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Thank you.

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## Pastoral Letter - from *the Revd David Minns*

Gradually and carefully, blinking into the summer sun we emerge from the darkness of the oddest of times we could have imagined. Life has not returned to normal - as we thought it might even last year. Legal restrictions are being lifted, only to be replaced with moral ones. Though we are given new freedom, we are asked not to exercise it; we are asked instead to care for ourselves and our neighbours. It's a strange new world we are entering, where things are permitted, but advised against!

And yet maybe, caring for our neighbours is not too tough a thing to ask. It is a keystone of Christianity: *'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength, - and love your neighbour as yourself'*.

Christianity often comes over as immensely complicated - full of rules, rituals and customs that would trip up the unwary. That is largely a man-made thing. In reality our faith asks us to love God and love our neighbour. I love that passage from the prophet Micah in the Old Testament: *'He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.'*

It's not that hard is it? Justice, mercy, humility, love God, love your neighbour. What a nice way to live the life that God has given you - to use your time making the world a better, happier place.

I used to visit Nigeria as part of a previous job and I often marvelled at the faith and joy shown by African Christians in the face of often unfairness and hardship. When I asked about this once my host replied: *'David, here we have nothing - so we are totally reliant on the gifts that come from God - and we rejoice when he gives them. Maybe Western hands are too full to receive anything from God'*.

Maybe we would be happier and more content if we appreciated what we have and looked to the gifts of God rather than the constant striving for more, newer, flashier, better.

And maybe now, the things we have been through together as a nation over the past long months have given us a fresh perspective on life. We have been weeping with those who have lost loved ones, we have been appreciating carers, supporting our neighbours, and giving to foodbanks and charities who support those whose misfortunes have placed them in need of help.

I enjoyed the recent Euro Football tournament and celebrated that the England team did so well. I didn't enjoy the few who booed other teams' national anthems and who disgracefully aimed racial abuse at some of the young men who so proudly represented their country. But I was struck, that in the wake of the vile abuse those young men suffered, there was a response, both from the players themselves and from the wider public, that this was not who we are and we will not be dragged down by those few with hatred in their hearts. The warmth of appreciation from the public was perhaps a sign that we are learning better to love our neighbour, to value, respect and care for the people around us with whom we share this life.

Coming out of lockdown won't be an overnight thing. I'm itching to get back to singing in church, refreshments and conversation after services, visiting each other in our homes once again, sharing meals. I can't wait to get back to fetes and events, to being able to see people smile again, to starting our choir at long last. But it will take some time for many people, before they can feel safe around others.

So, we slowly feel our way forward, appreciating the good gifts that surround us, that come from heaven above. We take care of ourselves and our neighbours and slowly begin to re-engage with one another as a community.

So, here's my prayer for you:

*Have a good summer, enjoy the freedoms that we have and appreciate what God has given. Be gentle and kind with those around you - love God and love your neighbour.*

*David*



## Thank you...

### To retiring Baunton Treasurer - David Shaw....

At Baunton's recent APCM, David Shaw stepped down as Hon Treasurer of St Mary Magdalene's. David has served in an understated and conscientious manner since 2016 when longstanding supporter of Baunton church - Andrew Hall - moved away from the village. Despite moving away from Baunton himself in early 2020 David continued to serve as Baunton Treasurer. So, we thank him for the support he has generously given to the Church since 2016.



We are very pleased to hear that Lynn Rutt has kindly stepped up to take on the role of Treasurer in place of David and we extend a warm welcome to her!

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## Benefice News and events

### News on the Revd Cliff Pooley

The Revd Cliff has recently been granted Permission to Officiate by the Diocese of Gloucester. We are very pleased to hear that we can soon look forward to Cliff's Ministry again in some of our Churches in the Churn Valley Benefice. A warm welcome back Cliff!

### Latest on House for Duty Priest, Cowley

Gloucester Diocese has now given the CVB permission to go ahead and advertise for a new House for Duty priest in Cowley. The process of creating Parish Profiles and a Statement of Needs is therefore currently underway. It is hoped that the post can be advertised from the autumn.

### Easing of Covid restrictions and Church practices in CVB

As this edition of *Parish Link* goes to print, Covid restrictions in England are being lifted by the government. After 19<sup>th</sup> July, the clergy in the CVB are however requesting that people continue to wear face coverings in church, even though this will no longer be a legal requirement. They are not

intending to share the communal cup during Holy Communion and will not be encouraging the sharing of the Peace just yet. They will keep a close eye during the months ahead, however, on any guidance which may be issued on these matters by the Church of England.

### CVB Hardship Fund resource reminder

As we approach the school summer holidays, we are aware that some families will not have the security of the school safety net. Please contact the Revd David Minns in the strictest confidence if you or someone you know has a real need to alleviate hardship. The community has responded quickly to this campaign, and we are ready to help as and when required:

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## Supporting our Churchwardens

Might you be interested in helping our Churchwardens? If you have a couple of hours to spare each week, many of our Churchwardens would welcome some support. It is a privilege to look after these beautiful, well-maintained buildings, and the services which take place within them, in our benefice and we would like to share the workload. If you feel you could help in this way, then please contact Revd David in the first instance: 01285 655199.

## Calling young performers

At a recent wedding blessing in Cowley, it was a joy to hear a young pianist play a piece on the organ. If you know of a young singer or instrumentalist who would like to play during one of our Sunday services, we can promise an attentive and supportive audience as well as fantastic acoustics. Please get in touch with the Revd David (01285 655199). We would love to hear from you!

## CAP Money Management Course in Stratton - going ahead

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We are very pleased to confirm that as this magazine goes to print the CAP Money Management advice course is due to go ahead - the first session taking place on *Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July from 6.30pm-8.30pm* at Stratton Court Care Home/Village. Refreshments will be on offer during the course. The second and third sessions will take place on *Wednesdays 28<sup>th</sup> July and 4<sup>th</sup> August*. There are still some spaces available on the course so if you or anyone you know would like to attend do get in touch with the course leader, Linda Wilks, on [Wilks1960hlv@gmail.com](mailto:Wilks1960hlv@gmail.com) T: 07702 435013; 01793 759 035. Many thanks.

