

## FROM THE VICAR

The end of this month sees a rather special annual celebration in the church's calendar – All Saints' tide. Since the Reformation the church has combined a joyful remembrance of the great saints of the past with trusting prayer for those less well-known Christians whose memories we personally treasure – to use the traditional phraseology, we combine All Saints Day with the following "All Souls" Day (which once was a more anxious time of prayer for souls in 'Purgatory').

So on the morning of Sunday 30th, in our 11.00 am services at Hatherop & Eastleach we celebrate the Communion of Saints, of which we are a part – the great family of believers throughout history and across the world. And then at 6.00 pm, this year at Southrop, we remember by name those who have died in our villages in the last year, together with others who are dear to us (see inside for further details).

In the last few years the persecution of Christians in some parts of the world has increased to a level not seen before in our generation. As we remember those who have died for the faith in previous ages, we shall also be remembering those who are imprisoned, tortured and killed for their faith today – alongside others, of all creeds and none, who are unjustly treated.

Amnesty International is well-known for its advocacy on behalf of prisoners of conscience over many years. There are similar organizations who bring the maltreatment of Christians in particular to public attention, and inside this magazine we include a recent news item from one such, Christian Solidarity Worldwide [CSW].

We enjoy such privileges and freedoms as Christians in this country, and in our lovely CHEQS villages as much as anywhere. As we give thanks to God for all our blessings, we need to remember others less fortunate – so why not visit [csw.org.uk](http://csw.org.uk) to learn more about their situation.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Partington". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left and then curves back under the name.

## FROM THE REGISTERS

We welcome **Daisy Brennan, Albert Lismer, Chris Waite, Harry & Jack Adams** and **Max Maguth**, all baptized in Eastleach church last month – the largest number of baptisms there in a month for more than a century!

Congratulations to **Laura Brady & Tony Locke** and **Alex Usher & Philip Bolton**, married in our churches recently.

Our love & prayers are with the family & friends of **Deborah King** of Quenington, whose funeral we conducted recently.

## VISITING CHOIR

We're very pleased to be welcoming the choir of St Peter's Winchcombe to sing at the 6.00 pm Evening Service in Coln on Sunday 9th. The choir, from John Partington's previous church, is as many as several dozen strong – adults & children – at major services; but only a smaller adult section will be joining us at the service. Do come and join us for this special time of worship.

## IN MEMORIAM

As mentioned on page 1, we're holding our annual In Memoriam service in Southrop this year, at 6.00 pm on Sunday 30th; Ron Lloyd will be the preacher. We shall be remembering by name most of those whose funerals we have taken during the past year. If there are others whom you would like to have remembered, please let us know and we shall be happy to oblige.

Whether or not you are remembering someone explicitly, come and join us for the service – which will be followed by simple refreshments.

## PASTORAL GROUP

This church group is now meeting regularly, as part of making sure that no-one in need locally is overlooked, and helping the local clergy keep in touch with newcomers and others who would be glad of a visit. Do let us know if you're aware of anyone who would be glad to be noticed in this way.

Our two newly-licensed pastoral assistants, Christine Ansell-Wells & Jane Kidd, will be commissioned for their work in our parishes at the services in Eastleach and Coln on Sunday 9th. Come and pray for them and wish them well!

## **MAKING A GOOD THING BETTER**

As explained in last month's edition, we've set up an editorial board for this magazine – representatives from each of our five villages meeting two or three times a year to discuss how to make the most of this publication.

The board met for the first time last month. We agreed that while the main value of this magazine is to disseminate news around our villages, it would be good also to include a range of general-interest articles. So look out over the next few months for occasional pieces profiling local people and some of the historical and other interesting features of our local community.

## **BISHOP OF TEWKESBURY**

We're delighted that our archdeacon Robert Springett has been appointed as the new Bishop of Tewkesbury (assistant Bishop in our diocese). He will be made Bishop at an ordination in Canterbury on November 30th.

## **JUNIOR CHURCH**

The new Sunday School is meeting regularly now in Coln. If you have primary-school age (or younger) children or grandchildren, feel free to bring them to any of our 11.00 am services, and they will be cheerfully entertained, and taught, in the Vicarage during the adult sermon and prayers.

