

Hymns

June 1997

Clergy may often delude themselves into thinking that the most influential part of an act of worship is the sermon! Occasionally the Holy Spirit may help to produce a memorable one, but on the whole congregations are far more sensitive to hymns than to most other parts of a service.

Many will ask for traditional hymns without realising that there are no such things. It is worth noting that although we may have 2 prayer books there are at least 20 different hymn books in common use in Anglican churches. Furthermore even the most popular hymns span several centuries. Some began life in the Middle Ages in Latin; others, like those of George Herbert, were written in Jacobean Times. Many were translated from German and, of course, a huge bulk were written in the nineteenth century.

Another feature of hymns is that they break down denominational barriers. One old favourite "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" came from the pen of a Quaker who did not sing hymns in worship. The Methodist brothers, John and Charles Wesley, have given many to Anglican worship, and Baptists will happily sing the words of Roman Catholic writers.

Sometimes hymns get lost and forgotten with the passage of time and then, perhaps, they are suddenly re-discovered and, perhaps, put to a new tune. One example of this is the beautiful hymn "My Song is Love Unknown". The words are by Samuel Crossman, Dean of Bristol, who died in 1683, but they remained in obscurity until the compilers of "Songs of Praise" asked John Ireland to write a new tune for them. Ireland obliged by writing his tune "Love unknown" on a scrap of paper in less than a quarter of an hour! And so today we have a 17th century hymn married to a 20th century tune being one of the top choices. Thankfully the story goes on and in this latter half of the 20th century we have seen a rich outpouring of new hymns.

When we come up against an unfamiliar hymn in worship we need to

1. Rejoice and give thanks for the efforts of author and composer.
2. Let the message of the words reach into our innermost being.
3. Give the tune a chance. This may require patience and effort and often tolerance but it may well bring many blessings in its wake.

"O shout to the Lord in triumph; all the earth . . . and come before his face with songs of joy" Ps 100: v1 Syd Willcox

Church Services

Sunday 1 June	8.00 am	Nunton	BCP	GS	Nunton
Pentecost 2	9.30 am	Parish Communion	ASB	GS	Britford
	11.00 am	Matins	BCP	WC	Odstock
Sunday 8 June	9.30 am	Parish Communion (JC)	ASB	GS	Nunton
Pentecost 3	11.00 am	Matins	BCP	WC	Charlton
Sunday 15 June	9.30 am	Parish Communion (JC)	ASB	GS	Odstock
Pentecost 4	11.00 am	Matins	ASB	WC	Britford
Sunday 22 June	9.30 am	Parish Communion	ASB	GS	Charlton
Pentecost 5	11.00 am	Matins	ASB	GS	Nunton
Sunday 29 June	10.00 am	Group Communion		GS & WC	Britford
Pentecost 6		Patronal Festival			
Sunday 6 July	8.00 am	Nunton	BCP		Nunton
Pentecost 7	9.30 am	Parish Communion	ASB		Britford
	11.00 am	Matins	BCP		Odstock

GS = Graham Southgate, WC = Westly Cole, TS = Terry Sankey.

If anyone would like a lift to any of the services, please telephone Debby Underhill on 01722 329769.

From the Editor

This month's edition of *News & Notes* has been paid for by Britford Parish Council - a big thank you to all the people of Britford. Also I would like to thank the lady who sent me a donation, but without supplying her address - thank you. Our newsletter is no longer part-funded by our PCCs, but relies solely on sponsorship and donations (however small) from the readers. Following a recent rise in photocopying costs, the amount we need to find each month is £50. In return for your money, we offer the sponsor some advertising/acknowledgement (if required) on the front page of our newsletter. If anyone is interested, please contact Neil Guttridge, *News & Notes* Treasurer, on 01725 511468 or at Court-Hay, Lower Road, Charlton All Saints, SP5 4HQ. Editorial items for inclusion in *News & Notes* should be sent to Clare Penny at Azalea Cottage, Chapel Lane, Charlton All Saints, SP5 4HF or telephone on 01725 512869. Notices of charity and non-profit making events are inserted free, but all other advertisements are charged at £2 per 30 words, or £20 for 12 insertions. The deadline for the July issue of *News & Notes* is Friday 20 June.

