

FROM THE VICAR

Last month I reflected on the fact that we're living in 'extraordinary times', in contrast to the official 'Ordinary Time' of the church's calendar describing the weeks before Lent. However common in previous ages, the current growing gap between rich and poor in this country and elsewhere is unusual in our own lifetimes, and is something to be regretted and resisted by Christians and others of good will.

Equally challenging is the growing polarity of opinion in society, visible in political and, sometimes, church life. Assumptions are being challenged, often uncomfortably. The election of Donald Trump and, rather differently, our own Referendum result have revealed a wide divide of opinion and outlook that was previously not so visible. This is perhaps no bad thing, in that our previous consensus was masking the fact that how things are may suit some people very comfortably ... while others invisibly pay the price.

In the church, disagreements often seem focussed on sexuality. Last month's General Synod (our church's national 'parliament') rejected a unanimous report by the Bishops restating the church's traditional view on marriage as a lifelong partnership between a man and a woman. There is a growing unease that simply restating old definitions doesn't do justice to the human realities (nor have anything to offer those involved) where marriage is very often now neither lifelong nor heterosexual.

Locally here in CHEQS we're spared the need to pronounce in general terms on such controversial issues – and here as in every parish our task is to respond with God's loving acceptance to people in whatever state they find themselves. Spare a prayer for the Bishops, who find themselves "damned if they do and damned if they don't" whenever they open their mouths on almost any subject – the price of trying to give a lead, or to foster unity, in an age when there is very little consensus on a whole range of social and moral issues.

If we follow the example of Jesus, we'll be hugely welcoming to a bewildering array of flawed people (*ie* people like ourselves) – and we'll strive constantly ourselves to be wholehearted in our own pursuit of loving holiness. Lent is a traditional time for having a good hard look at ourselves in the light of Jesus' example, and in this magazine you'll find details of some of our Lenten teaching, worship and other activities to help you do this.

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

FROM THE REGISTERS

We welcome Samuel Augustus Joseph Slater, baptized in Coln church last month.

JEEL AL AMEL

There was a very heart-warming response to my previous write-up on this Palestinian orphanage in Bethany. So much so that it seemed a good idea to suggest we might revert to the Lent Lunches that used to be a regular Lenten 'discipline' within the CHEQS villages, and use them as a fund-raiser for these very needy children.

Approval having been gained, three venues have been chosen. These are the village halls at Quenington, Southrop and Eastleach (dates below). Parking is easy and there is plenty of space for lots of people to come! So you will, won't you?

Each lunch is a simple meal of home-made soup, bread and cheese with a brownie or similar to finish. Lunch is FREE – but, as there is no such thing as a free lunch, a donation plate will be available, *all* of the contents of which will be sent to Jeel al Amel.

As it is also a good thing to share in the fun, any offers to lay tables, dish out food, help with the washing up or anything else that takes your fancy, will be gratefully received. And best of all, phone some friends and bring them with you.

12 noon - 2.00pm on Thursdays in the village halls

March 9 – Quenington

March 16 – Quenington

March 23 – Eastleach

March 30 – Southrop

April 5 – Quenington

Offers of help or an indication that you are coming, particularly helpful to those catering, can come via myself at 01285 750218 or hiprice@globalnet.co.uk

Thank you – Patti Price

LENT STUDY GROUPS

In addition to our existing groups, we're holding sessions at 5.00 pm on Tuesdays in the Vicarage looking at Jesus' teaching in the Sermon on the Mount. All are welcome: just turn up, or ask the clergy for further details.



FAIRFORD HOSPITAL LEAGUE OF FRIENDS

QUENINGTON HOUSE-TO-HOUSE FUND-RAISING

EVENT 27 MARCH - 10 APRIL 2017

The League of Friends is currently seeking a volunteer Co-ordinator for Quenington. Can you spare a few hours before and immediately after this important fund-raising event to organise a team of approximately four collectors in the

Quenington area?

If you would like further information please contact Christine Barker on 07767 408409 or email fairford.lof@hotmail.co.uk

Everything the League of Friends does is for the local community but it can only be done if we have the funds and the volunteers to help us!

The League is a community-based charity run by volunteers providing health-related support to the patients registered with the GP practices in Lechlade and Fairford. We are totally focussed on the local community serving and on supporting the people who live in Lechlade, Fairford and the surrounding villages.

