

## FROM THE VICAR

It is my pleasure to write for the CHEQS magazine, which I know is well-known and well-read by many, and I am grateful to John Partington for this opportunity. Over the past few months it has been very good to get to know the eastern section of the benefice, namely the parishioners of Eastleach and Southrop. It has been a real joy to uncover some of the personalities, traditions and hopes of these long-established worshipping communities and to journey with them, as together we seek to establish the Kingdom of God in our own lives and in the lives of others.

Advent is that rather strange time of expectation and preparation before the big event of Christmas. It is a season mostly unknown and unloved by people outside Church circles, with the possible exception of Advent Calendars, which are mostly an excuse to poke open little windows and gorge on chocolate...

Advent is a great corrective to our instant gratification, “have what you want, when you want”, addicted to luxury, culture. It is a time to discipline ourselves with waiting and to ponder what it could mean if God became one of us. The helpful custom of the Advent wreath is a reminder that the patriarchs, prophets, John the Baptist and Mary (among others) all prepared the way for Christ, the Light of the World.

Our Anglican liturgy also reminds us that the first coming of Christ into the world at Bethlehem makes way for the second coming of Christ, when Christ will come again with great power and glory to usher in a new age. Christ as helpless infant becomes Christ our Judge, perhaps something we are less familiar with and certainly less comfortable with. That is at it should be.



Christianity should always retain the power to disturb as well as comfort, and to ask questions as well as provide answers.

May Advent this year lead us deeper into the God of the Scriptures, who is both holiness and love.

Andrew Cinnamond

## **QUIET DAY**

Many of you will remember Rev Michael Hand, who led such a warmly appreciated Good Friday meditation last year. We're very pleased that he's agreed to come and lead a Quiet Day for us next February. Fuller details will be given in the next couple of CHEQS magazines, but please note the following, make and put it in your new 2018 diaries!

QUIET DAY on Tuesday 6 February at Harnhill, 10.00 am - 3.00 pm; cost £10. Liquid refreshment provided, but bring your own lunch – book with Jane Kidd at [jane@colnstaldwyns.com](mailto:jane@colnstaldwyns.com).

## **QUENINGTON VILLAGE HALL COFFEE MORNING**

The next coffee morning will be held on Saturday, 9th 10.30 am-12 noon.. Meet 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! Contact Janet Goddard, 01285 75032

## **EASTLEACH AND SOUTHROP CHISTMAS SERVICES**

The popular Candlelit Carol service returns to Bouthrop Church (Stt. Michael & Martin in Eastleach Martin) at 6.00 pm on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> and will be followed as usual by drinks and snacks in the Arkells' barn. Morning Prayer on Christmas Eve will be in St Andrew's at 11.00 am and will be a little shorter than usual with a three-minute Thought for the Day instead of the usual longer sermon. And on Christmas Day the now traditional service of Morning Prayer will be in St Andrew's at 11.00 am led by John Exelby.

Southrop's 'Story of Christmas' with readings and carols is in St. Peter's at 6.00 pm on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> followed by drinks and mince pies in the Village hall to which everyone is welcome. Everyone is also invited to Southrop School's carol service at 1.00 pm on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> again in St. Peter's. Christmas Eve at 4.00 pm sees the Crib Service for children from our villages and we hope that lots of shepherds and shepherdesses, wise men and women and more than three wise people will join the celebration – plus Marys and Josephs of course. The birth of Christ will be celebrated later that day with a service of Holy Communion at 11.30 pm led by Ron Lloyd.

