have to admit, has suited me down to the ground.

Above all, I am ready and willing to being of use to God and the church, and to the community in which I hope to find a home. I am very much looking forward to, as someone has written to me, "a new era of ministry". I love the Bible, and I value the opportunity for preaching the Word. I am happy talking to children ... and meeting people from all ages, to be honest.

I consider myself to have been very fortunate to have been called to live in the north of England for so many years, a time of lasting friendship and of Christian fellowship and service which will stay with me as happy memories as I settle into a new, very different, way of life – retirement, whatever that means!

Rev Roger Scoones

Rector, St Mary's Stockport

## **MARRIAGE BY DESIGN**

Week by week in all our churches we are used to welcoming couples who are going to marry in one of the CHEQS villages. They come to get to know us, to hear their banns read – and also because it's sometimes part of a process of qualifying to marry in one of our churches. We have two highly efficient wedding clerks (Margaret Davey for E & S and Jackie Cullum for C, H & Q) who guide them (and the clergy!) through the bureaucratic labyrinth of arranging a wedding.

What is now so widely known is that we also run a marriage preparation course for them – preparing not to get married but to stay married! Entitled 'Marriage by Design' we hold it at the Rural Innovation Centre in Harnhill – and feedback from the couples who attend tells us that it's very much appreciated!

## HATHEROP C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

2016 has begun extremely well at Hatherop C of E Primary School because as well as being ranked tenth in Gloucestershire by The Times in December, we were



The winning swimming gala team

also declared the overall winners at the small schools swimming gala held in early January. The swimming gala, held at the Cotswold Leisure Centre, includes individual events, as well as relays. There had been much anticipation from the

pupils because in 2014, we were third; in 2015 we were second and so in 2016 we hoped the trend would continue with a win. Arriving back at school the pupils kept their victory hidden from Mrs Nolan their class teacher, explaining they had come last – until revealing they had come first at lunchtime!

We focus on a different value each term. This term our value is Generosity. We are thinking about: Who in the Bible was generous? How does it feel when someone shares with you? How can we be generous to those around us today? How can we be generous to help future generations? We are using the example given in Luke chapter 21, ‘The widow’s offering’ to help us. We are using resources from [www.40acts.org.uk](http://www.40acts.org.uk) with the whole school having a daily challenge to be generous with their words, time and actions!

To find out what is going on at our thriving , very successful village school, please follow us on twitter [@hatheropcofe](https://twitter.com/hatheropcofe) or look at [www.hatherop.gloucs.sch.uk](http://www.hatherop.gloucs.sch.uk)

## BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

On average, we use the old 1662 Book of Common Prayer fourteen times each month in the CHEQS churches – including some of the few remaining services of 1662 Matins (the full works including the *Te Deum*) in Gloucestershire. We feel that this is something worth celebrating, and are taking steps to have these services publicized by the *Prayer Book Society*.

## CONFIRMATION

Have you, and others in your family, been ‘confirmed’? It’s an occasion for those who were baptized (‘christened’) as young children to affirm their adult faith as Christians, and each year a few teenagers and adults in the CHEQS villages (of every age) take this step.

Nowadays it’s not a necessary step for receiving Communion – baptized adults and children are welcome to share the sacrament (though younger children are invited to undertake a preparation course first). And with the growing number of people being baptized later in life, such as the CHEQS teenagers baptized last year, not every churchgoer will necessarily ever be confirmed.

There will be a couple of Confirmation services in our Team of churches this year, conducted by our Bishop, Rachel Treweek, and we warmly invite you to take this step if you’d like to affirm your faith in Christ in this way. Just have a word with any of our clergy!

