

News and Notes

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Thank You

The nursery school teacher had put a lovely bunch of daffodils on the table for all the children to see. When they came in, one of the children was fascinated by the flowers. She said to the teacher "Aren't they pretty telephones that God has made? I think I'll give him a ring to say thank you for the pretty flowers."

You can make the connection. Prayer is about making connections. It was Meister Eckhart who once said that "If the only prayer you say in your whole life is "thank you", that will suffice."

At the very centre of our faith is The Thanksgiving – the Eucharist. The General Thanksgiving, though, is a prayer which is hardly ever used these days. Look it up in the Book of Common Prayer this Lent. Read it, pray it and you will indeed find that Meister Eckhart and the little child in the nursery school are right.

Annabel Tier

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give You most humble and hearty thanks for all Your goodness and loving kindness.

We bless You for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for Your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ for the means of grace and the hope of glory.

And give us we pray such a sense of all Your mercies that as our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we show forth Your promise not only with our lips but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to Your service, and by walking before You, in holiness and righteousness, all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with You and the Holy Spirit be honour and glory, for ever and ever. Amen

Lent Project

THE CENTRE FOR THE REHABILITATION OF THE PARALYSED - BANGLADESH

The CRP is a modern, well-equipped centre devoted mainly to the care, treatment and rehabilitation of severely disabled people and the training and development of health professionals.

Located at Savar in Bangladesh, it has been growing in size and importance for the past 24 years. CRP strives to treat and rehabilitate people with all forms of paralysis to enable them to lead as full a life as possible. It caters for all ages and backgrounds. With 100 beds, operating theatres, x-ray facilities, pathology laboratory and busy outpatients clinic, it is widely recognised as a Centre of Excellence.

As a non-government organisation (NGO), CRP is independent of the Bangladesh national health programme and does not receive money from the state.

"ABILITY NOT DISABILITY"

To find out much more about the project, do please come to one of the talks, given by Daphne Woolnough and Robert Stallard, throughout the Benefice.

Information about how to make a donation will be available at the various Lent events and services.

Lent Breakfast

Tuesday, 9th March, 8.30am

East Mead, Coombe Bissett - £2

Contact: Shirley Evans 01722 718709

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Lent Lunch

Saturday, 20th March, 12.30 – 2.00pm

at Longford Farmhouse

(farm road off A338 on Nunton side at the Salisbury end of the dual carriageway)

Soup, bread and cheese £2.50, raffle and guess the weight of the cake.

Information about the Lent Project

Details and donations to the project

contact: Debby Underhill 01722 329769

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Lent Evening at Britford

Friday, 2nd April, 6.30 – 8.00pm

Britford PCC invite you to

Wine and Nibbles at the Cheese House (Lower Road, Britford)

Meet friends and neighbours

and hear about the Lent Project (see opposite) from Daphne Woolnough who will be there to answer questions.

Donations to the project gratefully accepted.

Please see back page for details of Church of England services, Holy Days, Lent Groups, Regular Events, Dates for your diary and Editor's notes including next month's deadline.

WI

Diane Wait

The 9th February meeting got under way with a warm and friendly greeting for members and guests from Mrs Julia Joynt (President). Mrs Pat Reeves was given a warm welcome following her recent hip operation. She is making excellent progress. Miss Irene Hayes read the prayer and the lovely Spring flower arrangement for the President's table was provided by Mrs Barbara Stevens. Mrs Val Martyn was delighted to report that members had thoroughly enjoyed the play "Waters of the Moon" and was taking bookings for the forthcoming Playhouse production of "Children of a Lesser God". The Summer outings were briefly discussed and Miss Judith Johnson reported that there will be two choices this year comprising a Lunch followed by a "talk" at The Emblems and later in the Summer a trip to Uppark in West Sussex. Julia reported that the 60th Anniversary Garden Party on June 14 will be held at Nunton House and she has asked for volunteers to help with the heavy workload involved on the day. Sadly this will be the last Garden Party to be held at Nunton House so it is hoped that more people than ever will come along to enjoy this event. Mrs Jean Van Hagen (Secretary) read out the correspondence, which included a request from the Wiltshire Federation for members' favourite recipes to be included in a book they are producing. Mrs Margaret Barrow (Treasurer) read out her financial report and a stunning pink Camellia, courtesy of Miss Betty Marks, was judged to be the worthy winner of the flower of the month competition.