HATHEROP C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

The highlight of our first term in the new year has been our *Mind, Body and Soul* week. After our usual Monday morning *Wake and Shake*, the children had an assembly led by Mrs Bird where they learnt just how much sugar is in a bowl of cereal. Jack Peyton took on the challenge to run for 10 minutes (the time needed to use up all the calories from the sugar contained in a bowl of cereal) whilst Mrs Bird with the help of Ellie Berresford demonstrated how quick it is to make scrambled eggs on toast as an alternative breakfast.

The week was packed with activities for the children, taster lessons in karate and yoga, an afternoon of rugby, tennis and circuit training for all the children and an afternoon making alternative sugar free snacks. The week ended with a visit from Paralympian Hand Cyclist, David Abrutat as part of Sports for Schools. Alongside all these active pursuits the children were given the chance to practise mindfulness in class.

It is at this point in the school year that our School Council members step down to allow new elections and new members to have their say in how the school is run. For Poppy Reeves the highlights were organising the playtime football and getting a Netball Club started (many thanks to Verity Gardiner for offering to run this). For Molly Freebury, Olivia Phillips and Freddie Hartshorn the highlight had been being involved in interviewing teachers for the new post. "I like being on School Council because you are important and I like taking other people's ideas and using them," says Olivia.

THANK YOU FROM SWINDON WOMEN'S AID

A huge thank you to everyone who donated items to Swindon Women's Aid in January. The response was fantastic and SWA are really grateful. They have asked us to pass on the following message to everyone involved:

Thank you so much for the wonderful donations collected by the members of the five churches. There are some amazing items and the toys will be loved by the children. The coats will go into our clothes store for children who may arrive without a coat and the knitted jumpers are beautiful, they will soon be snapped up by some of ladies with small children. Many Thanks to all the kind people who donated to us.

BELL-RINGING ON APRIL 1ST

The bells at both Coln St Aldwyns and Hatherop are part of the Cirencester Branch of the Gloucester & Bristol Diocesan Association of Church Bell Ringers.

There are twelve branches within the association, and each year one the branches hosts the Annual General Meeting. This year Cirencester branch is hosting the AGM at Chedworth on Saturday 1 April 2017.

All ringers aspire to ring well, and part of this involves striking bells evenly. As a result, on the day of the AGM two striking-competitions are held – one on six bells and the other on eight. This year Coln St Aldwyns ringers have been asked to host the eight-bell completion.

Each team (one from each branch) is given three minutes to practise on the bells, and then ring their competition piece. Judges will be positioned so they can clearly hear the bells and will mark the quality of the ringing.

Each eight-bell team will be selected from the best ringers within the branches, so the quality of the ringing will be of a high standard.

We hope you will enjoy listening to the bells at Coln St Aldwyns on the morning of Saturday April 1st. Should this inspire you to want to find out more about ringing at either Coln St Aldwyns or Hatherop please contact the vicar or the Association via their website.

JOHN KEBLE

Wednesday 29th is the anniversary of John Keble's death. We're marking the occasions with a short service of Evening Prayer at St Andrew's Eastleach at 5.00 pm – the first of this year's weekly midweek services in the different churches of our Team. Come and join us!

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE CHEQS PARISHES

As with all our churches, Southrop PCC (the Church Council) is responsible for overseeing the raising of money for the church and its ministry. One of the Council members reminds us of one of our best tools for this – the Parish Giving Scheme.

The battle to fund and maintain our parishes and beloved places of worship continues and a critical element of this is through planned regular donation by those of us who are so fortunate to live in such a special community. Many of you may not be aware of this cornerstone of parish finance. However, approximately 75% of the cost of providing and maintaining these services is met by personal donation.

The Parish Giving Scheme is run by the Diocese of Gloucester and provides a simple mechanism for parishioners to donate regularly to their local parish by way of an index-linked direct debit for regular giving, however large or small. Every donation helps. Through this scheme, Gift Aid (the reclaim of tax from the government on your donation) is automatically included, helping to maximise the benefit of every donation. Further details will be circulated shortly around our parish. If you do not already donate to your local parish then please consider this simple and effective scheme which will help maintain these essential services and our beautiful local churches.

