

Brief Easter Thoughts

April 1997

Although Easter Day is in March, most of the season of Easter is in April. So first of all may I wish all our readers a joyous and lively Easter. Easter is all about **new life** and about exciting changes and this will certainly be true for the Salisbury Diocese and for the Chalke Valley in particular this month.

First of all by the time you read this I hope we will have had an opportunity to congratulate Karen Curnock as the first woman priest in the Chalke Valley Team.

Secondly, we welcome the Archbishop of Canterbury to the diocese on the 11 - 14 April, but the climax for most of us will be the **First Fruits Festival** in the Cathedral on **Saturday 12 April (10 am to 5 pm)**.

Thirdly, on Wednesday 23 April the Rev Dr Graham Southgate will be licensed as our second Team Vicar at Britford Church at 7.30 pm by the Bishop of Ramsbury. We extend a warm welcome to Graham. His arrival marks the completion of the Chalke Valley Team and below I have listed certain pastoral arrangements which arise as a consequence.

I hope and pray that with God's help and guidance April 1997 will be but a beginning of much **new life** and growth in the parishes of the Chalke Valley.

Syd Willcox

Pastoral Care

The whole point of a team of clergy is that we can share the work among us and although particular gifts and expertise may be used across the whole team in order to avoid duplication of work and travel, each of the three clergy will act as Area Priest to particular areas. These are as follows:

1. Roger Redding - Berwick St John, Alvediston, Ebbesbourne Wake with Fifield Bavant and Bowerchalke.
2. Syd Willcox - Broad Chalke and Bishopstone with Stratford Tony.
3. Graham Southgate - Coombe Bissett with Homington, Odstock and Nunton with Bodenham, Charlton All Saints and Britford (but Roger will continue as a Governor of Coombe Bissett school).

The parishes of the lower Chalke Valley have also agreed to bring the times of their services in line with the rest of the Benefice - 8 am, 9.30 am and 11.00 am.

Syd Willcox

Church Services

Sunday 6 April	9.30 am	United Communion (Junior Church)	ASB	Odstock
St Mary's Patronal	9.30 am	Parish Communion	ASB	Britford
Sunday 13 April	9.30 am	Parish Communion (Junior Church)	ASB	Nunton
	10.00 am	Matins	BCP	Charlton
Sunday 20 April	9.30 am	Morning Prayer	ASB	Britford
	10.00 am	Matins	BCP	Odstock
Wednesday 23 April	7.30 pm	Installation Service for Rev Dr Graham Southgate, followed by reception at the Radnor Hall		Britford
Sunday 27 April	9.30 am	Holy Communion	ASB	Charlton
	11.00 am	Matins	BCP	Nunton
Sunday 4 May	9.30 am	Parish Communion	ASB	Britford
	11.00 am	Matins	BCP	Odstock

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 with a donation of £50 from the Odstock, Nunton & Bodenham Parish Council, and I am very grateful to Eddie Jefferson for arranging this. 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 May issue of *News & Notes* is Friday 18 April, and can I make a plea to *all* contributors to observe this deadline, please!

PCC AGMs

Britford PCC AGM will be on Thursday 24 April at 7.30 pm at St Peter's Church.

Odstock, Nunton & Bodenham Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on Monday 28 April in the Barker Room starting at 7.30 pm. The agenda will be displayed in each church porch and all are welcome.

Charlton PCC AGM will be held on Tuesday 29 April at 7.30 pm at All Saints' Church. This is a good chance to meet our new minister, the Rev Dr Graham Southgate, so please come along. Everyone is welcome.

WI

The AGM was held in the Barker Room on 10 March with Mrs Jill Johnson presiding. Members were told that contributions had been sent to 1) the Mayor's Appeal, 2) the Owl Sanctuary (to save red squirrels) and 3) the Tree Planting scheme at Coombe Bissett. Two members are to attend Downton Afternoon WI Birthday meeting, also Alderbury Birthday meeting. There will be a Silent Auction at Redlynch on 8 April. All welcome. The April meeting is on 14 April when Mrs B Slater will talk about "Doing 'B&B'".

Mrs van Hagen gave the Financial annual report, Mrs Sue Bourne, the Secretary's report and Mrs Jill Johnson, the President's address. Mrs Patti English won the "flower of the month" with a beautiful Bergenia. The VCO Mrs Kay Davie spoke about her work, and announced the appointment of Mrs Sue Bourne as President.

