

Holidays

August 1997

Pigeons are overweight! They've been feasting on the ripened corn and are lumbering with their excess baggage! They stand in the road and only just manage to fly out of the way of traffic.

Do you feel your life is lumbering along with an excess of things to do and all too little time to do them? Time runs out and the pressures pour in? Like the pigeons we feel weighed down. Despite great effort we get nowhere fast!

Well, holidays for us, could be a time to part company with our excess baggage, though it probably will not be our weight that decreases!

Holidays could be a time to reassess our lives and what is really important to us. We could see ourselves in a new light; to see the world as a bigger place. We could be grateful for the things we so often take for granted; to recognise our own weaknesses and strengths; to hold on to what is important and be prepared to compromise that which does not matter.

Holidays could be a time when we find refreshment, relaxation and restoration, but this will only happen if we find time for ourselves and time for silence and thinking and praying.

Use the space and change of routine to ask questions of yourself and what you believe. Use some time to rebuild and restore your relationship with God.

And then the peace of God which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge of God and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Terry Sankey

Church Services

Sunday 3 August	8.00 am	Holy Communion	BCP	GS	Nunton
	9.30 am	Parish Communion	ASB	GS	Britford
	11.00 am	Matins	BCP	WC	Odstock
Sunday 10 August	9.30 am	Parish Communion	ASB	GS	Nunton
	11.00 am	Matins	BCP	WC	Charlton
Sunday 17 August	9.30 am	Parish Communion	ASB	GS	Odstock
	11.00 am	Matins	BCP	GS	Britford
Sunday 24 August	9.30 am	Parish Communion	ASB	GS	Charlton
	11.00 am	Matins	BCP	WC	Nunton
Sunday 31 August	10.00 am	Parish Communion	BCP	GS/TS	Homington
Sunday 7 September	8.00 am	Holy Communion	BCP		Nunton
	9.30 am	Parish Communion	ASB		Britford
	11.00 am	Matins	BCP		Odstock

GS = Graham Southgate, WC = Westley Cole, TS = Terry Sankey, SW = Sydney Willcox
 If anyone would like a lift to any of the services, please telephone Debby Underhill on 01722 329769.
 Please note that there will be no Junior Church in August.

From the Editor

The Charlton PCC is kindly sponsoring this month's edition of *News & Notes* in order to publicise Charlton Village Fete. I am very grateful to the Committee, and I do hope that as many of you as possible will be able to come to the Fete on Saturday 6 September. 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. Monetary donations should be sent to Neil Guttridge, *News & Notes* Treasurer, on 01725 511468 or at Court-Hay, Lower Road, Charlton All Saints, SP5 4HQ. 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 September issue of *News & Notes* is Friday 22 August.

WI

The President, Mrs Sue Bourne, welcomed everybody, including a prospective new member, Mrs Isobel van de Geer, and reported that our produce and plant stalls at the village fete on Saturday had done very well, takings were considerably higher than last year.

"Let's Celebrate 100" - a picnic evening to a secret destination - this proved to be two aeroplane hangars at Wroughton. The evening, overall, proved to be rather like the the curate's egg "good in parts".

On 21 July, members and friends will go by coach to visit Stapehill Gardens for the summer outing, calling in for a cream tea provided by a WI on our way home. Our Scrabble team reached the finals and had an enjoyable evening with eleven other teams. Mrs Joan Dixon gave an excellent and detailed report on the Triennial Conference at Birmingham, which she attended as our delegate. Mrs Barbara Slater gave us an hilarious talk on "Doing B&B". (My apologies for giving the wrong speaker in July's *News & Notes*.)

On 8 September, the subject will be "Lace Making". After a picnic lunch, a weeping willow tree will be planted in the Jubilee Gardens at Odstock, then we will hear an hour's talk on "The History of Salisbury" at the Medieval Hall - no meeting in August. Mrs Bourne won the "Flower of the Month" competition with a beautiful rose called "Jubilee".

Angela Moules

Odstock Church Appeal Fund

On 14 & 15 June, some of us sold cakes and refreshments to buyers at Georgina von Etzdorf's sale and the following Saturday Odstock Manor garden was open, when cream teas, cakes and plants were sold, and there was a tombola stall. The money raised was £140 on 14/15 and £427 at Odstock Manor. Grateful thanks to all who kindly gave articles for sale and helped in any way, especial thanks to Jonathan & Penny Marland for allowing us to visit their beautiful garden. Luckily we were able to use the fete stalls with canopies, as there were three heavy showers during the afternoon.

Angela Moules

Thank You

David and Gillian Moulard would like to thank all friends, neighbours and villagers for all their help and kindness following their recent accident.

Fete Jumble Sale

A big thank you to all who helped and all who came along to the Jumble Sale held just before the Fete this year.

Muriel Ford

Welcome

Belated welcome to Nigel Wait. . .