*Christians Against Poverty (CAP)* is a national charity which offers practical support to people who are suffering from debt problems. It aims to help people become debt free by giving them the tools to manage their money better. CAP works in partnership with local churches to offer Money Management Courses to local communities.



## St Margaret's Roof Restoration Appeal

Following a Quinquennial Inspection and leaks in the Nave it will be necessary to undertake repairs to the North side roof of Bagendon's church and to re-lead the valley gutter. In the meantime, a long-term covering has been secured to protect the affected areas. The total cost of the remedial work will amount to £23,587 plus VAT. A difficult sum to raise in the current financial climate. So, if anyone reading this could make a donation, no matter how small, this would be greatly appreciated.

Please contact Alison Saunders.

T: 01285 831352 or email: [asaunders@ames1.me.uk](mailto:asaunders@ames1.me.uk)

## Churn Valley Community Choir - latest news...

All being well in terms of Covid restrictions, the new CVB Community Choir is aiming to start rehearsing in September. Please keep an eye out for further details about specific dates and times via email, if you have already expressed an interest in taking part in this new venture, and also in the CVB's weekly pew sheet/news update - 'The Week Ahead'.



## Diary date for Bagendon's Open Weekend this September

The traditional **Harvest Festival Lunch** will once again be held in a marquee beside St Margaret's Church, Bagendon, on *Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September between 12 noon and 2pm.*



Then..

*On Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September from 3pm until 5pm.*  
there will be a **Cream Tea Celebration!**  
...in aid of the Church Roof Restoration Fund.



Please bring family and friends to support both village gatherings.

## Plans across the Benefice for 2021 GHCT Ride and Stride

*Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust* is this year celebrating 40 years of helping with repairs to historic churches across the diocese. Many of our churches have benefitted from the generosity of this Trust. On Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September, it is hoped that many people will take part in the Ride & Stride and a fundraising target of £40,000 has been set.

### ***Plans for 11<sup>th</sup> September in BAGENDON...***



### **Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust's *Ride and Stride***

celebrates 40 years on  
**Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

#### **WALK**

St Margaret's, Bagendon, *invites* you to help celebrate this event by taking part in a beautiful walk! To avoid the need for Sponsors, each walker is asked to donate £15 to participate. We will be leaving St. Margaret's at 10am for a gentle stroll through the village. If you are unable to walk, a donation in lieu would be much appreciated.

*We are very grateful to the GHCT for a recent Grant towards roof repairs.  
Your support is VITAL to enable their work to continue.*

#### **LUNCH**

We will also be providing a picnic lunch between 12 noon and 2pm at St Margaret's for all ***Ride and Stride*** participants from across the Diocese.  
*(NB subject to any Covid restrictions which might be in place at the time.)*

We look forward to seeing you on 11<sup>th</sup> September.

For further information, please contact:

Pauline Farman: 01285 831891 [paulinefarman19@btinternet.com](mailto:paulinefarman19@btinternet.com)

Also, in the CVB, and as reported in the July 2021 edition of *Parish Link*, in Elkstone there will be a full peal attempt between 10am and 1pm on 11<sup>th</sup> September to give thanks for the work of the first 40 years of the GHCT. Do come along and support Simon Dann, Simon Ridley and their team of bell ringers.

Coberley is also making plans for 11<sup>th</sup> September, but these are yet to be finalised. Please check the *Churn Valley Church* and *Coberley Church Facebook* pages closer to the time for more information.

Finally, as this magazine goes to print members of the congregation at St Peter's, Rendcomb, are also making plans to take part on 11<sup>th</sup> September, and are hoping the weather will be just right for a walk starting out from Rendcomb village!

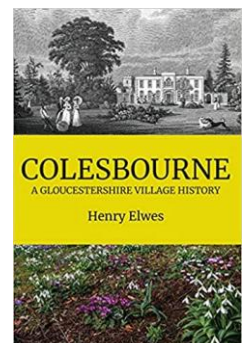
## News from the Diocese

**Walk for the Planet** - From 13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> August, pilgrims will be walking through the Diocese of Gloucester, to connect with the Young Christian Climate Network's national pilgrimage towards Glasgow. The length of the route each day will be somewhere between 7-11 miles. The relay aims to raise public awareness and engage churches and local communities. After our five days, we hand over to friends and colleagues in Worcester Diocese to take our tributary onwards to Birmingham. To register your interest please go to: <https://www.gloucester.anglican.org/2021/walk-for-the-planet/> [With thanks to the Diocese of Gloucester for this news item].

## News from around the Benefice

### An update from Colesbourne

For members of St James' congregation....please note that Colesbourne's Harvest Festival Service is planned for 9.30am on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September this year. It is also hoped that a Harvest Supper or picnic will be arranged, but a date for this is still to be agreed. In other news...for anyone who hasn't yet purchased one and is interested to find out more about Colesbourne - a few copies of Sir Henry's recently published book - *Colesbourne: A Gloucestershire Village History* - are still available from the Colesbourne Estate Office, priced £12.50. Do call by and pick up a copy.



## St Peter's, Stratton - cashless giving

We are very pleased to report that several simple ways of cashless giving to St Peter's are now available. A dedicated 'Donate' webpage has been set up, which offers a quick and secure way to support St Peter's. The website and other details are shown below. A poster containing the QR code below is also available on the noticeboard in the church porch.



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## Update from Rendcomb - Ruth Edy

The College term ended with a Leavers' Service for the Upper Sixth on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, and a special service for the Junior School on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July when we said 'fare well!' to two staff who were leaving, and 'travel well!' to Year 6 students who are moving into the Senior School next September. We also had a service in church for Key Stage 1 (pupils aged 5-7 years) where we talked about church being a good place for beginnings and endings.

During the summer, many walkers visit the church, especially those walking the Monarch's Way and the Macmillan Way, both of which go through the village of Rendcomb. These are two long distance trails that criss-cross England. We hope visitors enjoy exploring the inside of the church.