First Impressions

Well, my first month as Team Vicar has certainly passed very quickly! I am slowly making my way around the four parishes and six churches that make up the eastern group in the Chalke Valley. I have visited two of the schools and now have a regular weekly part in collective worship at Britford, and I shall soon be making my debut at Odstock.

Those of you who were at my licensing service will remember the challenge from the Bishop to the congregation to join me for daily prayer. His reference was to the very ancient tradition of saying the Daily Office, that is Morning and Evening Prayer. So, why not join me when you can? These short services are from *Celebrating Common Prayer*, a book which the Bishop of Salisbury helped to compile, and will take place Monday to Thursday as follows:

Morning Prayer at St. Andrew's, Nunton; beginning at 8.30 am

Evening Prayer at St Michael's, Coombe Bissett; beginning at 5.30 pm

The exceptions to this pattern will be when there is a Greater Holy Day — then a celebration of Holy Communion at 8.00 am will replace the later service of Morning Prayer at Nunton. In June these occasions will be:

Wednesday 11th June, the Feast of St Barnabas the Apostle

Tuesday 24th June, the Birthday of St John the Baptist.

Lastly, there is a fifth Sunday this month (29 June), so there is to be a group service. This coincides with the Feast of St Peter the Apostle, Britford's Patronal Festival. So the only service in the eastern group on that day is a service of Parish Communion in Britford at 10.00 am (please note the time), to which the parishes of Charlton All Saints, Coombe Bissett with Homington, and Odstock with Nunton and Bodenham are invited. See you there!

Graham Southgate

From the Registers: Holy Baptism

On Sunday 18 May at Nunton: Shannon Paige Bunn and at Britford: Ella Megan Knight.

WI

The meeting on 12 May was chaired by Mrs Sue Bourne. Several members will attend the Downland Group Summer meeting on 19 May, the speaker will talk on "Relaxation". Names were taken of those wishing to go on the Summer outing to Stapehill Gardens on 21 July. (Non-members welcome. The cost is £7.70 or £7.50 for senior citizens - this includes coach fare and entrance to Stapehill.)

The Summer Garden Party is at 2 pm on 9 June at Melstock, by kind invitation of Mrs Sue Bourne. There will be an entertainment, bring and buy stall, plant and cake stalls and a raffle.

"Let's Celebrate 100" is a special event to celebrate the WI Centenary on 23 June.

Resolutions for the Triennial meeting in Birmingham were discussed at length. One is about the use of lindane in sprays and insecticides and its possible link with breast cancer. Mrs Joan Dixon will be our delegate.

The "flower of the month" competition was won by Mrs Pat Reeve with a *Fremontia Californica*, and a light-hearted quiz was won by Mrs Joy Saunders. Angela Moules

Waste Disposal

The Radnor Arms has containers for the disposal of cardboard, paper, cans and plastic bottles, but it is not allowed to provide these for glass bottles because of the noise which would annoy nearby house dwellers! It is hoped that a disposal site for these may be found so that local people do not have to take them to Salisbury.

Odstock Manor Gardens

The Gardens will be open from 2 - 6 pm on Saturday 21 June by kind invitation of Mr & Mrs Jonathan Marland, in aid of the Odstock Church Appeal Fund. Cream teas, plants, cakes, raffle and bring and buy stalls. Please come and see these beautiful gardens. Admission £1.50, children 50p.

Britford Parish Council

The Annual General Meeting of Britford Parish will take place on 4 June at 7.00 pm at the Britford Memorial Hall. The meeting will open with a short talk by Mr Barry Barnett, Principal Environment Officer, on the possibility of mains sewerage for the village. Judith Sturdy

Best Wishes

Hugh, Nicki, Robbie and Rosie Bond have moved from Odstock "along the road" to Coombe Bissett. Good wishes to them all.

We welcome (to the Bond's old home) Maple Cottage, Odstock, Colin and Pippa Crosthwaite and their baby daughter Eleanor, one year old on 19 May.

Britford School Summer Fete

Saturday 5 July at 2 pm at Britford School

To be opened by Ian Chalke - a star player for Salisbury City Football Club

* Cakes * Plants * Bric-a-Brac * Toys & Books *
Refreshments * Children's Games

Grand Draw with First Prize of £50

Ian Chalk will be involved in a Football Attraction

If you have any items to donate for any of the stalls, please contact Mary Onstenk on 01722 322643.