Services and celebrations in Lechlade can be found on the church's website and all of us involved in our new partnership with Lechlade wish you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year

# **CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

IN THE CHEQS GROUP OF CHURCHES

## **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>**

**6.00 pm      'Story of Christmas'      Southrop**

## **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>**

**6.00 pm      Carol Service      Coln**

## **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>**

**6.00 pm      Carols by Candlelight      Bouthrop**

## **Christmas Eve**

**4.00 pm      Crib Service (i)      Quenington**

**4.00 pm      Crib Service      Southrop**

**5.30 pm      Crib Service (ii)      Quenington**

**11.15 pm      Midnight Communion      Coln**

**11.30 pm      Midnight Communion      Southrop**

## **Christmas Day**

**9.30 am      Festival Communion      Quenington**

**11.00 am      Festival Communion      Hatherop**

**11.00 am      Christmas Matins      Eastleach**

## **EASTLEACH SERVICES – IS THERE A DEMAND FOR A WIDER CHOICE?**

Eastleach has a long and proud tradition of providing the 1662 Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Morning Service at 11am on most Sundays. The service is loved for its heritage and the beauty of its historical language, but it is acknowledged that it may not be of universal appeal, particularly to younger worshippers.

During the year, there are several well-attended special services at both of our churches, including Remembrance Sunday, Harvest Festival, a Village Thanksgiving, the Bouthrop candle-lit Carol Service, the Keble Evensong and occasionally a pets' service.

Whilst mindful and respectful of our long tradition with the BCP, we're conscious that the range of services may not be providing regular worship opportunities for families with children – some of whom travel outside the CHEQS parishes in search of more family friendly services.

As we approach Advent and Christmas, we invite anyone to let us know if there is a demand for other forms of regular services at Eastleach, in addition to those already on offer. We want to support and encourage greater attendance and generational succession for our great and historic places of worship – if there is a demand.

Please let me have your views. by 31<sup>st</sup> December.

Best wishes. Tim Lawson, on behalf of Eastleach PCC – [timglawson@me.com](mailto:timglawson@me.com)

## **CRIB SERVICES IN QUENINGTON**

For health and safety reasons we've decided to have *two* services this year on Christmas Eve in Quenington, at 4.00 & 5.30 pm. They will be similar to one another, and children of all ages (and their families) are welcome at either .. but the earlier one will perhaps be pitched a little more for pre-schoolers and the later one for school-age children. You are invited to bring your children in costume if you wish – shepherds, angels, the holy family or an animal .. whatever!

## **A DAY OF REFLECTION**

On Thursday January 11th we are very pleased that our respected and much loved Canon Ron Lloyd is going to lead a day of reflection. It will be a quiet day running from 10.00 am to about 3.30 pm at the Barn House, Swyre Farm. There will be some soup at lunchtime but space is very limited. If you want to book a place please email [jane@colnstaldwyns.com](mailto:jane@colnstaldwyns.com) as soon as possible.

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

At the time of writing we are looking forward to welcoming Bishop Rachel to our school on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. While she is with us she will bless our new nurture facility, and officially christen it 'The Cabin', also recognising the school being given the GHLL Mental Health Champions Award.

At Southrop School we wish to nurture our pupils' mental well-being as much as their physical health. It is a sad fact that in these more highly pressured modern times, more and more children and young people are suffering from mental health issues. Our aim is to give any youngsters who need it, support early on to build their self-esteem, understand their feelings and manage their social interactions with their peers

## **RBL POPPY APPEAL – EASTLEACH & FYFIELD**

Many thanks to the house-to-house collectors, the PCC for the church collection and everyone for their generosity. Together we raised £1,690.49 Jackie Arkell

## **WHAT CAN WE DO TO HELP?**

This was the thought in many people's minds after seeing the moving and challenging film 'I, Daniel Blake' at the Coln Cinema last season. The story featured two individuals who became trapped in poverty through no fault of their own, and their struggle to help themselves and each other. A food bank featured, along with the difficulties of getting help through Social Services. Shortly afterwards, I was pleased to see local food bank volunteers giving out information at Tesco's in Cirencester, where there is a container for people to give donations of suitable items.

A different scheme is run by The Friar Tuck Fish & Chip shop in Dyer Street, Cirencester. The 'suspended coffee' idea seems to have started several years ago in Italy, where café customers could pay for an extra coffee which would be allocated to someone in need. The Friar Tuck has taken this idea on board, and money can be put on account which then pays for a meal or a hot drink for someone who needs it but can't afford to pay. Donations and deductions are recorded in a book, and the manager of the Friar Tuck works closely with other organisations in the town to establish who might be in need. If there is no money on account, the staff ensure that the person is at least given a hot drink.