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A WORD FROM THE ALPS

Thank you from Roger Scoones for your support and encouragement in his recent chaplaincy work: “In Wengen I was encouraged not only by the numbers who attended the services in the simple alpine church of St Bernard but also by the fellowship I observed after the services, among people from all over the world, and all walks of life. My long term involvement with the Wengen-based ‘Downhill Only’ Ski Club and my more recent interest in the long-established (1911) Wengen Curling Club provided many opportunities for ministry away from church. In all the time I was meeting people in the resort, I was constantly aware of being supported back home by the prayers of faithful Christian friends, especially those in CHEQS. For, despite my familiarity with the winter ski-scene, and despite being well known in Wengen, I still find the ministry of being chaplain of an Alpine church very challenging. This should not perhaps be surprising – after all, it is a mission!

FROM HOLLAND TO THE COTSWOLDS

Our villages are full of people with interesting life-stories ... and we hope from time to time in this magazine to introduce you to some of them. This month Jane Kidd writes about Lucile Webb-Peploe.

The greatest influence on Lucile's life, she believes, was before she was born. The daughter of a German countess and a Dutch baron, her navy father was a young ADC to the Admiral of the Allied Far East Fleet based in Indonesia. In February 1942 the fleet was about to face an overwhelming Japanese naval invasion force, and he knew that he was unlikely to return. So he sat down with his family, read three psalms with them and then prayed for each one including his unborn baby (Lucile). In the Java Sea battle which followed, virtually all the Allied ships were sunk with the loss of 2,300 sailors.



“God has undoubtedly answered my parents’ prayers” says Lucile. “My whole life has been full of miracles, experiencing his hand on me and my circumstances because of the prayers before and since I was born”. It was this that has kept her going through many dangers and difficulties in what has at times been an adventurous existence.

After the Japanese invasion her 27-year old mother, two-year old sister and she herself as a baby were initially placed under house arrest, but before long were herded onto cattle trains and sent to a series of concentration camps, where children were often left alone without food or water and were sometimes beaten, while the women were forced to work on the tea plantations. Emaciated as they became, all three of them were still alive when the war ended after four years of imprisonment.

They returned to the grandparents in Holland and grew up in the family home. Having no father, while her cousins all had theirs, Lucile sometimes gave way to angry outbursts against the Japanese, hating them for their cruelty. Her mother, who never showed any bitterness over the loss of three brothers, a sister and her own husband, would take her on her lap and explain that it was alright to be sad, but never to hate or be angry. Lucile says “It saved our family”.

It also helped her through her adult life which took her to countries all around the world – including Japan. Forty-nine years ago she married Hanmer, a Shell International executive; and they lived for several years in seven different postings, including three States in the USA, England, Holland, Thailand and Hong

Kong. Their three boys certainly had a stimulating upbringing, but again their very existence was a miracle. After many complications, doctors in the USA had told Lucile that she could not have children. A faith-filled Christian friend prayed for her one evening, and everything changed. Lucile says “Prayer works”.

After a life of constant moves, Lucile and Hanmer found a home here in CHEQS, where they became great contributors, helping to start *Alpha*, Marriage Courses, events at the ‘Gate on the Green’, and other church, music and community activities.

Lucile has long had another passion, and that is for horses. She has ridden for much of her life and is now the chief instructor at Talland’s weekly sessions for Riding for the Disabled.

There is not enough space to tell of more of these miraculous events. Some would call them coincidences. But Lucile believes they are ‘God-incidences’ – God answering the prayers of her parents and others.

JK

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.cliftdiocese.com

FAIRFORD UNITED CHURCH (CONGREGATIONAL/METHODIST) – Sunday: 10.30 am Morning Worship & children’s activities. Fairly-traded goods for sale. Our monthly Contact Group meeting is on Fridays 3 March and 7 April: 12.30 - 2.30 pm. Come and 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) For weekday activities etc see www.lechladebaptistchurch.org.

SERVICES IN MARCH

Sunday 5

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

Sunday 12

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

Sunday 19

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

Sunday 26 *Mothering Sunday*

9.30 am	Morning Worship	Southrop	<i>JE</i>
11.00 am	Morning Prayer	Eastleach	<i>JE</i>
11.00 am	Holy Communion *	Coln	<i>JP</i>

** united service for the three-church parish*

Sunday 2 April

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

SPECIAL SERVICES THIS MONTH

Sunday 26th is **Mothering Sunday**. Instead of the usual Evensong at Southrop, we're holding a special service at 9.30 am: "*an informal family service lasting about half an hour, to which not only mothers but also grandmothers and all family members will be warmly welcomed – not forgetting the children of course*". Coln, Hatherop & Quenington are holding a united service at 11.00 am in Coln church, with our usual fortnightly Junior Church alongside – again extending a warm welcome to friends of all ages.