## **QUENINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Parking on Quenington Village Green – Quenington Parish Council looks after Quenington village green on behalf of Earl St Aldwyn and for the enjoyment of residents and visitors. The green can be used as parking for specific events, which need to have permission in advance from Quenington Parish Council, but there seems to be an increasing trend to use the green for regular parking. This is causing damage to the grass and detracts from the beauty of this valued open space. If one car is parked on the green, it seems to attract others to do the same and the problem intensifies. In order to remind both residents and visitors not to park on the green, 'No Parking' signs are to be installed in the near future and we would be grateful for support in protecting this beautiful asset for our village.

Overhanging Vegetation – Please can all residents check their boundaries and cut back any vegetation that overhangs pavements as this can make it difficult for people walking past, especially with the darker nights approaching.

## **A SAD END TO A PICNIC**

*Christian Solidarity Worldwide highlights the plight of Christians around the world who are persecuted for their faith. A recent example comes from Iran:*

Five Iranian Christians were arrested by Intelligence Ministry (VEVAK) agents on 26 August at a picnic in an area ninety miles east of Tehran.

Amin Afshar Naderi, Hadi Asgari, Amir Saman Dashti, Mohammad Dehnavi, and Ramil Bet-Tamraz were arrested while picnicking with their wives in a private garden in Firouzkooch. In a comment to the International Campaign for Human Rights in Iran, Mansour Borji, spokesperson for the Council of United Iranian Churches said that VEVAK agents also confiscated three bibles and assaulted Amin Afshar Naderi after he asked whether they had a warrant to enter the private garden. He emphasized that “the arrested individuals were not conducting a religious meeting and had gathered only for a good time”.

The detainees are currently being held in Evin Prison in Tehran. Four are reported to be converts to Christianity.

Ramil Bet-Tamraz is the son of Victor Bet-Tamraz, a prominent Assyrian pastor and former leader of Shahr-Ara Pentecostal Church, who was arrested on Christmas Eve 2014 along with Mr Naderi and others, and was accused of illegally printing and distributing bibles for missionary activities. According to Mr Borji both men were later released on bail.

In a comment to Christian Solidarity Worldwide (CSW) Mr Borji added “The crackdown on Protestant Christians in Iran has continued under President Rouhani and in fact has worsened in the last few months. Any gathering of Christians, including social gatherings, such as birthday or engagement parties, is also perceived by Iranian security officials as a potential underground church activity and a threat against national security.” Mr Borji also pointed out that some of the recently arrested Christians, “including the five arrested in Firouzkooch, are former members of the official churches which were forced to shut down and cease their services in Farsi language.”

CSW’s Mervyn Thomas said, “The fact that these men were arrested while enjoying a day out with their wives illustrates the unacceptable level of harassment endured by Iran’s Christian community. In addition, the unwarranted assault on Mr Naderi following a valid request for a warrant indicates that Christians continue to be mistreated with impunity. Their arrest while enjoying normal social interaction justifies the conclusion that in reality these men were detained solely on account of their faith. We call for their unconditional release and once again urge the international community to press Iran to release all prisoners of conscience and to respect the right to freedom of religion or belief, as articulated in its constitution and international treaties to which it is signatory.”

## SUNDAY AT THE GYPSY CHURCH

*Continuing his series on worshipping in other churches, John Partington reflects on a recent service in the Camargue.*

When we arrived at the church a nun invited me to read the epistle during the service .. but on discovering that I was English the invitation was hastily withdrawn – whether in retaliation for the recent Brexit vote or in reaction to my accent, I don't know. It shouldn't have been the latter, because the service was conducted by an African priest whose pronunciation had some of my French neighbours shaking their heads in puzzlement.

We were attending a (Roman Catholic) mass on a hot Saturday evening on the Mediterranean coast. It struck me as a relatively typical service of its sort with all its usual strengths & weaknesses (the timeless liturgy, the friendliness of the worshippers ... and the usual frustration of no wine at the receiving of Communion!), but three particular memories remain.

First, the strange mixture of truth and fable at the church. It was dedicated to the three Marys – Mary Magdalene, Mary Salome and Mary of Clopas (the first witnesses to the empty tomb at the resurrection of Jesus) – who, according to legend, were cast adrift in a boat from Alexandria, arriving in France at the town where were staying\*. The story is presented at the church apparently without any irony, as (for all that one can tell) equally true as the other elements of the Gospel tradition which are more historically based. Indeed there was much more visual emphasis on the Marys legend than on the Gospel. Was that merely quaint, I wondered, or is it actually confusing in a generation when so much of the Christian story is regarded (albeit wrongly) as historically suspect?