So, if you are concerned about homeless people and others in severe need, it's great that there are at least two very practical ways in which you can help locally. For more information, contact Margaret Stranks on 01285 750402.

## HATHEROP CASTLE SCHOOL

Christmas is always a magical time and spending our first Christmas at Hatherop Castle this year is particularly exciting. Schools around the country get to enjoy Christmas twice as we all spend the final weeks of term enjoying various Christmas events and festivities before we break up. The highlights for Hatherop are the Pre-Prep and Nursery Nativity, our choir singing at our own Carol Service and at the Christmas market in Fairford. On the final day of term, we have our Christmas Open Morning. This year we are celebrating the 'Christmas Jumper' and asking the school community to dig their jumpers out from the drawer and enjoy wearing it. The more festive and ridiculous the better!

I expect households across the community are opening Advent calendars to prepare for Christmas. These calendars have evolved over the years and certainly have changed from when I was a child. There are so many different varieties; chocolate, Lego, Play Mobil and I have even seen a gin advent calendar! This year, Hatherop Castle will have their own advent calendar but with a slight difference. The 'Random Acts of Kindness' Calendar will be opened each morning and hidden behind each door will be a random act of kindness, which all the children will try to offer during the course of the day. As Aesop said:

No act of kindness, however small, is ever wasted.

Kindness should be at the centre of all that we do and being kind is so simple and it means so much to receive. At Christmas we all look forward to giving and receiving presents. However just as Christmas is not all about presents, kindness is not just about the giving of gifts. Being kind can be as simple as smiling at someone you pass in the street, or holding a door open, or offering to carry the shopping. It costs us nothing. At Hatherop Castle, we constantly remind the children about the importance of kindness and how often an act of kindness can be repaid. There is a wonderful video on Youtube, called Kindness Boomerang which illustrates this perfectly: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=nwAYpLVyeFU](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nwAYpLVyeFU)

As we all enjoy the festivities and fun at Christmas I am sure we will spare a thought for those not as fortunate and perhaps find ways we can offer kindness to those who are not able to enjoy a Christmas we all can look forward to. A small group of Hatherop pupils have been helping the Salvation Army in Cirencester to pack up Christmas hampers that will be donated to those families in our local communities who need them most. A simple act, but one that will mean so much to those recipients and reinforces one of the schools principle values.

From us all at Hatherop Castle, I wish you all a very happy, peaceful and kind Christmas.

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH – SOUTHROP**

In view of the numerous residents' changes in the Village I am in the process of updating the Neighbourhood Watch list.

If you'd like to be included please email [helen20022002@aol.com](mailto:helen20022002@aol.com) confirming your current email address or telephone 850204. Many thanks

Helen Brookes 01367 850 204 (Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, Southrop)

## **SOUTHROP CHARITY CLAY SHOOT**

made £5,500 profit this year and this has been distributed to our three Village Charities:

The Village Hall; Jubilee Close (the playing fields); St Peter's Church.

The Shoot Committee would like to thank the many volunteers from both Southrop and the other CHEQS Villages, without your help and commitment we would not be able to put on such an enjoyable and successful day.

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**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](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: 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](http://www.lechladebaptistchurch.org)

## SUNDAY SERVICES IN DECEMBER

### Sunday 3 *Advent*

8.30 am	Holy Communion	Hatherop	<i>JP &amp; RS</i>
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Southrop	<i>AK</i>
11.00 am	Morning Prayer	Eastleach	<i>JE</i>
6.00 pm	Advent Carols	Coln	<i>JP</i>

### Sunday 10

9.30 am	Holy Communion	Quenington	<i>JP</i>
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Eastleach	<i>JC</i>
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Coln	<i>MB</i>
6.00 pm	'The story of Christmas'	Southrop	<i>AC</i>

### Sunday 17

8.30 am	Holy Communion	Hatherop	<i>LH</i>
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Southrop	<i>RS</i>
11.00 am	Morning Prayer	Eastleach	<i>GL</i>
6.00 pm	Christmas Carols	Coln	<i>RS &amp; JP</i>

### Sunday 24 *Christmas Eve*

11.00 am	Morning Prayer	Eastleach	<i>JE</i>
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*for other Christmas Eve and Christmas services see page 3*

### Sunday 31

11.00 am	Holy Communion *	Quenington	<i>JP</i>
11.00 am	Morning Prayer	Eastleach	<i>RL</i>

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

## SPECIAL SERVICES THIS MONTH

We've our usual large range of Christmas services – something for all the family. For details see page ?