Outside, in the churchyard, one of the memorials needs some substantial repairs and this led to a visit from Graham O'Hare, a conservator recommended by Adam Klups, from the Diocesan Advisory Committee. In his informative report, the conservator included a lot of information about how such family tombs are made. This particular memorial (dated 1870) was to Thomas Brain and his wife, Mary, and the memorial stone was alongside that of Thomas' parents, Robert and Hannah Brain. The memorial also mentioned Robert Wells Brain and Thomas Wells Brain, '*sons of the above who died in infancy*'. This was a reminder to us about how much history lingers around a churchyard. The conservator's report said:

*Thomas Brain was a tenant farmer at Shawswell Farm, as was his father, Robert, before him. Shawswell was probably the original settlement site at Rendcomb and Marsden. The farm was and is part of the Marsden Manor Estate. Thomas Brain of Shawswell Farm was listed as a farmer in Kelly's Gloucestershire Directory of 1863*



*Photographs  
of the Brain  
memorial*



Unfortunately, *The Riverside Players* have cancelled their production at Rendcomb College this summer because of the uncertainty of the current Covid situation. Looking forward to September, a number of church members are planning to take part in the *Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride* event on September 11<sup>th</sup>, when we hope the weather will be just right for a walk starting from Rendcomb.

On Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> September at 11am there will be a Harvest Thanksgiving Service at Rendcomb Church, led by the College Chaplain, the Revd Bob Edy.

## Articles of the month

### Online studies of the history of Coberley and Cowley *By Alan Jordan*

During the Covid lockdown of 2021, Alan Jordan set to work on a project which involved trying to find out what could be learnt about the villages of Coberley and Cowley online. The key sources he used were: the national censuses, which took place every ten years from 1841 to 1911, and the mini-census<sup>i</sup> made in September 1939; Coberley parish records of births, marriages and deaths<sup>ii</sup>; Gloucestershire electoral registers<sup>iii</sup>; British History Online<sup>iv</sup> and Coberley Tourist Information<sup>v</sup>.

Alan also writes: *'My thanks are due to the Revd Arthur Champion for introducing me to an on-line series of walks in the Churn Valley from which some photographs have been taken and for kindly answering my many questions about the village and its inhabitants'*.

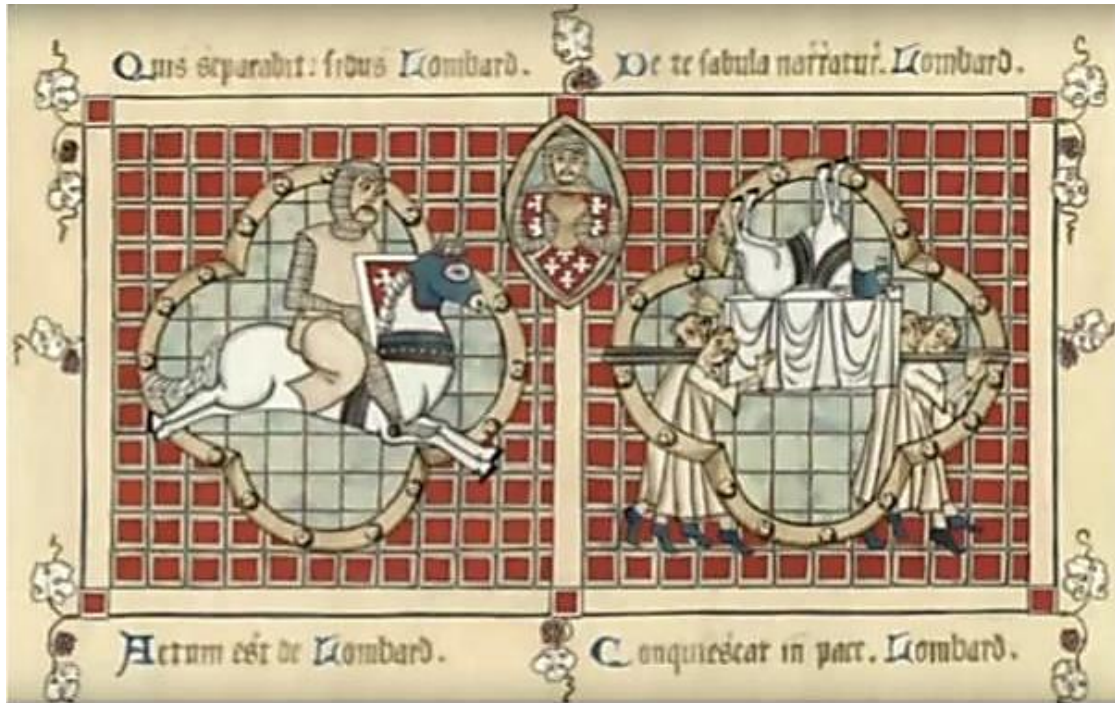
In the forthcoming editions of *Parish Link* we will be featuring some interesting excerpts from Alan's project, which we hope will be of interest to readers. *Many thanks to Alan for allowing us to publish his work.*

## Coberley Church and its Rectors

The village of Coberley (also known in the past as Cubberley) lies in the valley of the River Churn, about four miles south of Cheltenham in Gloucestershire.

The present church of St Giles<sup>viii</sup> dates from the 14<sup>th</sup> century. It is unique in that it has the only “heart” burial recorded in the Cotswolds.

Sir Giles de Berkeley died in 1294. His heart was buried in Coberley and a memorial recording this was erected in the church. It is also unusual because a horse is buried in the churchyard. The burial place of Sir Giles’ favourite steed, Lombard, is marked by a stone which is situated in the churchyard directly in line with the heart burial of his master in the south wall of the sanctuary beside the altar table.



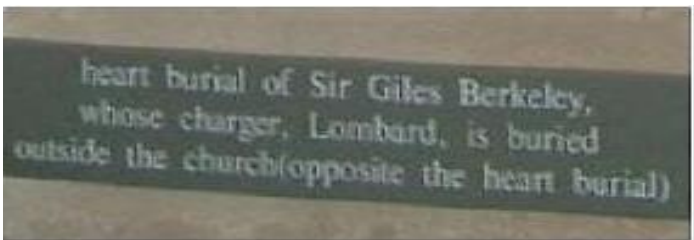
Sir Giles de Berkeley and his “faithful horse Lombard” ix

Sir Giles died at Little Malvern where it is thought he may have gone for health reasons and to take benefit of the mineral waters. It was his wish that he be buried at the church of St Giles, Little Malvern, so his body was placed to rest there, and his heart was buried at St Giles, Coberley<sup>x</sup>.