Secondly, although at least half of the congregation appeared to be visitors to the town, there was absolutely no attempt to help us join in the worship – no orders of service, no hymn books, and the nucleus of regular worshippers seemed to sing and pray (a non-standard version of the mass) entirely from memory, leaving the rest of us confused from start to finish. I certainly found fresh resolution to ensure that our CHEQS services are as accessible as possible to visitors!

Thirdly there was the pleasure that I always find in French services of addressing God as 'tu'. It feels so affectionate, so appropriately child-like. What an irony that when Cranmer and the other translators of the Mass dared to call God 'thou' in English, it has become ossified over the centuries to making God seem more, not less, distant. Only a few months ago I was taken to task in one of our churches here for making God seem too chummy by addressing him/her as 'you'. What would Cranmer, or St Paul, or Jesus say to that? At least they got one thing absolutely right in that hot Mediterranean service!

\* *The church is also a pilgrimage destination for Roma (Gypsies), who gather yearly for a religious festival in honour of Saint Sarah –said to have been the Egyptian servant of the three Marys.*

## **'THANK YOU' FROM THE COLN FETE AND PRODUCE SHOW**

Heavy rain and winds didn't stop the Coln St Aldwyns Children's Fete & Produce Show. Total funds raised were our best ever at over £7,000, 40% up on last time, with all profits going to local children's activities and charities.

The Produce Show survived, too, with a record number of entries. Alice Wilder (15) from Coln St Aldwyns won the Jean Sinton Cup for her overall success in the children's categories – other cup winners among the children were Maisie Calvert, (5) from Coln St Aldwyns and Quenington's Amaris Messenger (8), while Poppy Reeves (10) from Coln won Best in Show for her monster carrots. Among the adult winners were Anne Gale from Quenington who won the Rose Cup for the second year running; David Abel Smith from Quenington, who scooped both the Flower and Vegetable cups; and Albee Yeend from Quenington who lifted the Home-made Produce Cup. The Coln St Aldwyns' family of local blacksmith, Jon Ward, won the Family Shield for the second year running. And Oliver Cameron, grandson of Coln's Alan Halfacre, won the Sir Walter Raleigh Cup for the biggest potato.

A huge thank-you to our overall sponsor, Cotswold Airport, and to our other sponsors who included builders White-Monk, SE Controls, Sweet Fuels, Barbury Shooting School, Computer Solutions, Donkeywell Forge, Godwin Xylem, AJ Arborists, Charles Stanley, Made by Bob, and Hatherop couple Yvette & Andrew Kirk. And thank-you, too, to the more than thirty local businesses and residents who donated fabulous prizes for the Grand Raffle and Golden Lucky Dip. The committee is now considering applications from local children's charities and activities to support with this year's profits. You can get an application form from Fete chairman, Terry Davies, on [terrycdavies@aol.com](mailto:terrycdavies@aol.com).

## **QUENINGTON VILLAGE CAR-BOOT SALE**

The next sale will be held on The Green in Quenington at 11.00 am on Sunday 2nd. £5.00 per car.

## **QUENINGTON VILLAGE HALL COFFEE MORNING**

This month's coffee morning is on Saturday 8th, 10.30 am – 12 noon. Meet with friends and enjoy coffee & home-made cakes at our monthly coffee morning. Jayne Costley will be joining us with a range of Phoenix cards: please come and have a look. Raffle and book exchange. Anyone wishing to contribute cakes, please bring them along – costs will be reimbursed! Contact Janet Goddard – 01285 750323.

## **EASTLEACH FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE**

Thursday 6th at 3.00 pm. in Eastleach. Donna Chalcraft sings Country & Western

## **QUENINGTON VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB: AUGUST WINNERS**

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*New members are 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 750 465 for more information.*

## **IN TOUCH**

GRCC *In Touch* project is to enable older people to access health-related and social activities resulting in greater independence and physical/mental well-being.

The next *In Touch* event is on Thursday 20th, 11.00 am - 2.00 pm at the Bingham Hall in Cirencester, including free lunch and transport. Call Julie or Keven – 01452 528491.

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**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 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 Father 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 (note new time!) Morning Worship & children's activities. Fairly-traded goods for sale. Our monthly Contact Group meeting is on Fridays 7 October & 4 November – 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](http://www.lechladebaptistchurch.org).