This year the Sunday after Christmas falls on New Year's Eve. As well as continuing our celebration of the Christmas story we shall be thanking God for the past year and looking to the future, in united services for the two halves of CHEQS – 11.00 am at Quenington and Eastleach.

*Most of our services for the coming twelve months will include readings from Mark's gospel – the shortest and in some ways the most compelling of the accounts of Jesus' life and death. Join us as we follow the story from its start this month!*

*On the first Sunday of January our services will be at the usual times:*

*8.30 am Holy Communion at Hatherop (RS); 9.30 am Holy Communion at Southrop (??);  
11.00 am Holy Communion at Coln (MB); 11.00 am Morning Prayer at Eastleach (??);  
6.00 pm Evening Prayer at Quenington (MS)*

## KEY TO WORSHIP LEADERS

AC – Andrew Cinnamond; JE – John Exelby; JC – Jonathan Clark; JP – John Partington;  
MB – Margaret Bettis; MS – Mike Stranks; RL – Ron Lloyd; RS – Roger Scoones

## READINGS, PSALMS, HYMNS & COLOURS

- 3** (*Advent*) Psalm 122; Hymns 31, 24, 26 *purple*  
1 Corinthians 1. 3-9; Mark 13. 24-37
- 10** (*Advent 2*) Psalm 72. 1-7; Hymns 142, 27, 470 *purple*  
Isaiah 40. 1-11; Mark 1. 1-8
- 17** (*Advent 3*) Psalm 146. 4-9; Hymns 180, 343, 142 *purple*  
1 Thessalonians 5. 16-24; John 1. 6-8, 19-28
- 24** *for Christmas Eve readings see separate rota*
- 31** (*Christmas 1*) Psalm 148. 1-14; Hymns 39, 37, 250 *white*  
Galatians 4. 4-7; Luke 2. 15-21
- 7** (*Baptism of Christ*) Psalm 29; Hymns 49, 157, 147 *white*  
Acts 19. 1-7, Mark 1. 4-11

## **QUENINGTON VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB**

October Winners: 1<sup>st</sup> No 23 B Cullum 2<sup>nd</sup> No 33 G Holton 3<sup>rd</sup> No 7 J Harris

*Please don't forget to renew your numbers for 2018*

*New members are always welcome. Numbers cost £12 for the year (pro rata if joining half way through the year) and all profits go towards the Village Hall funds. Contact David Bostock on 01285 750456 for more information.*

## **COLN CINEMA**

invites you to a showing of “**Denial**” at Vicarage Cottage Barn

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup>. 2017 at 7.30 pm. (doors open 7.00 pm. Based on the true story and the acclaimed book *History on Trial: My Day in Court with a Holocaust Denier*, DENIAL recounts Deborah E. Lipstadt's (Rachel Weisz) legal battle for historical truth against David Irving (Timothy Spall), who accused her of libel when she declared him a Holocaust denier. In the English legal system, the burden of proof is on the accused, therefore it was up to Lipstadt and her legal team to prove the essential truth that the Holocaust occurred. PG12A. 110 mins.

## **HATHEROP C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL**

November has been a busy month starting with the whole school celebrating the Jewish festival of Hanukkah. Kitchen Club came in with Jewish recipes to cook and every pupil helped to create a wonderful feast, which was shared at the end of the day. Traditional Jewish foods combined to create a table spread with delicious homemade Challah bread, sweet tangy brisket, feta and spinach latkes, salmon with herb crust and raspberry and apricot rugelach. In the classrooms, children listened to the story of Hanukkah, made a menorah each, learnt how Jewish families celebrate this festival of lights and played the traditional game of Dreidel. Harley, in Class 1, said that it was the best day ever at school.