The countdown to Easter begins in earnest on April 2nd, Passion (ie 'Suffering') Sunday. At 11.00 am at Coln that day we're holding a special service of 1662 Matins, to which we welcome the choir of Hatherop Castle school

There may be reference to regular weekday events, or other stuff, here in italics.

KEY TO WORSHIP LEADERS

HPW – Hugh Poole-Warren; JE – John Exelby; JP – John Partington
MB – Margaret Bettis; RL – Ron Lloyd; RS – Roger Scoones

READINGS, PSALMS, HYMNS & COLOURS

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| 5 (<i>Lent 1</i>) Psalm 32; Hymns 56, 113, 208
Genesis 2.15-17, 3.1-7; Matthew 4. 1-11 | <i>purple</i> |
| 12 (<i>Lent 2</i>) Psalm 121; Hymns 203, 171, 133
Romans 4.1-5, 13-17; John 3. 1-17 | <i>purple</i> |
| 19 (<i>Lent 3</i>) Psalm 95; Hymns 202, 156, 214
Romans 5. 1-11; John 4. 5-26 | <i>purple</i> |
| 26 (<i>Lent 4</i>) Psalm 23; 116, 422, 104
Ephesians 5. 8-14; Luke 2. 33-35 or John 9. 1-41 | <i>purple</i> |
| 2 (<i>Lent 5</i>) Psalm 130; Hymns 157, 70, 125
Romans 8. 6-11; John 11. 1-45 | <i>purple</i> |

QUENINGTON VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB

January Winners: 1st No 8 John Dooley; 2nd No 21 A. Yeend; 3rd No 16 A Goddard

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.

SOUTHROP C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

The new year began with the traditional visit to the panto at the Everyman Theatre in Cheltenham on the first day of term. The very next day the juniors were lucky enough to have an exciting trip to the Houses of Parliament. Here's Lucy's account of this memorable and educational visit to the seat of government.

On the second day back at school everyone had to have an early start because we were leaving school at half past seven to visit the Houses of Parliament.

When we got there we got our own special passes. We went into the lobbies and after that we actually got to go into the House of Lords! The seat where the Queen sits is very beautiful: it is made out of solid gold!!

We also got to go in the House of Commons. It is not as beautiful in there but it is equally amazing!

Then we went into the learning centre and learnt about suffragettes who had to fight for their votes. Afterwards we had our own debate.

It was a very good day and I enjoyed it very much!

During the term we welcomed Steve Hutchins from Scripture Union to come and lead an assembly for us. He spoke about the Lager Camps, run annually during the summer holidays, in which children are welcome to participate. After the assembly Steve taught the juniors the ancient art of pyrography which is writing by burning the letters into wood. Everyone enjoyed having a go at this!

Our links with St Peter's church grow ever stronger. As well as our monthly worship in church, we are pleased to see Rev John Partington and Rev Roger Scoones coming into school regularly to lead assemblies for us. In March, our assembly times will also be augmented by regular Open the Book sessions, led by Rachel Coates who lives in Southrop and former Southrop School teachers Mrs Hollis, Mrs Newton.

The second half of term will be jam packed as usual with extra-curricular activities such as Caribbean cooking, cross country running, the annual wildlife quiz and a whole school science visit to Bristol. All this happens, of course, in addition to the very full academic curriculum which keeps everyone very busy indeed.

SOUTHROP VILLAGE EVENTS

SVH----->
----->2025

A note from the Chair, Southrop Village Hall Committee: Southrop Village Hall needs refurbishment and updating. A survey done in 2013 pointed out some important issues, some of which have been addressed, but there is a lot still to do. For example we urgently need to update the electrics (heating, lighting etc) and to improve the insulation. We need new windows, roof repairs, some additional new facilities and better décor. The list of jobs is a long one.