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## OTHER CHURCHES

**ST MARY’S, FAIRFORD** – Open daily, 10.00am - 5.00pm. 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 (HC 1st, 3rd, 5th; MP 4th; All-Age 2nd); 6.00 pm Evening Worship (Evensong 1st, 3rd, 4th; Holy Communion 2nd; Healing 5th). For weekday activities see [www.stlawrencelechlade.org.uk](http://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](http://www.stthomasparish.plus.com) or contact Fr Michael Robertson on 01285 712586 or [michael.robertson@priest.cliftondiocese.com](mailto:michael.robertson@priest.cliftondiocese.com)

**FAIRFORD UNITED CHURCH (CONGREGATIONAL/METHODIST)** – Sunday services start at 10.00 am each week. On Sundays when there is no All-Age Worship, there is Sunday School provision for children. Fairly traded goods are available for sale after Sunday services. Our monthly Contact Group meetings will be on Friday 5 February and 4 March, 12.30 - 2.30 pm: meet friends old and new over tea/coffee and light refreshments.

**LECHLADE BAPTIST CHURCH** – Sunday 10:30 am Morning Worship (with prayer from 9.45 am); 6:00 pm Evening Worship (2nd & 3rd Sundays); 7.15 pm *SNAP* Youth Service (4th/5th Sundays). For weekday activities etc see [www.lechladebaptistchurch.org.uk](http://www.lechladebaptistchurch.org.uk)

## SERVICES IN FEBRUARY

### Sunday 7

8.30 am	Holy Communion	Hatherop	<i>DBb</i>
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Southrop	<i>RS</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>JS or LH</i>

### Wednesday 10 *Ash Wednesday*

12 noon	Holy Communion	Fairford	<i>CS</i>
7.30 pm	Holy Communion	Lechlade	<i>AC</i>

### Sunday 14

9.30 am	Holy Communion	Quenington	<i>AK</i>
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Eastleach	<i>TR</i>
6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Southrop	<i>JS or LH</i>
6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Coln	<i>JK</i>

### Sunday 21

9.30 am	Holy Communion	Southrop	<i>MH</i>
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Coln	<i>MH</i>
11.00 am	Morning Prayer	Eastleach	<i>JS or LH</i>
6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Quenington	<i>JS or LH</i>

### Sunday 28

11.00 am	Holy Communion *	Hatherop	<i>JS or LH</i>
11.00 am	Morning Prayer	Eastleach	<i>JE</i>
6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Southrop	<i>JE</i>

*\* united service for the three-church parish*



## FORTY DAYS & FORTY NIGHTS

The month-and-a-half leading up to Easter is celebrated by churches as the reflective season of 'Lent'. Its name is linked to the word 'lengthen', and speaks of the increase of daylight and the coming of Spring. So it's not all gloom and penitence, and although most churches adopt a more subdued style during this time, it's more a time of reflectiveness and a desire for spiritual depth than simply of abstinence or austerity.

The season begins with **Ash Wednesday**, which this year falls on February 10th. We're holding three services that day. The first is our monthly school service in Southrop (at 9.00 am in church with a warm welcome extended as always to villagers of every age). Then there are services of Holy Communion, with the (optional!) imposition of ashes, at Fairford and Lechlade churches at 12 noon and 7.30 pm respectively. All are welcome.

*There will be no services of Evening Prayer at 6.00 pm on Saturdays this month; but we shall as usual be holding a said service of Evening Prayer at Eastleach at 6.30 pm on the fourth Wednesday – 24th. Why not join us for this quiet time of reflective worship?*

## READINGS, PSALMS, HYMNS & COLOURS

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| <b>7</b> ( <i>1 Lent</i> )  | Psalm 99; Hymns 4, 318, 122<br>Exodus 34. 29-35; Luke 9. 28-36   | <i>green</i>  |
| <b>14</b> ( <i>Lent 1</i> ) | Psalm 91. 1-11; Hymns 56, 208, 224<br>Deuteronomy 26. 1-11; Luke 4. 1-13                                   | <i>purple</i> |
| <b>21</b> ( <i>Lent 2</i> ) | Psalm 27; Hymns 220, 237, 212<br>Genesis 15. 1-12 (E & Q);, Philippians 3.17 - 4.1 (C & S); Luke 13. 31-35 | <i>purple</i> |
| <b>28</b> ( <i>Lent 3</i> ) | Psalm 63. 1-8; Hymns 209, 113, 214<br>Isaiah 55. 1-9; Luke 13 1-9  | <i>purple</i> |