Open Morning was busy with 17 prospective parents looking around the school. The Year 6 pupils acted as guides and the visiting adults congratulated them on their confidence, enthusiasm and good manners. The Year 6 pupils equally enjoyed being guides and Molly remarked that she was surprised that she knew so much about the school.

In addition, our Year 4, 5 and 6 Indoor Athletics teams took part in a small schools Sports Hall Athletics competition at Kempsford and delighted us by coming first. Hatherop pupils came either first or second in almost every event and are now looking forward to the finals in the New Year at Kingshill.

We shall soon be turning our attention to Christmas with our service in the church themed around our topic of World Music with Class 1 creating a Nativity Tableau. To stay up to date with the latest news from our school, please look at our website, [www.hatherop.gloucs.sch.uk](http://www.hatherop.gloucs.sch.uk).

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People For You has been providing a free volunteer befriending service for nearly ten years. We cover Fairford, Lechlade, Tetbury, and surrounding villages in the South Cotswolds. Our volunteer visitors are local people you can rely on. They will visit you on a regular basis, offering companionship, a chance for a chat, or to share a laugh, and a listening ear – everything you need from a valued friend.

If you feel this service could be of interest to you or a family member or friend, please do give us a call. And if you would like to find out more about how to volunteer, again please contact us

Sue Black – [sue.peopleforyou@grcc.org.uk](mailto:sue.peopleforyou@grcc.org.uk); 07810 630167.

*“Before I had my visitor, my only companion was the television.....The special quality of the service for me is that now I have something to look forward to every week, whereas before I never knew when I would next have someone to talk to”.*

## CALL FOR QUENINGTON ARCHIVAL MATERIAL

Lucy Abel Smith has the beginnings of a Quenington archive, collected by the Quenington Society over the last 25 years. We are hoping to move the archives, to make it more easily available to anyone who need access.

We would love to expand the collection be it photographs, or other material relating to the history of Quenington up to the present day. We are happy to copy material and return to you if you prefer.

If anyone has any material that they would like to loan or donate, please contact Lucy on 01285 750358 or email [lucyabelsmith@gmail.com](mailto:lucyabelsmith@gmail.com)

## COUNTY AIR AMBULANCE TRUST CHRISTMAS CONCERT

On Friday 1st at 7.30 pm at Cirencester Parish Church. Guest Readers include Pam Ayres MBE, Jilly Cooper OBE and John Francombe MBE. Also Tewkesbury Abbey Schola Cantorum, soloist Steve Winwood, trumpeter Dr Peter Medland, soprano Nicki Kennedy and contralto Kate Hicks Beach. To book call 01922 618 058 or [info@helpappeal.org.uk](mailto:info@helpappeal.org.uk) or go to [www.helpappeal.org.uk](http://www.helpappeal.org.uk)



**The League of Friends of Fairford Hospital**  
*News and Information*  
**House-to-House Fund Raising Event 2018 Dates**

The League of Friends House-to-House fund raising event will take place from **9<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> of April 2018**. Our thanks to all existing volunteer

co-ordinators and collectors. With the new housing in both Fairford and Lechlade we urgently need more volunteer collectors. *If you can spare sometime to deliver and collect the envelopes please get in touch with the League Administrator, Christine Barker, contact details below*

A very big thank you to all our volunteers who have worked tirelessly through the year for us. Their work is invaluable and enables us to provide health and social care to many in the community.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Please remember that we do need more volunteers to help us continue providing this much valued service so if you think you can help do get in touch with The League of Friends Administrator, contact details below.

Your continued support is very much appreciated  
**Graham Hewitt, Chairman**

## **NEW PLAYERS WANTED – FAIRFORD BADMINTON CLUB**

We play socially 8-10pm Monday's (excluding Bank Holidays) at the Farmor's Sport Centre in Fairford and would love to see some new faces. We are looking for people who want to play socially (and who have picked up a racket before) or more experienced players who might be interested in joining one of our league teams. Players need to be 14 years old and above.