Following the coffee break, we were treated to a very entertaining and interesting talk by Commodore Ian Gibb on the subject of Trinity House, which was founded by Henry VIII in 1514. He wished to ensure the safety of his sailing ships which were being sunk with monotonous regularity. Elizabeth I then gave a Royal Charter to Trinity and 32 Senior Mariners were appointed to look after the waters of England and Wales to ensure the safety of shipping. The first lighthouse to be constructed was known as the Eddystone Lighthouse and was made of wood. Although it survived for about three years it was eventually blown down in a violent storm, which sadly claimed the life of the person who had constructed it. Following that event, with lessons learned, more substantial lighthouses were built and buoys were used to make navigation safer. About five years ago lighthouses became fully automated and now provide 99.98% efficiency around the coast. Trinity House also owns some Almshouses in Walmer, which at one time provided homes for sailors and their families down on their luck. With the income received from property and farmland Trinity sponsors 75 cadets a year wishing to make a career of the sea. Prince Phillip is the current Master of Trinity and Sir Ted Heath is an Elder Brother.

Commodore Gibb became an Elder Brother in 1996. Other famous names have included Sir Winston Churchill, the Duke of Wellington and Samuel Pepys. We all enjoyed the talk immensely and, following some interesting questions, Mrs Gill Dodd gave a most appreciative vote of thanks.

The next meeting is the Annual General Meeting on Monday, 8th March at 10.00am in the Radnor Hall when members will have the opportunity to vote for the new Committee for the coming year.

Easter Lilies in Nunton Church

If anyone would like to make a donation towards the cost of Easter Lilies in Nunton Church, in memory of a relative or friend, would they kindly contact Diane Fray, Macaria Cottage, Nunton, tel: 01722 329753 before 21st March.

Prayers for Chalke Valley Team

On Tuesday 16th March, the Chalke Valley Team is remembered in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer and will be included in the Cathedral prayers at Evensong at 5.30pm. Parishioners are especially welcome to the service that evening.

Odstock Parish Council

At the PC meeting on 21st January, members observed a short silence in memory of the late Jeannie Payne who had served as a Parish Councillor for the last 30 years.

Sherwood Elcock was co-opted to fill the vacancy.

Sue Nichols reported on a positive meeting with the WCC Youth Development Co-ordinator that should lead to the organisation of suitable activities for 14-19 year olds.

Members resolved to set a precept of £7,700 for 2004/05. This equates to about £29.69 for a Band D Council Taxpayer.

The South Wiltshire Rights of Way Preservation Group is organising several meetings towards the end of February to explain the purpose of the DEFRA consultation on the 'Use of Mechanically Propelled Vehicles on Rights of Way'. If Odstock PC is to take part in this consultation, members will need to understand the issues and be prepared to respond by 19th March.

The next meeting of Odstock Parish Council is scheduled for 7:30pm on Wednesday, 24th March in the Radnor Hall. The Agenda will be posted on the notice boards and at www.sp5.org/odstock/opc no later than 20th March.

Litter Collection Day

Sherwood Elcock will organise volunteers to collect litter on Sunday, 28th March. Please meet in the Nunton Field at 12:00pm.

Odstock Primary School News

We were very pleased to hear that the LEA has identified our infant teacher, Claire Beazley, as an excellent practitioner of mixed age teaching. She has agreed to open her classroom to others who teach the full infant range or YR/Y1.

We successfully bid for a grant from the Wiltshire Gardens Trust. This will support the development of Claire's Early Years outdoor area. In addition Sarum St Michael have given £300 to update our RE resources.