## **Eastleach & Southrop Friendship Circle**

### **JUMBLE SALE**

**27<sup>th</sup> February Southrop Village Hall**

**2.00pm Entry 20p**

**Donations of jumble, bric a brac, cakes, books, toys etc**

**can be left at the Hall on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> 2 – 3.30pm**

**or Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> 10 – 11am.**

Contact Tel. Sally Parris 01367 850321 or Jane Jenkinson 01367 85039

### **QUENINGTON VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB DRAW**

Christmas Superdraw winners -1st No 4 S.Bloxham, 2nd No 26 J Daly, 3rd No 39 R Cullum

Please remember to renew your numbers for 2016. New members always welcome. Contact David Bostock on 01285 750 456

### **HATHEROP TRAVELLING SUPPER**

All Hatherop villagers are warmly invited to the Travelling Supper on **Saturday 19 March**, with drinks & dinner at various houses from 7.00 pm. Further details will be sent out soon, but please put the date in your diary!

### **SOUTHROP WELCOMES ..**

... Natasha Jeffrey to Chestnut Cottage, 8 The Farriers.

## **CHEQS GARDENING CLUB**

The Gardening Club does not meet during the winter months. However, a date for the calendar is the first meeting of the New Year on Tuesday 8 March, 7.30 pm at Southrop Village Hall. We will be welcoming Timothy Walker, a distinguished lecturer and formerly at Oxford Botanic garden. His talk is titled "A Blaze of Glory" on how we can plan for colour in garden through the autumn to the first frosts. New members are very welcome and can just turn up at the meeting. Annual subscription is £6 single and £10 joint. We are fortunate that our members enjoy a discount at the Burford Garden centre for purchases with a root! Guests are welcome at lectures and visits for a fee of £3 (in addition to any admission charges). As a Club we can arrange visits to gardens that are not normally open to the public.

The programme for 2016 is an exciting one. Our first visit takes place on the afternoon of Tuesday 12 April when we will meet at 2.00 pm at The Old Rectory, Wantage. Admission including refreshments is £7. This is a spring garden perched high on the Berkshire Downs. The Plant Sale & Supper is on May 10th at 6.00 pm. Later in the year the visits include Daylesford House in June, The Old Vicarage at Bledington in July and a double visit in September to Bush House Garden Wiggington and South Newington House Garden.

## **LECHLADE HISTORY SOCIETY.**

The next meeting will be on Monday 15th at 7.15 pm for 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall, Witney: 'Blanket Making'. Keith Crawford worked for the Witney blanket firm from 1976 to 1990 and is an expert on the history of this iconic industry which once dominated the town. Guests welcome, £4 entry. Contact Alan Garnell on 01367 253087 or visit [www.lechladehistory.co.uk](http://www.lechladehistory.co.uk).

## **HILARY COTTAGE PATIENTS PARTICIPATION GROUP**

Please come along to a **Coffee Morning**, 9.15 - 11.15 am on Tuesday 9th at the Barker Room, Fairford Community Centre, to meet and chat to members of Hilary Cottage Patients Participation Group. We all live in and around Fairford and serve as volunteers. We work with the staff of Hilary Cottage Practice to ensure that the patients' perspective is at the heart of local healthcare provision. Find out more about what we do, and our plans for 2016.

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## **COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS**

Community First Responders (CFR) are volunteers who support their local community by attending emergency calls ahead of an Ambulance.

CFRs are trained to attend medical emergencies where it might be essential for the patient to receive immediate life-saving care. No previous medical training is needed to become a CFR. CFRs are an integral part of the local Ambulance Service. Before appointment and issue of equipment, volunteers will be expected to have completed an enhanced Disclosure & Barring Service check and will receive training, including a day “on-shift” with a crew.

The local group, which covers an area from Lechlade through Fairford to Kempsford, meets monthly. Local CFRs are encouraged to attend as part of their continuing training and support.