We have decided to group the various works into a project which we have given the label “Southrop Village Hall 2025” abbreviated to “**SVH2025.**” The aim of the SVH2025 project is *“to upgrade and refurbish Southrop Village Hall to a standard which will make it fit for purpose up to and beyond the 70th Anniversary of the hall’s opening in January 1955.”*

We need your support! You can help by supporting the many and varied activities we are arranging, such as the 60s/70s/80s Disco on 4th March (tickets now on sale). Later in the year we have Call My Bluff, a brilliant Flower Arranging Demonstration with Cream Tea, Quiz Nights, a Ceilidh and more. You can also help by offering your services as a Committee member, as a helper for various events, or by making a donation to the SVH 2025 fund, soon opening. If you live within the Southrop civil parish boundary, please also make a special effort to attend the Village Hall AGM on the evening of Monday 24th April; if you are over 18, you are entitled to vote on some important resolutions.

For more details, including the full Programme of Events, see www.southrop.org.uk/3/The-Village-Hall.html

The event for MARCH is a 60s, 70s and 80s DISCO on 4th from 7.30 pm until 11.00 pm. Tickets £10 include a drink and nibbles of the times!

Contact 01367 850347 or 01367 850171

APRIL 1st not a “FOOL” but a “BLUFF”!

For £10 enter a team of 4 to play “Call My Bluff” and have an amusing evening seeing how good you are at making others believe what you say.

Everything provided for the game and there will be a bar.

To enter a team contact 01367 850347

MAY 20th will see a FLOWER DEMONSTRATION by David Martin followed by a delicious CREAM TEA.

DAVID MARTIN is a qualified florist, National Demonstrator for NAFAS and a tutor at the WI Denman College. He obtained a Gold Medal at Chelsea in 2015 as part of the team who designed and built the NAFAS national exhibit in the Main Pavilion. The demonstration will commence at 2.30p.m. and the floral arrangements will be given as prizes in a Raffle.

Tickets £15 from Margaret Davey 01367 850347

QUENINGTON PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

Cemetery: Quenington Parish Council is pleased to announce that it has now purchased an area of land to the north of the existing cemetery to ensure there will be space for burials for many years to come; the extension will approximately double the size of the cemetery. The next step is to raise funds to construct a dry stone wall boundary around the extension area, which is a requirement of the planning permission.

Councillor Vacancy: Due to the sad passing away of Derek Fielder, there is a vacancy on the Parish Council, which can be filled by co-option. If anyone is interested, please contact the Clerk (queningtonpc@gmail.com) before the next Council meeting, which is to be held on Thursday 9th at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall.

Parking: The Parish Council has been contacted recently with concerns about parking in the village. Please remember to park with consideration for other people and do not park over pavements or on bends where lines of sight are reduced. Also a reminder that parking on the village green is only allowed with permission from Quenington Parish Council, it is particularly important at this time of year to protect the grass from being damaged.

LECHLADE HISTORY SOCIETY

Monday 20th at 7.15 for 7.30pm in the Pavilion

The Rise and Fall of the English Public House. Mike Marshman looks at this institution from the Saxon taberna via the medieval ale house, coaching inn, beer house and gin palace to the public house of the 20th and 21st centuries. Mike, now retired, was County Local Studies Librarian at the Wiltshire and Swindon History Centre.

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

FROM CANON TONY ROSS

As a former member of the CHEQS Gardening Club I was sad to learn that the Club had closed. I very much enjoyed the varied programmes of speakers and visits, and now share that experience with the Ampneys Gardening Club, of which I am the Chairman. At a Committee Meeting last evening it was agreed that we should offer membership to former CHEQS Gardening Club members, if they wish to join us. The Club usually meets in Ampney Crucis Village Hall on the Third Thursday evening of the month, apart from Garden Visits. Please contact me for further details on 01285 851410 or at tonyrosstssf468@gmail.com.

COLN CINEMA

.. invites you to a showing “*I, Daniel Blake*” At Vicarage Cottage Barn
On Friday 24th. at 7.30 pm. (doors open 7.00 pm.)

Daniel Blake, 59, (Dave Johns) has worked as a joiner most of his life in Newcastle. Now, for the first time ever, he needs help from the State. He crosses paths with a single mother Katie (Hayley Squires) and her two young children, Daisy and Dylan. Katie's only chance to escape a one-roomed homeless hostel in London has been to accept a flat in a city she doesn't know, some 300 miles away. Daniel and Katie find themselves in no-man's land, caught on the barbed wire of welfare bureaucracy. Director: Ken Loach. Winner Palme d'Or at the 2016 Cannes Film Festival. Cert. 15 100 mins.