In memoriam of the burial of Sir Giles de Berkeley's heart.

Plaque at base of heart burial monument.



heart burial of Sir Giles Berkeley, whose charger, Lombard, is buried outside the church (opposite the heart burial)

The Rectory house was described in 1705 as a building of seven bays with a barn of three bays. The house, which stood east of the village green, was rebuilt on a large scale to a design by Richard Pace of Lechlade<sup>xi</sup> in 1825 and 1826<sup>xii</sup>. (It is no longer church property. It was sold by the Diocese of Gloucester and a new rectory established in Cowley).

The first occupant of Coberley Rectory was the *Revd William Hicks*, also Rector of Whittington where he lived until Coberley Rectory was rebuilt<sup>xiii</sup>. He was born in Middlesex in 1775 and studied at Peterhouse, Cambridge where he gained his MA in 1806. He was Rector of Little Braxted in Essex in 1802 and Vicar of Great Marlow in Buckinghamshire



Coberley Rectory<sup>vii</sup>

also in 1802, before becoming Rector of Whittington in Gloucestershire from 1811 until his death in March 1866, and Rector of Coberley from 1816 to 1866<sup>xiv</sup>. After his first wife Amelia Maria died, he married Mary Grisdale, who was born in Withington in 1804, in Charlton Kings in May 1833. They had seven children. Mary Hicks died in 1884.

*To be continued...*

### **Sources:**

i Called the 1939 Register.

ii Available on-line from 1813 to 1986.

iii Available on-line from 1912 to 1974.

iv british-history.ac.uk.

v cotswolds.info.

viii A Grade II\* Listed Building.

ix Appears in the Rev Arthur Champion's walks.

x cotswolds.info.

xi Most of his known commissions were houses, in many cases for Church of England clergy - Wikipedia.

xii British History Online - british-history.ac.uk.

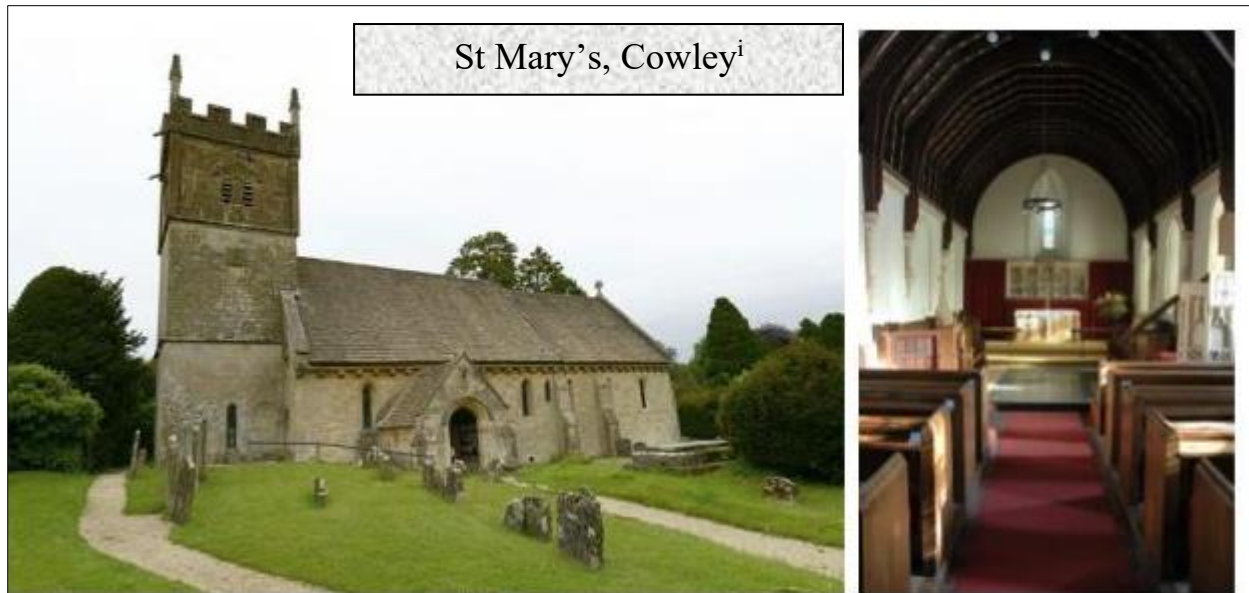
xiii British History Online.

xiv Summary of his life in Cambridge University Alumni 1261 – 1900 – ancestry.co.uk.



## Cowley Church and its Rectors

St Mary's church in Cowley, Gloucestershire, dates from about 1200 and is situated next to Cowley Manor.



The Rectory house, which was out of repair in 1690, was evidently derelict in 1742 when the site was given to the lord farmer as part of an exchange. The Rector was allowed to remove material for building a new Rectory. The new house, southwest of the cross, was enlarged by James Commeline in 1797. Between 1822 and 1870 it was occupied by curates, but it had fallen into such disrepair by 1838 that alterations were needed to render it habitable. It was sold to Sidney Allen in 1932 and became the farmhouse for Manor farm. The Rector then lived in Colesbourne but by 1978 the incumbent of the United Benefice had moved to Coberley Rectory<sup>ii</sup>.



Cowley Old Rectory, June 2005<sup>iii</sup>

The first clergyman in Cowley whose name is available on-line was the Revd John Colborne, born in 1802 in Stroud. He married Wilhelmina Wynch (born in 1801 in Surrey) in Finchley in 1833. He was curate in Frampton-on-Severn from November 1824 to at least May 1842<sup>iv</sup>. He had two daughters, Katherine Harriet (born in 1832 from his first marriage)



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**contd from p17**....and Caroline (born in 1835). By 1851 the family had moved to the Rectory House in Cowley and there was a third daughter, Gertrude Wilhelmina, born in 1842. They had three house servants. He was described in 1851 as “curate of Cowley”. Wilhelmina died in 1852 and Katherine Harriet in 1853. They are both buried in Cowley churchyard<sup>v</sup>. John died in 1859 in Stroud.