We have heard from Wiltshire County Council that they will commit £80,000 towards the cost of our third classroom. The architect will be visiting shortly to draw up plans.

In March we are joining with Landford School for a visit from a professional storyteller to celebrate World Book Day. On 8th and 9th March we will also be holding an Usborne Book Fair at the school from 3.05pm. Please pop in and have a look at the books on offer.

Other events planned for March are a visit from a dance company, a trip for the older children to the Hawk Conservancy and a performance by St Edmund's drama group.

The football match against Alderbury & West Grimstead school was enjoyed by our team despite the fact that we lost. The PFA's quiz night on 6th February was enjoyed by all who attended. The next event is our popular beetle drive that will be held at school on 26th March from 6.30pm. Please feel free to come along and support this event. Yes it's that time of year again. We will publish a detailed schedule of events next month, but the big day will be Saturday 10th July.

Britford – Parish Clerk

Britford needs a new Parish Clerk. The main duties consist of minutes for six meetings a year and light correspondence on behalf of the Parish. Would anyone interested please contact the Chairman, Malcolm Hitchings, 12 High Road, Britford, or any member of the Parish Council.

Odstock with Nunton and Bodenham APCM

The Parish of Odstock with Nunton and Bodenham will hold its Annual Meeting of Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Tuesday, 16th March at 7.30pm in the Barker Room. There will be refreshments after the meeting.

The Meeting of Parishioners is a short meeting to elect the churchwardens. Two of the existing Churchwardens, one from Odstock and one from Nunton, will be retiring this year. If you would like to be put forward for election or nominate someone else please contact the Hon. Secretary, Stephanie Elcock 01722 334398.

Radnor Hall

Brian Blake

Those of you who have visited the Hall recently will have noticed many improvements. The improvement programme never stops and we would now like to replace the aged sink unit in the committee room. Does anyone have a good quality unit with cupboards under that they are about to throw away? The CD deck which provides all the music and sound effects for shows and plays is also in need of replacement. Does anyone have a stand alone deck that needs a good home? If you think you might be able to help, please call me on 01722 340261.

Fête 2004

Brian Blake

As ever, we would welcome new blood for the committee. We need organisers, ideas people or just plain old brute strength. It really can be a lot of fun and is a very effective way of meeting people. Membership involves attending four or five meetings between now and the Fête, in Nunton on 10th July, and taking some responsibility for an activity before or on the day. Our next meeting will be in the Radnor Hall on Thursday 18th March at 7.30pm.

If you would like to find out more about how you can help to keep a 50 year old tradition alive and have fun at the same time, talk to any committee member or call me on 01722 340261.

Radnor Hall Players

Brian Blake

Fresh from the triumphs of Cinderella and Review last November, I would like to produce an entertainment (ideally two one act plays as in previous years) for the spring, probably in late May or early June.

Interested? I would be interested to hear from anyone with ideas for scripts, who would like to act, or would like to be involved back stage or front of house.

If you have ideas or ambitions, please come along to the Barker Room at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 10th March. Alternatively, if you have difficulty in making the meeting, please call me on 01722 340261.

Enjoy a Spring Outing!

Guided small group visits by minibus

Sat. 13th March Wells City & Cathedral

Sat. 24th April Oxford Colleges & Gardens

Sat. 15th May City of London walk & Tate Modern

£30 per person.