"Let's Celebrate 100", our WI Centenary, promises to be a wonderful evening on 23 June. **Keep that evening free!** Transport will be by coach (from Salisbury). Doreen Smith won the ballot for a Denman College bursary.
Angela Moules

I was there - an Easter Meditation from Britford School

How can he bear the pain of those harsh metal nails through his hands and feet?

Nailed to a piece of wood, shaped as a cross. What has he done to deserve that?

I don't say anything otherwise I'll be the next on the cross.

I don't want to die but I have to lie to the Lord so that after I can spread the word of Christ our Lord of all.

He dies with two robbers. He dies proud on the cross to save us from evil and hatred.

I was there the day that Jesus died.

I could feel the hatred in my head when they shouted "Kill him! Kill him!"

The cries stay in my head even now and they will for evermore.

Philip Haskell, aged 11

Licensing of New Team Vicar

Rev Dr Graham Southgate will be licensed at Britford Church at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 23 April (parking in the Rectory field), followed by a gathering at the Radnor Hall. All inhabitants of our parishes are very welcome, and this is a good opportunity to meet the new team of clergy. Any donations of finger food to Julia Joynt will be gratefully received.



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

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First Fruits Festival

On 12 April at 10.00 am to 5.00 pm at the Cathedral, Archbishop George Carey is coming to see our response to the postcards on Christian Action, Christian Confidence, Spirituality and Worship. The deaneries are setting up displays and the Chalke Deanery's exhibit (ours) entitled "Working Together" is in the North Aisle, exhibit number one. Come and see what's happening.

Debby Underhill

Southwark Visit

For many years we have had a link with Southwark in London and invited pensioners to stay in the local villages for a weekend. These elderly but active men and women live in high rise flats without gardens and open spaces and really appreciate a country holiday.

If you are willing to accommodate one or two people for bed and breakfast on the weekend of 21/22 June, we would be very grateful. We arrange activities and they come in a mini-bus with a driver and helper. We hope to make it an enjoyable weekend for them and us!

If you are interested in helping and or providing accommodation please let me know. We are having a meeting on Monday 21 April at 8pm at Matrimony Farmhouse, Charlton All Saints, tel 01722 329720.

Carole Stratton

Salisbury Macmillan Nurse Appeal

Many of you will be aware that there is a current appeal for £100,000 to fund a Macmillan Nurse at the Salisbury Oncology Unit. The appeal is going well - but we need a further £30,000 to meet our target. The great success of the appeals, nationwide, is that thousands of people feel a commitment and involvement with the aims of our nurses - specialising as they do in work with cancer patients AND their families - in hospital and at home.

We are as grateful for small efforts towards our target as for large fund-raising events. If ANYONE in your area would care to run a coffee morning, garage sale, small lunch etc, we will be delighted. Even £5 from one coffee morning, multiplied hundreds of times, will take us nearer our goal. Blank posters, fund-raising packs etc, are available from CRMF, PO Box 1957, Sturminster Newton, Dorset DT10 2YQ. Or - just organise something and send us the money (to the PO Box above). Thank you so much.

Peter Coombes

Charlton Theatre Club

In the last couple of months we have had successful trips to see the English National Ballet at the Mayflower, Southampton, and *Time and the Conways* and *The Government Inspector* at the Salisbury Playhouse. Our next event will be to see *Travels with My Aunt* on 14 April.

Tickets have been reserved for *Time and Time Again* by Alan Ayckbourn at Salisbury Playhouse on Monday 30 June and, as part of the Salisbury Festival, for the Royal National Theatre production of *Skylight* by David Hare on Thursday 29 May. Further details are available if you would like any tickets. Also if anyone is interested in the *Family Fireworks* concert with the BSO at The Cathedral Close on Saturday 7 June, please contact me. Tickets for a group of ten or more will be just £9 each if paid before 1 June.

Joanna Matthews, 01725 512262

Faith Hawley Memorial Bench

Thanks to everyone who supported Faith Hawley's coffee/lunch. We can now purchase the seat. It will be located near the bus stop in Bodenham. The Rev Anthony Hawley (Faith's son) will dedicate it on Saturday 12 April at 11.00 am. All welcome.