The next occupant of the Rectory, also described as curate, was the Revd William Henry Butler, born in 1799 in Cheam, Surrey. He married Mary Ann Bell (born in 1806 in Enfield, Middlesex) in Islington in 1829. They had five children: Mary Ann (born in 1835), Catherine (born in 1838), Emma (born in 1839), William Henry (born in 1841) and John Bell (born in 1844). By 1861 William and Mary were living at the Rectory in Cowley with their daughters Catherine and Emma. They had three servants, a cook, a housemaid and a gardener. By 1871 they had moved to Putney.

They had a visitor in 1861 - Robert Bellamy Clifton, who was described as a Professor of Natural Philosophy [i.e. Science]. In 1865 he was appointed Professor of Experimental Natural Philosophy at Oxford University. While at Oxford he designed the Clarendon Laboratory. In June 1868 he became a fellow of the Royal Society and was President of the Physical Society (now Institute of Physics) from 1882 until 1884. From 1868 until his retirement in 1915 he was a Fellow of Merton College, Oxford<sup>vi</sup>.

*To be continued...*

### **Sources:**

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## Schools' News

### Coberley C of E Primary School



It has been a fantastic term. We have been back to full swing with our full complement of enrichment activities.

Years 4, 5 and 6 spent three amazing days at Viney Hill taking part in climbing, crate stacking, archery, bridge building, a low rope course and so much more. The children camped overnight and spent precious time as a community.

In recent weeks our focus has been on creativity - one of our core values. All the children have taken part in music workshops playing a range of instruments, including percussion and plastic brass! Drama has also been a high priority with drama workshops for the younger children and we are currently rehearsing hard for Year 2 and 3's "Fantastic Mr Fox" and Year 4, 5 and 6's musical version of "The Cat in the Hat". We also have an art day next week in which all the children are emulating the work of Sonia Delaunay.

We have continued to have our weekly Open the Book assembly and have been able to present our weekly awards to deserving children for:

*Kindness, Perseverance, Creativity, Happiness and Community.*



We say goodbye to twelve Year 6 children this term as they begin their next journey at Pates, Denmark Road, Balcarras, Kingshill and the Cotswold School and look forward to welcoming our new intake. We still have a couple of places for Reception in September. Please contact the school office if you are interested.



**Andrew Milner, Headteacher**

*Find us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram*

## Community News and Events

### ***Stratton Educational Foundation invites applications...***



Applications are invited by the Trustees for grants in aid of persons under the age of 25 years who, or whose parents, are resident in the Ecclesiastical Parishes of Stratton with Baunton, and who require financial help towards the cost of preparing for a profession or trade or in furthering their education, or in providing group facilities for recreation and social and physical training.

Individual applicants might wish to apply for a grant to help with the cost of text books or equipment, for example, which they need for a college course.

For further details and an application form please contact:

Mrs C Bramley, 10 Vale Road, Stratton, Cirencester, GL7 2JJ.

e: [corinna.bramley2@gmail.com](mailto:corinna.bramley2@gmail.com) .

*Completed applications should be returned by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021.*

## The Tuesday Group

A reminder that the first Tuesday Group Meeting of 2021 will be held on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September at Stratton Village Hall, 7.00 for 7.30pm.** The Speaker will be Arthur Ball who will be showing slides and talking about his Safari in Botswana. We do hope that all our friends, old and new, will be able to join us for this first social evening since March 2020. There is an entrance fee of £2.00 which includes light refreshments.

*Judith Wood, Gill Keen, Cwy England*

## Cirencester Quiet Garden welcomes you this summer



### Cirencester Quaker Meeting House

53 Thomas Street, GL7 2BA



1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in August, September & October  
10am – 4 pm

A hidden gem in the centre of Cirencester, the Quaker Meeting House Garden is, for the first time, being opened as part of the Quiet Garden Movement.

The [Quiet Garden Movement](#) was developed in the early 1990's by Philip Roderick, retired Anglican priest, percussionist, educator and writer. He wrote: *"We live in a world where we are swamped by methods of communication .... Silence is the missing and vital ingredient. Even as little as five minutes can be restorative ..."* The Quiet Garden Movement nurtures access to outdoor space for people to experience silence and restfulness in a variety of settings, such as private homes, churches, retreat centres, schools and hospitals.

All are welcome to come to the Cirencester Quiet Garden - to either pop in briefly or stay longer. The dates for August are: *Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> or Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>* and for September: *Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> or Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>*.

There is flat access to the garden through the Friends Meeting House. Light refreshments and toilet facilities will be available. No booking is necessary, and there is no charge, but donations would be welcome to cover the costs of refreshments. There is no parking on site, but town car parks are nearby.

Enquires email: [caduceus02@msn.com](mailto:caduceus02@msn.com)

## September Garden, produce and craft show - Daglingworth

On Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September (2pm -5pm) Duntisbourne Abbots WI is planning a Garden, Produce and Craft show, to be held in Daglingworth Village Hall. There will be competitions for fruit and vegetables, flowers, baking, preserves and floral art. There will also be arts and crafts, photography and a category for children. Outside, people can enjoy a dog show and a fun gym competition, so do come along. We will be serving tea, coffee, homemade cakes and our ever-popular cream teas. The bar will also be open. This promises to be a lovely, entertaining summer afternoon and we hope you will come along to enjoy it!



## Announcing *Bags of Joy* appeal!

Christmas may seem a long way off, but it will be upon us very soon.....



Over the last couple of years, the Churn Valley Benefice has filled shoeboxes with gifts for disadvantaged children and needy families across the area, as well as Mums and families supported by the *Stroud Women's Refuge* and women in Gloucester Women's Prison. This year, we will be making this collection using carrier bags - so no need to search for, and cover, a shoebox! Below is some guidance about suitable items to look for for the different age ranges etc.