Interested? Find out more from Stephen Andrews ([andrews@btinternet.com](mailto:andrews@btinternet.com), 07795 915902) or David Chapman ([davidcchapman999@gmail.com](mailto:davidcchapman999@gmail.com), 01367 850454).

## **QUENINGTON VILLAGE HALL COFFEE MORNING**

The next coffee morning will be held on Saturday 13th, 10.30 am - 12 noon. Meet up with friends and enjoy coffee and home-made cakes at our regular monthly coffee morning. Raffle and book exchange. Cakes welcome – just bring them along – costs will be reimbursed! Contact Janet Goddard, 01285 750323.

## **COLN CINEMA**

Invites you to a showing of “*Selma*” at Vicarage Cottage Barn on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm. (doors open 7.00 pm.)

SELMA is the story of a movement. The film chronicles the tumultuous three-month period in 1965, when Dr Martin Luther King Jr led a dangerous campaign to secure equal voting rights in the face of violent opposition. The epic march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, culminated in President Lyndon Johnson (Tom Wilkinson) signing the Voting Rights Act of 1965, one of the most significant victories for the civil rights movement. Director Ava DuVernay tells the real story of how the revered leader and visionary Martin Luther King (David Oyelowo) and his brothers and sisters in the movement prompted change that forever altered history. Cert. 12A 128 mins. \*\*\*\*

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## CHEQS DIARY

*for Sunday services see centre pages*

- Feb 9 9.15 am Hilary Cottage Patients Participation Coffee Morning
- Feb 10 9.00 am Southrop School Service (*all welcome*)  
12 noon Ash Wednesday Communion at Fairford church  
7.30 pm Ash Wednesday Communion at Lechlade church
- Feb 13 10.30 am Quenington Village Coffee Morning  
7.30 pm Mambo Jambo in concert, Quenington Village Hall
- Feb 15 7.15 pm Lechlade History Society, Witney Blanket Making
- Feb 19 7.30 pm Coln Cinema, Selma
- Feb 24 6.30 pm Evening Prayer at Eastleach church
- Feb 27 2.00 pm Eastleach and Southrop Friendship Circle Jumble Sale
- Feb 28 7.15 pm *SNAP* youth open-mic night at Lechlade Baptist Church
- Mar 3 Friendship Circle, Uke Bok Jury, Eastleach
- Mar 4 5.00 pm Evening Prayer at Quenington church
- Mar 5 2.00 pm Quenington Bring & Buy and Book Sale
- Mar 8 7.30 pm CHEQS Gardening Talk at Southrop Village Hall
- Mar 9 7.30 pm Hatherop Congregational Meeting
- Mar 13 7.30 pm *SNAP* youth service at Fairford church
- Mar 14 7.30 pm ‘Why the Cross?’ at Fairford Market Hall (*see page 2*)
- Mar 15 10.30 am ‘Why the Cross?’ at Ampney Crucis Rectory (*see page 2*)
- Mar 16 2.30 pm ‘Why the Cross?’ at Coln St Aldwyns Vicarage (*see page 2*)
- Mar 19 7.00 pm Hatherop Village Travelling Supper
- Mar 21 10.00 am Holy Communion (*Holy Week*)
- Mar 22 10.00 am Holy Communion (*Holy Week*)
- Mar 23 10.00 am Holy Communion (*Holy Week*)
- Mar 24 10.30 am Maundy Thursday Communion at Fairford church  
1.00 pm Southrop School Easter Service (*all welcome*)  
2.00 pm Hatherop School Easter Service (*all welcome*)  
7.30 pm Maundy Thursday Agapé at Lechlade church  
7.30 pm Maundy Thursday Communion at Fairford church
- Mar 25 9.00 am Three-Hour Meditation at Coln church  
2.00 pm Good Friday children’s service at Quenington Village Hall
- Mar 26 9.00 pm Compline at Coln church
- Mar 29 6.30 pm Evening Prayer at Coln church (*John Keble died, 1866*)