Rebecca

Plant Sale

The Radnor Hall Committee hopes you will support the Plant Sale to be held at the Hall on Saturday 13 September at 2.30 pm. I will gratefully receive or collect any contributions.

Jeannie Payne

Junk Mail

If you do not want junk mail delivered, just write on a postcard to Junk Mail Preference Service, Freepost 22, London W1E 2P2.

Angela Moules

Odstock School

Mrs Oram, the County's Primary School Inspector spent a day in school at the beginning of July. Among her main findings were

- The quality of teaching is satisfactory overall.
- There are good structures in place to plan the curriculum from long term to daily work.
- Children are well behaved and willing to discuss what they are doing.
- Progress has been made in improving the presentation of written work.
- The school development plan is a satisfactory tool for school improvement.

She commented "This is a much improved school and only minor areas of the curriculum need a 'little tweaking'."

Test Results

The National Tests have been completed and show that the majority of children at 7, 9 & 11 - excluding those with special needs - achieve the level expected of them, with a third of infants achieving a level two years above their age and one junior achieving the standard of a 13 year old in Science.

Children's Work on Display

During August some of the children's topic work on Odstock Church will be on display in the church.

Toilets

It is hoped to begin work on providing indoor toilets during the summer holidays, thanks to fundraising efforts by the parents and fete committee.

A Poem about Odstock Church

This poem was written by 9 year old Charles Sonneneberg

*No bright colours in the monotonous background
Brightly coloured trees
No warmth like a breeze to keep you safe and dry
Like a fire
Graves crowd around the graveyard, like people around it.
Memories of your relations weeping, weeping
Weeping out loud.*

*East corner of the graveyard
Joshua's grave stands cracked
Roses
Old writing
1801
Tall peaks on the bell tower
A sharp pointed spike.*

Give Them a Chance

The Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham Parochial Church Council have been wrestling with the difficult financial outlook which faces ours and many other small parishes up and down the country. We have reached the stage where our annual costs, however much we economise, exceed our annual income and, as a result, our reserves are shrinking fast. This is despite the very generous donation we receive each year from the splendid efforts of the Fete Committee and helpers and the response to specific fund raising efforts, the largest of which has been, of course, the Odstock Church Appeal.

In order to give our churches the chance to survive we need to approach all those living within the parish in an effort to increase our regular income. We plan to do this during August and September and the initiative will be launched at the 9.30 am Service at Odstock on 17 August to which all are most welcome.

Some parishioners will be part of what we call our "Pass It On" programme and all, in one way or another, will be given details of the problems we face, the ways in which you might help and the reasons you may wish to do so. When you receive the details please "give them a chance". Thank you.

Adrian Taylor on behalf of the Odstock, Nunton & Bodenham PCC



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

Christmas Revue - Radnor Hall - 28 & 29 November

No pantomime this year - just for a change - but another varied programme consisting of:

- some comic sketches on the theme "Brush up your Shakespeare"
- a 20 minute one act comedy with a cast of five (two couples and a man) called "Between Mouthfuls"
- a selection of the most popular revue items which we have put on over the past ten years, plus some community singing.

Melanie Ferris will be directing the one act comedy and due to her other commitments, rehearsals for this will be held on several Saturdays in October and November and perhaps a couple of evenings before term starts. Other rehearsals as and when needed.

If you are interested in possibly taking part or helping in this show, please come along to a **meeting in the Barker Room, Nunton on Monday 11 August at 7.30 pm**. Meanwhile, if you would like more information or have any suggestions, please contact: Melanie Ferris 01722 322280 or Harry Joynt 01722 329782

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 Odstock - Peter Martin 01722 329743 Charlton - Peter Cox 01722 329709 Britford - Daphne Scamell 01722 334858

Dates for your Diary

11 August	Christmas Revue meeting, Barker Room, Nunton 7.30 pm
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
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 (1, 15 & 29 August): Village Hut, Charlton 9.50 am Alternate Tuesdays (5 & 19 August): Brookmead, Britford 9.45 am Post Office, Bodenham 10.05 am Radnor Arms, Nunton 10.20 am Crossroads, Odstock 10.50 am

Charlton Village Fete

**Saturday 6 September 1997 at 2 pm
at Charlton Courtyard**

- ☺ *Cakes* ☺ *Guess the Weight of the Cake* ☺ *Human Fruit Machine*
☺ *Bash the Rat* ☺ *Bottles* ☺ *White Elephant* ☺ *Books* ☺ *Skittles* ☺ *Eggs & Bacon*
☺ *Plants & Produce* ☺ *Refreshments* ☺ *Runaway Train* ☺ *Raffle at 4pm*

Entrance 30p for adults, children under 16 free, plenty of car parking

If you have any raffle prizes, bottles, cakes, produce, books, white elephants, nearly new or some spare time to donate, please contact Peter Cox on 01722 329709, Barbara Box on 01725 510758, Clare Penny on 01725 512869. Collection can be arranged from any of the villages and there will be a door to door collection in Charlton on the evening of Wednesday 3 September.