### **For Children - Age range: New-born - 14 years.**

Soft toys; small games; ball; skipping rope; books (new or in very good condition); stationery; crayons; colouring books; gloves; woolly hat; toiletries (soap, flannel, nail brush, etc.); jigsaw-puzzles; felt-tips; bags of sweets. What would *you* give to a youngster on Christmas morning? No promotional products and no weapons.

**Mums (*Women's Refuge*)** *Imagine having to flee from the very place where you should feel safest.*

Toiletries (new only); chocolates/sweets; biscuits. Again, what would *you* like to receive on Christmas morning?

**Women (*Gloucester Women's Prison*)** *We all make mistakes and compassion is better than condemnation.*

Toiletries (new only); chocolates/sweets; biscuits. No sharp objects or packaging and no foil coverings (remember some chocolate and biscuits have foil wrappers). What would *you* like to receive on Christmas morning?

**Please note that the cut-off date for donations is 30<sup>th</sup> November**

For further information, or collection, please contact me -

*Pauline Farman on:*

01285 831891 or: [paulinefarman19@btinternet.com](mailto:paulinefarman19@btinternet.com)

*Thank you.*

*Spread the  
Love*

## Winstone and District WI - *Moira Cima*

We couldn't believe it, but after dithering right to the last minute about whether or not to go ahead with our garden party, given the forecast of "occasional heavy showers", we were blessed with the first true summer evening of the year. One of our members kindly hosted the evening on the terrace of her lovely garden. The picture (below) says it all... a vase of sweet peas and a jug of Pimms - a quintessential summer scene! It was the first time we had met all together for over a year and, as the sun decided it would stay and the temperature rose, the conversation and laughter flowed for three hours.

On the 10<sup>th</sup> of August we hope to be holding our first meeting back in Winstone Village Hall, and we'll be welcoming Diane Green from

the Gloucestershire Energy from Waste Facility. There was considerable




opposition to the building due to fears about the environmental impact on the local area and the company has been keen to get out and about to local groups and explain how it works. Since its opening in 2019 the plant still generates controversy over the pros and cons of incinerating waste so we're anticipating a lively debate.

If you'd like to join us, you're welcome (it's £4.50 for non-members). Just contact our secretary on 01285 821261 or [chrisrwhitaker7@gmail.com](mailto:chrisrwhitaker7@gmail.com). We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm in Winstone Village Hall.



## Summer activities for children at Care Farm



# Summer Farm Activities!

Inclusive Summer Holiday Farm Activity sessions at Scrubditch Care Farm in 2021

Collect the eggs!

Feed the animals!

Pick things to eat!

Hunt for minibeasts!

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>,  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup>,  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> and  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August!

Explore the woods!

Plant some seeds!

And MUCH more!!

Go on a farm scavenger hunt!

An opportunity for disabled and non-disabled children to have fun together learning about farming and the countryside!

For children aged 5 and over.

Please get in touch to discuss any additional support needs so we can ensure your child enjoys their visit.

Sessions are either morning OR afternoon and last 2 hours

Places **MUST** be prebooked, booking closes July 30<sup>th</sup>.

To book a place or for more information email [gerry@scrubditchcarefarm.org.uk](mailto:gerry@scrubditchcarefarm.org.uk)

*These activity sessions have been kindly funded by*  
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[www.colnfunday.com](http://www.colnfunday.com)

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## Scrubditch Care Farm - *Emma Costley White*

**Postponed Community Coffee Morning** - As this magazine goes to print, we are looking forward to welcoming everyone to our coffee morning for the community on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July** from 10am - 12 noon. Visitors can enjoy coffees, teas, cakes and lovely views! Booking is helpful and donations welcome: [gerry@scrubditchcarefarm.org.uk](mailto:gerry@scrubditchcarefarm.org.uk) / 07966 255 631 Emma.

**Veg Boxes ready - Weekly or fortnightly!** - We have lots of salads, lovely rainbow chard, carrots, soft fruit and assorted beans. Do ring if you would like a mixed veg box weekly / fortnightly (Thursdays):  
07966 255 631 / Emma or contact us via the website:  
[www.scrubditchcarefarm.org.uk](http://www.scrubditchcarefarm.org.uk)

**Recent Open Days** - Our Open Days in July all went really well. We have several new students due to start in September. *Please get in touch if you know someone that would benefit from joining our students here.* Open Farm Sunday was a lovely event; although it's a shame we had to restrict numbers due to the pandemic. Roll on next year when hopefully we can have lots more families.

**Instagram, Facebook & Twitter** - We regularly post photographs and news of the Care Farm on social media ....so if you haven't already.... start following us!

**Pig News** - Rollo the boar we have borrowed has hopefully been successful with our two gilts, and Mabel. We are not sure about Tigger! We should find out next month when we have them scanned. He went horribly lame last week, and so the vet was called who gave him a painkiller, which helped. He thought Rollo had put his pelvis out; so on Tuesday we had our chiropractor visiting Manny (our ex racehorse) and she treated Rollo too while she was here - extremely successfully! He is positively skipping round with Mabel now!

**Eggs for sale!** - We have hen, bantam & duck eggs for sale. Ring/text Emma on: 07966 255 631 if you would like a regular order each week/fortnightly.

**Children's Holiday Activities - 5, 9, 11, 12 August** - These sessions are inclusive farm activity sessions for *all* school age children. It's an opportunity for disabled and non-disabled children to have fun together and learn about farming and growing produce. The 2 hour sessions **must** be booked in advance and are either morning or afternoon. Please contact Gerry to book a place: [gerry@scrubditchcarefarm.org.uk](mailto:gerry@scrubditchcarefarm.org.uk) **before 30<sup>th</sup> July.**

**'Growing Well Together'** - As we move towards autumn and winter, people can start to feel their wellbeing and health dipping. If you know anyone that is struggling, feeling depressed, isolated and in need of a confidence boost, please get in touch. We meet every Tuesday afternoon, and no referral is needed. You can use our contacts on the

website: [www.scrubditchcarefarm.org.uk](http://www.scrubditchcarefarm.org.uk) or contact Gerry:  
[gerry@scrubditchcarefarm.org.uk](mailto:gerry@scrubditchcarefarm.org.uk) for more information.