We are currently offering up to three times for free to see if you like it before joining the club. It's great fun and a good way to stay fit. For more information, contact Jo Blair on 01285 851313 or come along to Farmor's Sports Centre, Farmor's School, Fairford, GL7 4JQ.

## **FAIRFORD AND DISTRICT CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERT**

Fairford and District Choral Society's winter concert is on Saturday 2nd at St Mary's Church, Fairford. The concert starts at 7.30pm. Wine and soft drinks will be available at the interval Along with professional soloists, they are performing Vivaldi's Gloria and Haydn's St Nicholas Mass, as well as some shorter pieces.

They will be accompanied by Alison Howell, who will play the magnificent church organ. The concert will be conducted by the society's music director, Marysia Gorska-Saj.

'When we sang Haydn's The Creation this year,' said Carole Noble, the society's Chair, 'it was lovely to read the feedback from a critic, Andrew Wicker. He wrote: "The standard achieved by the choral society was ... impressive" with "great dynamic contrasts". A huge boost for us all. The society enjoys coming together to learn, perform and share beautiful choral music, so we hope the audience really enjoys the programme we have put together for our December concert. Marysia's input is incredible, and we are very lucky to have her as our music director, mentor and conductor.'

Tickets are £15 (£5 for under 18s) from Fairford Opticians - 11 High Street, Fairford GL7 4AD, or via [www.fairford.org/choralsociety](http://www.fairford.org/choralsociety) or 01285 713681.

## **A BIG THANK YOU AND A GREAT SADNESS**

Every year Richard and I have a stand outside Park Lodge with fruit and veg on it. We have a CLIC (childrens cancer box) hung on the side for people to take whatever and donate to the charity. It's a charity personal to us as a family.

Each year we manage to send the charity between £150-£200 , this year it was £170.00 we they are always pleased to receive.

Luckily we empty it each night BUT on the 28th October at around 4p.m. the bright pink CLIC charity was stolen. It was there at 3.30 p.m. but had gone at 4.45 p.m when I went to empty it. Some low life had cut it off the table.

It won't deter us we shall plant and sell next season.

THANK YOU ALL AGAIN FOR YOUR DONATIONS.

RICHARD AND JANE LANDER

## **LECHLADE HISTORY SOCIETY.**

We do not meet in December. Our next meeting is on Monday 15 January 2018 at 7.15 pm for 7.30 pm in the Pavilion when Nick Shippobotham will speak to us about Edward Loveden, the founder of Buscot House. Guests very welcome £4. Contact Marian Winckles 01367 252851 or visit [www.lechladehistory.co.uk](http://www.lechladehistory.co.uk).

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- Dec 1 7.30 pm County Air Ambulance Trust Christmas Concert
- Dec 2 7.30 pm Fairford and District Choral Society Concert
- Dec 3 9.30 am St Nicholas' breakfast at Sharrington's, Hatherop  
6.00 pm Advent Carols at Coln church
- Dec 8 7.00 pm Coln Cinema
- Dec 9 10.30 am Quenington Village Hall Coffee Morning  
7.30 pm Lechlade Christmas concert
- Dec 16 6.00 pm Bouthrop Carol Service
- Dec 17 6.00 pm Christmas Carol Service at Coln church
- Dec 24 4.00 pm Crib Service (i) at Quenington church  
4.00 pm Crib Service at Southrop church  
5.30 pm Crib Service (ii) at Quenington church  
11.15 pm Midnight Communion at Coln church
- Dec 25 9.30 am Christmas Communion at Quenington church  
11.00 am Christmas Communion at Hatherop church
- Jan 11 10.00 am Day of Reflection at the Barn House, Swyre Farm
- Jan 15 7.15 pm Lechlade History Society
- Feb 6 10.00 am CHQ Parish Quiet Day at Harnhill
- Feb 14 12 noon Ash Wednesday service in Fairford  
7.30 pm Ash Wednesday service in Lechlade
- Mar 4 12 noon Farewell drinks at Coln for Lynn Hayler
- Mar 25 *British Summer Time begins*
- Apr 9-22 House to House collection for League of Friends
- May 10 7.00 am Ascension Day service in Bibury  
7.00 pm Ascension Day service in Kempsford