A Date for your Diary

We are holding a plant sale at the Radnor Hall on Saturday 13 September in aid of the Hall funds. I would be most grateful for any contributions of well-rooted plants, so please remember us in your gardens during the summer.

Jeannie Payne

Christian Aid Week

Many thanks to both those who collected and those who gave so generously to Christian Aid. £195.31 was collected in total.

Adrian Taylor

Have you lost anything?

If so, I may have found it in Odstock. Contact Rita Hobbs on 01722 334106.

Coffee Morning

The Annual Conservative Coffee Morning will be held on Wednesday 4 June at 10.30 am at Melstock, Nunton, (by kind permission of Mrs Sue Bourne). Entrance will be 30p to include coffee and biscuits. There will be a Bring and Buy, Plant Stall and Nearly New. Also a Raffle and Derby Draw. Do come along and bring your friends. Everyone is welcome.

Judy Barke

Charlton All Saints Garden Society

The May meeting of the Charlton All Saints Garden Society was treated to an excellent talk on the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust, given by Sue Walker. The talk was illustrated by beautiful slides of local chalk downlands and the butterflies and plants that they support. The next meeting will be held on Monday 16 June at 7 pm. Teddy and Mary Penn have kindly invited us to share supper in their garden.

Barbara Box

Gardens Open in Nunton 29 June

Several gardens will be open on **Sunday 29 June between 2 pm and 5 pm** in aid of Nunton and Odstock Church Funds and The Chalke Valley Link Scheme. Gardens on view will include Nunton House, The Old Rectory and Presses House, but see notices nearer the time for a complete list.

Teas at Nunton House between 3 pm and 5 pm. Bring the family - tennis and croquet available. **Tickets £2 (children 12 and under free)** to include entry to all gardens on sale on the day or beforehand at Nunton House (Mr & Mrs Joynt 01722 329782).

Harry Joynt

Babysitters

Three experienced pupil midwives working at Odstock Hospital are available for days, evenings, weekends. Please telephone 01722 36262 extension 2902.

Britford Coffee Morning

The Britford Coffee Morning on 14 May raised the sum of £204.20 for St Peter's Church. Many thanks to all who supported the morning and for all the donated goods so kindly given.

Daphne Scamell

Bishop's Garden

Bring your friends to the Bishop's Garden, 71 The Close, Salisbury from 2 - 5 pm on Saturday 8 June. Teas, strawberries and cream, stalls, sideshows etc in aid of the Salisbury-Sudan Medical Link.

Odstock School Report

On 21 April, Dr Tom Robson, Science Consultant for Wiltshire County Council, visited the school to inspect the teaching of Science. He found that long, medium and short term planning is well thought out and effective and described it as "good practice". He commented on the school portfolio of children's work, again describing it as good practice. In both the Infant and Junior classes pupils' achievements in Science are in line with ability, and again Dr Robson concluded there was good practice taking place in both classes. He found that "... generally pupils have a good attitude to learning. Pupils have good concentration skills in both Key stages. Relationships are positive and pupils work well as individuals in groups. Pupils communicate with confidence and are willing to share their ideas and thoughts." He concluded his report by saying "the staff are to be commended on helping Science progress over the past few years."

Paul Niblett



Handy/Oddjob Man

Ring MIKE your local handy/oddjob man - any task considered

General maintenance inside & outside - painting - grass cutting - driving (HGV and PSV licences held) etc

Free estimates - one off or regular contracts - telephone 01722 322677

Charlton PCC AGM

The AGM was held in Charlton Church Hall on Tuesday 29 April. At the meeting a warm "thank you" was extended to David Matthews, retiring from the PCC, and to Mrs Peggy Oxendale, who retired as Church Warden, after 3 years of excellent service. Peggy has put in a great deal of extra practice at the organ, preparing for our Book of Common Prayer sung Matins, which has proved so popular during the interregnum. We are all very grateful to her, and pleased that she will continue as our organist. Mrs June Byrom and Mrs Barbara Box were elected to the PCC, with Barbara being elected as our new Church Warden. The remainder of the PCC were re-elected en bloc, and Ian Ashworth and Neil Guttridge were elected as our Team Council Representatives. We are very pleased to have these new members, and wish them every success in their new roles.

Short of Cash?