## SUNDAY SERVICES IN OCTOBER

### Sunday 2

8.30 am	Harvest Communion	Hatherop	<i>JP</i>
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Southrop	<i>JP</i>
11.00 am	Harvest Festival	Coln	<i>JP</i>
11.00 am	Morning Prayer	Eastleach	<i>JE</i>
6.00 pm	Harvest Evensong	Quenington	<i>JP</i>

### Sunday 9

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>RS</i>
6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Coln	<i>JP</i>

### Sunday 16

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

### Sunday 23

9.30 am	Holy Communion	Quenington	<i>LH &amp; JP</i>
11.00 am	Morning Prayer	Eastleach	<i>PP</i>
6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Southrop	<i>PP</i>
6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Coln	<i>HPW</i>

### Sunday 30 *All Saints*

11.00 am	Family Communion	Hatherop	<i>JP</i>
11.00 am	Morning Worship	Eastleach	<i>RS</i>
6.00 pm	In Memoriam	Southrop	<i>JP &amp; RL</i>

*On the first Sunday of November our services will be at the usual times:  
 8.30 am Holy Communion at Hatherop (JP); 9.30 am Holy Communion at Southrop (JP);  
 11.00 am Holy Communion at Coln (JP); 11.00 am Morning Prayer at Eastleach (??);  
 6.00 pm Evening Prayer at Quenington (DB)*



## ALL SAINTS

We're celebrating All Saints on Sunday 30th with an 11.00 am Family Communion at Hatherop – worship for all ages, and our monthly untired parish service. There will also be a special seasonal service at that time at Eastleach.

At 6.00 pm we've our annual **In Memoriam** Service, which this year is being held at Southrop. It's a chance to remember prayerfully those who have died in the last twelve months, along with others who whose memory we treasure. (*See separate article in this magazine.*)

**Evening Prayer** is being held at 5.00 pm on **Wednesdays 19th & 26th**, in Hatherop & Bouthrop churches respectively – part of the weekly pattern of Evening Prayer across the South Cotswold Team. Our monthly **schools' services** are at 2.00 pm on **Tuesday 4th** in Hatherop (Harvest) and at 9.00 am on **Wednesday 19th** in Southrop: all are welcome at these.

### READINGS, PSALMS, HYMNS & COLOURS

- 2** (*Trinity 19*) Ps 37.1-10; Hymns 209, 113, 220 [*E & S*]; 290, 289, 291 [*C, H, Q*] *green*  
2 Timothy 1.1-14, Luke 17. 5-10
- 9** (*Trinity 20*) Psalm 111; Hymns 334, 122, 205 *green*  
2 Kings 5.1-3,7-15c, Luke 17. 11-19
- 16** (*Trinity 21*) Psalm 121; Hymns 175, 217, 199 *green*  
Genesis 32. 22-31, Luke 18. 1-8
- 23** (*last after Trinity*) Psalm 84.1-6; Hymns 192, 156, 241 *green*  
Ecclesiasticus 35.12-17, Luke 18. 9-14
- 30** (*All Saints*) [*different hymns & readings in each church*] *white/gold*

### WORSHIP LEADERS

DB – Daphne Barham; HPW – Hugh Poole-Warren; JE – John Exelby; JK – Jane Kidd;  
JP – John Partington; LH – Lynn Hayler; MB – Margaret Bettis; PP – Patti Price;  
RL – Ron Lloyd; RS – Roger Scoones

## **NEWS FROM HATHEROP CASTLE SCHOOL**

Michaelmas term started at Hatherop Castle in the usual busy way with excited children and plans afoot for all manner of educational trips and excursions, celebrations and learning. Fencing, judo and tennis lessons were all fixed as were matches against other schools in rugby and hockey. Choirs prepared for Matins in church and our Gala Opening evening for our new Performing Arts building.

All are busy. The school is fuller than almost ever before and we have welcomed a large number of new pupils this term. Nursery is almost at full capacity and will be even more popular when we launch the fifty-week-a-year offering from next January. New staff have joined. These are exciting times at Hatherop Castle!

Our new prefects and pupil leaders in the school are taking to their positions of responsibility in earnest and the children are responding to them. The Prep 8 children have their sights set on senior schools, field trips and mock exams. Reception children are excited about choosing what they want to eat at lunchtime and their first swimming lesson. All years in between have something to focus on this term, be that outdoor programmes or being elected to represent their form at School Council.