Our dementia sessions run every Tuesday from 11am to 1pm. Both sessions are very informal and are an opportunity to get out in the fresh air with likeminded people in small groups. Please get in touch if you would like to know more about these sessions:

[info@scrubditchcarefarm.org.uk](mailto:info@scrubditchcarefarm.org.uk) or have a look at our website:  
[www.scrubditchcarefarm.org.uk](http://www.scrubditchcarefarm.org.uk)

**Talks via ZOOM** - If you know a group that would like to hear one of our talks, they last about 40 minutes and we give a fun, informative overview of the Care Farm. To find out more e: [info@scrubditchcarefarm.org.uk](mailto:info@scrubditchcarefarm.org.uk)

### **Dates for the diary!**

Community Coffee Morning: *Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July* 10am – 12pm

Children's holiday activities: *5, 9, 11, 12<sup>th</sup> August.* **Booking essential.**

Next Term starts: *6<sup>th</sup> September*

AUTUMN QUIZ: *Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October* (date tbc)

Christmas Fair: *Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December* (date tbc). Stall

enquiries: [emma@scrubditchcarefarm.org.uk](mailto:emma@scrubditchcarefarm.org.uk)



## **From the Benefice Registers**

### **Funerals:**

22<sup>nd</sup> June '21                      Evelyn Smith                      Cheltenham crem.

### **Weddings:**

25<sup>th</sup> June '21                      Henry Carleton Richard Tufnell    All Saints, North Cerney  
   and Poppy Elisabeth Charlotte  
   Reed Rimington-Pounder

10<sup>th</sup> July '21                      Charles Patrick James Riddell    All Saints, North Cerney  
   and Alexandra Katie Elizabeth  
   Besterman

### **Baptisms:**

20<sup>th</sup> June '21                      Florence Irina Winwood Robinson    St Margaret's, Bagendon  
20<sup>th</sup> June '21                      Arthur Ian Pullin                      St John's, Elkstone  
27<sup>th</sup> June '21                      Jonah Lachlan McDonald              St John's, Elkstone  
27<sup>th</sup> June '21                      Georgia Rose Macpherson              St Peter's, Stratton



## News from our NHS Trust - *Anne Davies*

A display at Elkstone Open Gardens, featuring the Memorial Gardens that have been installed at both our hospital sites, attracted interest and questions about my role as a governor. The governor role is both challenging and rewarding and an opportunity to contribute toward a better future for the Trust as it continues its journey to outstanding. Nominations are now open for new governors and the deadline for submissions is August 9<sup>th</sup>. You can learn more about this role, and about the Trust, from our CEO, Lead Governor and Trust Chairman on the Trust website and following the menu options: 'About us'; 'and 'Become a Governor' - <https://www.gloshospitals.nhs.uk/about-us/governors/become-governor/>

As a part of improving patient care the Trust is proposing to offer a new *prehabilitation* service for cancer patients which will provide exercise, nutrition, and psychological support to people while they are preparing for cancer treatments. If you have been treated for cancer within the Trust, in particular lung, colorectal, upper gastrointestinal, or gynaecological cancers, you are invited to share your experiences of care and offer suggestions for how best the Trust can provide this additional support. If you can help, please send your thoughts to: [ghn-tr.comms@nhs.net](mailto:ghn-tr.comms@nhs.net) or send a direct message on *Facebook* or *Twitter*. Research is important in the Trust, and it has been chosen to take part in a new NHS England pilot programme that detects risk of oesophageal disease. This is often diagnosed late and is the sixth most common cause of cancer deaths in the UK with only 15% of patients surviving five years after diagnosis.

Cheltenham A & E has now returned to its pre-pandemic opening hours following the temporary response to the pandemic whereby the focus of emergency and urgent care services was predominantly at Gloucester Royal Hospital. The changes in working practice over the pandemic have impacted on many, including staff, who had to work in a different role, in a different service or on a different site and their willingness to show flexibility and commitment was outstanding. The awarding of the George Cross to the NHS recognised not only 73 years of dedicated service, but also the courageous effort put in by all of those involved in battling COVID-19. We were delighted that three Trust colleagues were invited to attend a special 'Big Tea' hosted by The Duke of Cambridge at Buckingham Palace on 5<sup>th</sup> July!

**Anne Davies** (*Public Elected Governor Cotswolds*) [anne.davies11@nhs.net](mailto:anne.davies11@nhs.net)

# Crossword

## ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD BW73 (July 2021)

### ACROSS:

1	REIN	10	SEAT	17	LILO	23	DOES
5	BEAU	12	HOPE	18	STUN	24	TOOL
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8	OVERTURN	16	PERVADES	22	MOTHERS		

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1	REDO	6	UNIT	18	STUD
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## AUGUST/SEPTEMBER CROSSWORD: BW74 - *by Ben Woods*

### CLUES ACROSS:

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| <p>1 PASSION (6);<br/>                 4 GARDEN PESTS (6);<br/>                 7 SPECTACLE (9);<br/>                 9 COURTS (4);<br/>                 10 MEDAL (4);<br/>                 11 FRUIT (5);<br/>                 13 EMBEDDED (6);<br/>                 14 SNUGGLE (6);</p> | <p>15 THIN (6);<br/>                 17 OFF COURSE (6);<br/>                 19 HOLY PERSON (5);<br/>                 20 WICKED (4);<br/>                 22 FALL SHORT (4);<br/>                 23 PLACE OF WORSHIP (9);<br/>                 24 WEALTH (6);<br/>                 25 INCREASE (6).</p> |
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### CLUES DOWN:

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| <p>1 REPLY (6);<br/>                 2 POEMS (4);<br/>                 3 CHANCED (6);<br/>                 4 PLANET (6);<br/>                 5 EAGER (4);<br/>                 6 UNMARRIED (6);<br/>                 7 SLEEP INDUCING (9);<br/>                 8 ACTIVE AT NIGHT (9);</p> | <p>11 VEGETABLES (5);<br/>                 12 RAISING AGENT (5);<br/>                 15 PIERCE (6);<br/>                 16 SAILING BOATS (6);<br/>                 17 ELECTRODES (6);<br/>                 18 SHOUTED (6);<br/>                 21 PIECE OF WOOD (4);<br/>                 22 JUST (4).</p> |
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## Services in August and September

### **Key to Ministers:** CVB Licensed Ministers:

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## August Services

There will usually be a Service of either *Holy Communion or Morning Prayer* at St Peter's, Stratton, at 10am on a Wednesday morning.