Carole Stratton

Charlton Fete

There will be a Fete Committee meeting on Monday 7 April at 8pm at Azalea Cottage, Chapel Lane, Charlton All Saints. Anyone who is interesting in helping, or has some suggestions or comments will be very welcome. If you are unable to come, but want to make a suggestion for fund-raising novelties, please telephone Clare Penny on 01725 512869.

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Britford C of E Primary School

Spring/Jumble Sale. The sale raised the grand total of £126, which is a most welcome addition to school funds. Thank you to everyone in the community, many of whom donated some high quality items for us to sell.

League Tables. Because we had only six Year 6 pupils sitting last summer's SATs, our percentage has not been entered in the Tables. But we were, nevertheless, very proud of our children's achievements and the hard work their class teacher Mrs Griffiths put into helping those children achieve so much.

Without wishing to enter into a debate as to the validity of the Tables, we have produced our own addition as follows: (TA= Teacher Assessment) Dianne Weeks, Head Teacher

No of Pupils in Year 6	% achieving Level 4 or Above					
	English		Maths		Science	
	Test	TA	Test	TA	Test	TA
6	99%	83%	67%	66%	83%	83%
County Average	59%	61%	53.7%	58.7%	65.4%	67.6%
England Average	56.3%	59.1%	53.2%	58.9%	61.2%	64.1%

Contact Numbers

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 Odstock - Peter Martin 01722 329743 Britford - Daphne Scamell 01722 334858

Dates for your Diary

7 April Charlton Fete committee meeting, Azalea Cottage 8.00 pm
 12 April Dedication of Faith Hawley Memorial Bench, Bodenham bus stop 11.00 am
 12 April First Fruits Festival, Cathedral
 14 April Charlton Theatre Club - Travels with my Aunt
 15 April Team Council meeting, Bishopstone Village Hall 7.30 pm
 21 April Southwark Pensioners' meeting, Matrimony Farmhouse 8.00 pm
 23 April Installation of Revd Dr Graham Southgate, St Peter's Church 7.30 pm
 24 April Britford PCC AGM, St Peter's Church 7.30 pm
 28 April Nunton, Odstock & Bodenham PCC AGM, Barker Room 7.30 pm
 29 April Charlton PCC AGM, All Saints' Church 7.30 pm
 3/5 May Downton Secondary School car parking for the Cuckoo Fair
 11 May Downton Secondary School Family Car Treasure Hunt, School 3.00 pm
 19 May Charlton Garden Society Wiltshire Wildlife talk, Charlton Church Hall 7.30 pm
 29 May Charlton Theatre Club - Skylight
 14 June Downton Secondary School Summer Fun Day and Craft Fair, School 12.00 noon
 21/22 June Southwark Pensioners' visit
 23 June Charlton Garden Society visit to Heronsgate
 23 June WI Centenary celebration
 30 June Charlton Theatre Club - Time and Time Again
 23 July Charlton Theatre Club - Riverdance

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, 7.30 pm, contact Adrian Taylor on 01722 325862
 Mobile Library Alternate Fridays (11 & 25 April): Village Hut, Charlton 9.50 am
 Alternate Tuesdays (1, 15 & 29 April): Brookmead, Britford 9.45 am
 Post Office, Bodenham 10.05 am, Radnor Arms, Nunton 10.20 am
 Crossroads, Odstock 10.50 am

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THURSDAY, 3 JULY	-	CLAY SHOOT
FRIDAY, 4 JULY	-	SKITTLES EVENING
SATURDAY, 5 JULY	-	JUMBLE SALE - RADNOR HALL
FRIDAY, 11 JULY	-	PETER POD & THE PEAS IN THE MARQUEE
SATURDAY, 12 JULY	-	FETE AFTERNOON
	-	CLASSIC CAR & MOTORCYCLE RALLY
	-	RAFT RACE
	-	FREE EVENING DISCO

PETER POD AND THE PEAS

Tickets on sale at The Yew Tree, Radnor Arms and the Post Office.

Numbers are strictly limited so buy your tickets now to avoid disappointment.

SPRING CLEANING?

Please don't throw anything away, we need it! We will collect anything that would be suitable for our Jumble Sale.

UNWANTED CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

Unwanted gifts or nearly new items wanted for Gift Stall.

CHILDREN GROWING UP?

Unwanted and unloved toys required for the Toy Stall.

GARDENERS

Thinning out beds? Taking cuttings? Sowing seeds? Please grow on a few extra for our Plant Stall or grow extra vegetables for the Produce Stall.

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