Open Morning for current and prospective families is on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup>, when our theme is 'A day in the Country'. Please email [admissions@hatheropcastle.co.uk](mailto:admissions@hatheropcastle.co.uk) if you would like to attend.

## **QUENINGTON APPLE DAY**

Preparations for Quenington Apple Day are progressing. On Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> in Quenington Village Hall we're celebrating the season, all our lovely apples & apple trees and our community. Please note you will need to bring your own containers for the juice, you may need to wait for your turn and you may have others apples mixed with yours, but all those who come with apples will go home with some lovely juice! Apple juice and apple cakes to try. A small charge will be made for these. Free children's apple games. Children's poetry and art competition. Details nearer the time: please see village hall website and the village shop. Seed swap – save seeds from your favourite garden plants to share with others (please bring single varieties in labelled paper bags). If you need more information please contact Ruth Parsons at [ruthparsons@woodland-learning.co.uk](mailto:ruthparsons@woodland-learning.co.uk)

## **SOUTHROP SCHOOL PTA JUMBLE SALE**

On Saturday 1<sup>st</sup>, Southrop School's Parent Teacher Association will be hosting their annual jumble sale in Southrop Village Hall. Doors open 2.00 pm and close at 3.30 pm. Refreshments and a raffle will be available. Entrance 50p.

All donations will be gratefully received. We would like contributions of bric a brac (small items only please), books, clothes, toys and cakes. The village hall will be open on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> between 1.00 - 3.00 pm and on the day between 10.00 - 11.30 am to receive jumble. If you are available to help on Friday afternoon and/or on Saturday to sort, sell or clear away please contact Kirstie Wilkins on 01367 253380. Thank you for all your support.

## **RIDE & STRIDE**

*Helen Shaftoe writes:* Thank you very much to everyone who kindly sponsored Ella, Lucy and me to do the Historic Churches Trust 'Ride & Stride' last month. Despite the rain we visited eighteen beautiful local churches, cycling thirty-five miles – 10-year old Lucy's longest ever ride! We raised around £600 in sponsorship, to be divided between our Church and the Historic Churches Trust. Many thanks for everyone's support.

*Congratulations to Helen and the girls – and thank you to everyone in all our villages who took part in this year's event!*

## **SOUTHROP WELCOMES**

... Josh & Kirsty Wills-Mace & their Son Arlo to Brookes Cottage.

## **ONCE A YEAR**

Could you be tempted to place flowers in Quenington Church? For more information, call Barbara Cullum on 01285 750563.

## **QUENINGTON VILLAGE HALL AGM**

On Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> we will be reporting on another busy year for the hall, and electing the management committee for the forthcoming year. All welcome: we hope to see you there for a glass of wine and chat from 7.00 pm – business starts at 7.30 pm.

## **EASTLEACH PARISH COUNCIL**

David Godwin has decided to step down as a Parish Councillor after more than twenty years.

Over the last few years, I have particularly valued his contributions during Parish Council Meetings. David was chairman on several occasions during his time on the PC. He has served the Council so well in the past and I have come to him for advice and guidance due to his immense knowledge of “all things Eastleach”.

David has contributed so much more than attending meetings. He has always stepped up to the plate to assist with digging out rivers, attending to benches and ‘patrolling’ the Village to make sure everything looked just as beautiful now as it did all those years ago when he started as a Councillor.

On behalf of the PC, David, I would like to express my sincere thanks for your dedication and service for the past 20 years.

*Pete McHugh (Chairman, Eastleach Parish Council)*

## **LECHLADE HISTORY SOCIETY**

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> at 7.00 pm for 7.15 pm. in the Function Room of the New Inn, Market Place, Lechlade (please note early start-time): AGM followed by “Cirencester Town Hall: Conservation and Repairs 2008-12”. Malcolm James looks at the work & issues involved in the conservation and repairs to Cirencester Town Hall that were completed in 2012. Guests welcome, £4. Contact Alan Garnell on 01367 253087 or visit [www.lechladehistory.co.uk](http://www.lechladehistory.co.uk)

## **2GETHER NHS FOUNDATION TRUST – LET’S TALK COURSES**

Free courses to help with stress, anxiety, low self-esteem, sleep problems and other similar issues are all available through the NHS.

The courses are being provided by the county’s Let’s Talk service and are based on Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT).