For more details contact:

Hazel Docherty on 01722 325155

or Email: Hazeldoc@btopenworld.com

Church of England Services

Sunday, 29th February 1st Sunday of Lent	10.00am	Parish Communion	Nunton	WC/VW
Sunday, 7th March Lent 2	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 6.00pm	Holy Communion BCP Parish Communion Parish Communion Evening Prayer BCP	Nunton Britford Coombe Bissett Homington	AH HS HS WC
Sunday, 14th March Lent 3	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion BCP Parish Communion (JC) Parish Communion BCP Morning Prayer BCP	Homington Odstock Coombe Bissett Charlton All Saints	WC DH/PM PAC DH
Sunday, 21st March Mothering Sunday	8.00am 9.30am 9.30am 11.00am	Holy Communion BCP Family Communion Morning Service Family Service	Britford Nunton Homington Coombe Bissett	WC PAC WC PAC
Sunday, 28th March Lent 5	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion BCP Parish Communion Morning Prayer BCP Morning Service	Homington Charlton All Saints Coombe Bissett Odstock	WC PAC AT PAC

**DH = Revd Canon David Henley, WC = Revd Westley Cole,
PAC = Revd Pat Clegg, AH = Revd. Anthony Hawley, PM = Phillip Morris, AT = Annabel Tier (Deaconess)
BCP = Book of Common Prayer, (JC) = Junior Church**

Regular Events

WI	Second Monday of the month, 10.00am Radnor Hall, Bodenham
Junior Church	To co-incide with 9.30am service at Nunton or Odstock Churches (except August), held at the Barker Room, contact Adrian Taylor on 01722 325862
Whist Drive	Every Thursday, 7.30pm Barker Room, Nunton
Singing Group	Every Monday, 8.00pm, contact Adrian Taylor on 01722 325862
Tiny Tots	Every Wednesday 9.30 – 11.30am, Radnor Hall, Bodenham, contact Suzie Orchiton on 01722 502026
Mobile Library	Alternate Wednesdays (10 th & 24 th): Brookmead, Britford 10.00 – 10.20am Phone Box, Charlton 10.30 – 10.45am, Radnor Arms, Nunton 11.00 – 11.20am

Dates for Your Diary

2 nd March	First Lent Group in Nunton, 8.00pm – see below for other dates, venue and contacts
3 rd March	First Lent Group in Coombe Bissett 3.00pm – see below for other dates, venue and contacts
6 th March	Lent Project – illustrated talk at Broad Chalke Village Hall, 7.00pm. No charge but donations welcome.
9 th March	Lent Project Breakfast, East Mead Coombe Bissett, (01722 718709), 8.30am - £2.00 (<i>see front page</i>)
16 th March	Odstock with Nunton and Bodenham Annual Parochial Church Meeting, 7.30pm Barker Room, Nunton
18 th March	Fête Committee Meeting, Radnor Hall, 7.30pm
20 th March	Lent Project Lunch, Longford Farmhouse, Nunton (01722 329769), 12.30pm - £2.50 (<i>see front page</i>)
24 th March	Parish Council Meeting, Radnor Hall, 7.30pm
26 th March	Beetle Drive – Odstock Primary School
28 th March	Litter Collection – meet on Nunton Football Field at 12.00pm
2 nd April	Lent Evening, The Cheese House, Britford, 6.30 – 8.00pm (<i>see front page</i>)

Lent Groups

Nunton, Barker Room at **8.00pm** on **Tuesdays** in March (except Wed, 17th) contact Adrian Taylor (01722 325862)
Coombe Bissett, Brines Cottage at **3.00pm** on **Wednesdays** in March contact Helen Baynes (01722 718395).
The five week course is entitled “*Tough Talk: hard sayings of Jesus*” and there is a charge of £3 per person to cover the cost of the materials. The sessions should be thought-provoking and enjoyable.

Holy Days in March

2 nd	Presentation of Christ Holy Communion 8.00am, Coombe Bissett
25 th	Ash Wednesday Parish Communion, 7.30pm, Coombe Bissett

From the Editor

Please send articles for the April edition to me, Adrian Taylor, Florida, Nunton Drove, Nunton SP5 4HZ, tel: 01722 325862, email: vcmtaylor@msn.com by **Friday, 19th March**.

Monetary donations should be sent to our Treasurer, Neil Guttridge, Court-Hay, Lower Road, Charlton All Saints, Salisbury SP5 4HQ, telephone 01725 511468.