### Parish Church of St Margaret's, Bagendon

Sunday	1 <sup>st</sup>	9.30am	Matins [BCP] (MG)
Sunday	8 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	HC [BCP] (Revd Canon Margaret Bettis)
Sunday	15 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	HC [BCP] (DM)
Sunday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30am	HC [CW] (Revd Canon Margaret Bettis)
Sunday	29 <sup>th</sup>		<i>United Benefice Service Cowley</i>

### Parish Church of St Mary Magdalene, Baunton

Sunday	1 <sup>st</sup>	9.30am	HC (JM)
Sunday	29 <sup>th</sup>		<i>United Benefice Service Cowley</i>

### Parish Church of St Giles, Coberley

Sunday	1 <sup>st</sup>		<i>See Cowley</i>
Sunday	8 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	MP (MV)
Sunday	15 <sup>th</sup>		<i>See Cowley</i>
Sunday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30am	HC [BCP] (DM)
Sunday	29 <sup>th</sup>		<i>United Benefice Service Cowley</i>

### Parish Church of St James, Colesbourne

Sunday	1 <sup>st</sup>	10.00am	Matins (Christopher Hall)
Sunday	8 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	HC [BCP] (DM)
Sunday	15 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Matins (CP)
Sunday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30am	Matins (MG)
Sunday	29 <sup>th</sup>		<i>United Benefice Service Cowley</i>

### Parish Church of St Mary, Cowley

Sunday	1 <sup>st</sup>	11.00am	MP (DM)
Sunday	8 <sup>th</sup>		<i>See Coberley</i>
Sunday	15 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	HC (CP)
Sunday	22 <sup>nd</sup>		<i>See Coberley</i>
Sunday	29 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	<b>BENEFICE SERVICE</b> (DM)

### Parish Church of St John the Evangelist, Elkstone

Sunday	1 <sup>st</sup>	11.00am	Morning Worship (MV)
Sunday	8 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	MP (RE)
Sunday	15 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	HC (DM)
Sunday	22 <sup>nd</sup>		<i>Service at Rendcomb</i>
Sunday	29 <sup>th</sup>		<i>United Benefice Service Cowley</i>

### Parish Church of All Saints, North Cerney

Sunday	1 <sup>st</sup>	11.00am	HC (JM)
Sunday	8 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	HC (DM)
Sunday	15 <sup>th</sup>		<i>No Service</i>
Sunday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	11.00am	Matins (MG)
Sunday	29 <sup>th</sup>		<i>United Benefice Service Cowley</i>

### Parish Church of St Peter, Rendcomb

Sunday	8 <sup>th</sup>		<i>Service at Elkstone</i>
Sunday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	11.00am	HC (BE)
Sunday	29 <sup>th</sup>		<i>United Benefice Service Cowley</i>

### Parish Church of St Peter, Stratton

Sunday	1 <sup>st</sup>	9.30am	HC (DM)
Sunday	8 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Morning Worship (MV)
Sunday	15 <sup>th</sup>		<i>No Service</i>
Sunday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	11.00am	HC (DM)
Sunday	29 <sup>th</sup>		<i>United Benefice Service Cowley</i>

## September Services

The Revd David and Mark Venn will both be on annual leave during the course of September. This means that staffing services during this month is proving challenging. Your understanding of these difficulties and the current gaps in the rota is therefore much appreciated.

### Parish Church of St Margaret's, Bagendon

Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Matins [BCP] (MG)
Sunday	12 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	HC [BCP] (Revd Canon Margaret Bettis)
Sunday	19 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	HC [BCP] (Minister tbc)
Sunday	26 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	<i>Harvest</i> HC [CW] (DM)

### Parish Church of St Mary Magdalene, Baunton

Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	HC (DM)
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**Parish Church of St Giles, Coberley**

Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup>		See Cowley
Sunday	12 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	MP (CP)
Sunday	19 <sup>th</sup>		See Cowley
Sunday	26 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	HC [CW] ( <i>Minister tbc</i> )

**Parish Church of St James, Colesbourne**

Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Matins (Christopher Hall)
Sunday	12 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	HC [BCP] (CP)
Sunday	19 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	<i>Harvest Festival Service (MV)</i>
Sunday	26 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Matins (MG)

**Parish Church of St Mary, Cowley**

Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	MP (DM)
Sunday	12 <sup>th</sup>		See Coberley
Sunday	19 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	HC (MV)
Sunday	26 <sup>th</sup>		See Coberley

**Parish Church of St John the Evangelist, Elkstone**

Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Morning Worship (MV)
Sunday	12 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	MP ( <i>Minister tbc</i> )
Sunday	19 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	HC ( <i>Minister tbc</i> )
Sunday	26 <sup>th</sup>		<i>Service at Rendcomb</i>

**Parish Church of All Saints, North Cerney**

Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	HC (JM)
Sunday	12 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	HC ( <i>Minister tbc</i> )
Sunday	19 <sup>th</sup>		<i>No Service</i>
Sunday	26 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Matins (MG)

**Parish Church of St Peter, Rendcomb**

Sunday	12 <sup>th</sup>		<i>Service at Elkstone (tbc)</i>
Sunday	26 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	<i>Harvest Thanksgiving (BE)</i>

**Parish Church of St Peter, Stratton**

Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	HC (JM)
Sunday	12 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Morning Worship ( <i>Minister tbc</i> )
Sunday	19 <sup>th</sup>		<i>No Service</i>
Sunday	26 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	HC (DM)



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