Alex Burrage, of Let’s Talk, said “One in four of us will be experiencing a mental health condition at any given time. Our courses are all held in community venues, and some are held during the day time while others are held in the evenings, so there is usually a course to suit everyone’s needs.”

*To find out more about courses in this area, ring 0800 0732200, or visit [www.talk2gether.nhs.uk](http://www.talk2gether.nhs.uk)*

## LOCAL ROADS - 1

*Ralph Green of Stow on the Wold writes:*

10,000 years ago the ice that covered Britain began to recede. What remained was a harsh tundra landscape where humans lived and hunted. Over time as the climate continued to grow warmer, the forest started to grow and began to advance northwards over hill and valley. The valleys became boggy and overgrown so people wishing to travel about the landscape did so along the ridges of the higher ground where the land was better drained and progress easier. Over time the forest was cleared as people changed from hunters and became farmers. However, in our part of the Cotswolds the hill-top tracks continued to be used and formed the basis of our local modern road system. Of the eight roads that radiate from Stow-on-the-Wold for instance, most make good use of the high ground, following the line of very ancient Neolithic and Celtic tracks.

Roman roads in England started on the south-east coast of England before running to London. From here the roads fanned out to all areas in support of the garrisons and to aid in the rapid deployment of troops. One road was an exception. The Fosse Way ran from Exmouth and Exeter in a north-easterly direction to Lincoln and was initially built as a border or frontier road between Roman Britain to the east and Celtic Britain to the west. The Fosse Way runs the whole length of the Cotswolds in an amazingly straight line and makes a fine epitaph to Roman engineering and this is especially so as the road runs across the 'grain' of the country. It is said that the road was built by two columns of men digging parallel ditches and throwing the soil into the centre to form a mound. The top was flattened, and then rubble and boulders laid down to be covered by finer gravel. The ditches provided drainage and its height gave an advantage to the soldiers if they were attacked. The word 'fosse' means a ditch or trench hence its name. This frontier road didn't remain long; Roman ambitions soon led to expansion. So the Fosse Way became the route of merchants and was to become an economic artery rather than a military road. Today it is one of our primary roads and can still be enjoyed by modern motorists.

As I drive up and down the Fosse Way I occasionally wonder what might be buried under the road surface. Twenty years ago, when a bypass was being constructed round Northleach the road builders had to cut across the Fosse Way. Below the present-day surface they found the original stone work laid down by those columns of men nearly two thousand years ago. An elderly resident of Broadwell near Stow-on-the-Wold told me that when he was a boy at the primary school, he remembers a teacher bringing his class up to the Fosse Way to show them the original Roman road in the rough ground to the side of the present road. The area he described to me is now very overgrown but the road must still there.

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*for this month's Sunday services see centre pages*

Oct 1	2.00 pm	Southrop School PTA Jumble Sale
Oct 2	11.00 am	Quenington Car Boot Sale
Oct 4	10.00 am	Hatherop School Harvest Service
Oct 6	3.00 pm	Eastleach Friendship Circle
Oct 8	10.30	Quenington Village Hall Coffee Morning
Oct 11	7.30 pm	CHEQS Garden Club – talk at Southrop Village Hall
Oct 17	7.00 pm	Lechlade History Society i
Oct 19	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer at Hatherop church
Oct 20	11.00 am	In Touch, Bingham Hall, Cirencester
Oct 21	7.00 pm	Coln Cinema
Oct 22	2.00 pm	Quenington Apple Day
Oct 23	11.00 am	Confirmation Service at Bibury church
Oct 25	7.30 pm	Quenington Village Hall AGM
Oct 26	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer at Bouthrop church
Oct 30	1.00 am	<i>British Summer Time ends</i>
Nov 2	6.00 pm	Eastleach PCC meeting
Nov 8	6.30 pm	CHEQS Garden Club AGM – Southrop Village Hall
Nov 11	10.45 am	Southrop School Remembrance Service
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Nov 14	6.30 pm	Southrop PCC meeting
Nov 30	6.30 pm	Holy Communion in Eastleach church (St Andrew's Day)
Dec 9	6.00 pm	School Carol Service in Hatherop church
Dec 16	1.00 pm	School Christingle Service in Southrop church
Dec 17	6.00 pm	Carols by Candlelight in Bouthrop church
Dec 24	4.00 pm	Crib Service in Quenington church
	5.30 pm	Crib Service in Eastleach church
	11.15 pm	Midnight Communion in Quenington church