QUENINGTON VILLAGE HALL COFFEE MORNING

This month's coffee morning is on Saturday 11th, 10.30 am - 12 noon. Meet with friends and enjoy coffee and home-made cakes at our monthly coffee morning. Raffle and book exchange. Anyone wishing to contribute cakes, please bring them along – costs will be reimbursed! Contact Janet Goddard – 01285 750323.

COLN ST ALDWYNS VILLAGE LITTER PICK

There will be a village litter pick around Coln St. Aldwyns on Saturday 25th We will meet under the Chestnut tree by The Coln Stores at 9.30am. Do come and join us, as it makes such a difference to the verges as you enter our village. All necessary equipment will be supplied by C.D.C.

EASTLEACH AND FYFIELD VILLAGE LITTER PICK

The Annual Village Litter pick date for Eastleach and Fyfield is set for Saturday 18th. Volunteers are asked to congregate outside the Bus Shelter (opposite the Victoria Inn) at 10.00am. Sacks, gloves, Hi Vis tabards and pick up tools are provided. With grateful thanks, Pete McHugh, Chairman Eastleach Parish Council.

SOUTHROP 2017 LITTERPICK

will take place on Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th

If you can offer a few hours help to collect the litter from the Parish verges please come to Southrop Village Green at 10am on either (or both!) of the days. You will be equipped with bags, gloves and a picking stick, and allotted a short stretch of grass verge to clear. Bags may be left by the roadside to be collected. Thank you

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Southrop Community Shop & Post Office. Weds 8.30 am-11.30 am in Village Hall.	

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GROUNDWORKS - SN Complete Groundworks – Drainage, Driveways, Fencing, Patios etc.	01367 850717 07738 937697
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HOME HELP – YVONNE LEWIS Jobs in and around the home, pets to vet, help on internet, taking and collecting deliveries	07922 103532
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PLATES-A-PLENTY - Crockery, cutlery, glassware and linen hire	07974 785437
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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

for this month's Sunday services see centre pages

Mar 1	9.00 am	School Ash Wednesday service in Southrop church
	10.00 am	School Ash Wednesday service in Hatherop church
	12 noon	Ash Wednesday Communion at Fairford church
	12 noon	Ash Wednesday Communion at Down Ampney church
	7.30 pm	Ash Wednesday Communion at Lechlade church
Mar 4		70s and 80s Disco Night – Southrop Village Hall
Mar 8	6.00 pm	Eastleach PCC in Village Hall
Mar 9	12 noon	Lent lunches in Quenington Village Hall
Mar 9	8.00 pm	Quenington Parish Council meeting
Mar 11	10.30 am	Quenington Village Hall Coffee Morning
Mar 15	9.00 am	School Service in Southrop church (<i>all welcome</i>)
Mar 16	12 noon	Lent lunches in Quenington Village Hall
Mar 18	10.00 am	Eastleach and Fyfiled Village Litter Pick
Mar 18	10.00 am	Southrop Village Litter Pick
Mar 18	7.00 pm	All Night Vigil-Vespers, Gloucester Cathedral
Mar 19	10.00 am	Southrop Village Litter Pick
Mar 20	7.15 pm	Lechlade History Society
Mar 23	12 noon	Lent lunches in Eastleach Village Hall
Mar 24		Coln Cinema
Mar 25	9.30 am	Coln St Aldwyns Litter Pick
Mar 26		<i>British Summer Time starts</i>
Mar 29	5.00 pm	Team Evening Prayer at Eastleach
Mar 30	12 noon	Lent lunches in Southrop Village Hall
Apr 1	Mar 9	Call My Bluff –Southrop Village Hall
Apr 5	12 noon	Lent lunches in Quenington Village Hall
Apr 7	Mar 9	School Easter service in Hatherop church
	1.00 pm	School Easter service in Southrop church
Apr 8	10.30 am	Quenington Village Hall Coffee Morning
Apr 24		Southrop Village Hall AGM
Apr 26	6.00 pm	Eastleach APCM in Village Hall
Apr 28		Coln Cinema
May 9	10.30 am	Quenington Village Hall Coffee Morning
May 20	2.30 pm	Flower Demonstration at Southrop Village Hall