Cleaner required for brand new 4-bedroomed friendly household in Nunton. Suit someone 4-6 hours/week at £4.00/hour. Call Paula on 01722 322422 (home) or 01722 335599 (work).

Grand Draw at Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham Fete

Tickets for the Grand Draw are being distributed for sale throughout Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham and will also be sold at the Fete. If you feel able to sell some tickets, please contact Susie Jenkins (Bodenham - 01722 329748), Gill Smedley (Odstock - 01722 329488) or Adrian Taylor (Nunton - 01722 325862). We also require draw prizes and will be delighted to receive any than you may be able to donate.

Adrian Taylor

The Grand Charlton Barbecue!

Saturday 14 June at 7 pm at Charlton Courtyard,
adjacent to Charlton House

Adults £4 * Children £2
* Bar * Raffle * Skittles *

For tickets, please ring Alison Ashworth on 01725 510459
or Clare Penny on 01725 512869 by 12 June

Southwark Visit

Friday 20 June - Monday 24 June. There are five men and four ladies coming with two helpers and a driver. They will be staying in the villages and a programme has been arranged. I hope everyone will welcome them.

Carole Stratton

Contact Numbers

Team Rector	Canon Sydney Willcox, The Rectory, Broad Chalke 01722 780262 (Day off - Mon)
Team Vicar	Revd Roger Redding, The Vicarage, Ebbesbourne Wake 01722 780408 (Day off - Mon)
Team Vicar	Revd Dr Graham Southgate, Nunton Vicarage, Nunton 01722 330628 (Day off - Fri)
Churchwardens	Nunton - Harry Joynt 01722 329782 Charlton - Peter Cox 01722 329709 Odstock - Peter Martin 01722 329743 Britford - Daphne Scamell 01722 334858

Dates for your Diary

4 June	Conservative Coffee Morning, Melstock, Nunton 10.30 am
4 June	Britford Parish Council AGM - Speaker - Memorial Hall, 7.00 pm
8 June	Bishop's Garden, Cathedral Close
9 June	WI Garden Party, Melstock 2.00 pm
14 June	Downton Secondary School Summer Fun Day and Craft Fair, School 12.00 noon
14 June	Charlton Barbecue, Charlton Courtyard 7.00 pm
21 June	Odstock Manor Gardens open
20/24 June	Southwark Pensioners' visit
23 June	WI Centenary celebration
29 June	Gardens open in Nunton
30 June	Charlton Theatre Club - Time and Time Again
5 July	Britford School Summer Fete 2.00pm
23 July	Charlton Theatre Club - Riverdance
6 September	Charlton Village Fete 2.00 pm
13 September	Plant Sale at the Radnor Hall

Regular Events

WI	Second Monday of the month, 10.00 am Barker Room, Nunton
Junior Church	To coincide with 9.30 am services at Nunton or Odstock Churches, held at the Barker Room, contact Adrian Taylor on 01722 325862
Bingo	Every Friday, 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm The Orchard, Nunton
Singing Group	Every Tuesday, 8.00 pm, contact Adrian Taylor on 01722 325862
Mobile Library	Alternate Fridays (6 & 20 June): Village Hut, Charlton 9.50 am Alternate Tuesdays (10 & 24 June): Brookmead, Britford 9.45 am Post Office, Bodenham 10.05 am Radnor Arms, Nunton 10.20 am Crossroads, Odstock 10.50 am

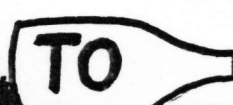
Stop Press! Energetic and responsible person sought by busy professional couple to clean their well-cared for home in Charlton All Saints. Considerable flexibility offered in return for a commitment to the highest standards. If interested, please contact us on 01725 512262.

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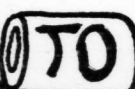
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Nunton Football Field

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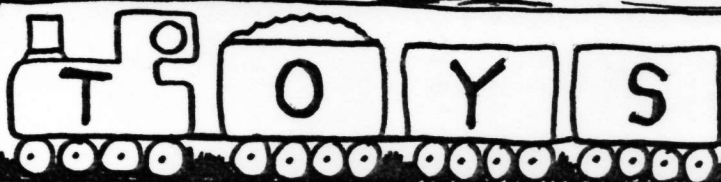
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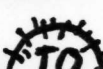
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