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The Rectory  
Nunton

Dear Friend

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I do very much hope that you will wish to come to church this Easter. There is the usual pattern for Holy Week, starting with our Palm Sunday service at Britford. Holy Week is the time that we particularly try to understand the passion and death of our Lord and to identify with it. As we do so we begin to see that what our Lord endured in his unique way is reflected so often in our own experience. We come to see that his joy and pain is intermingled with ours and ours with his. On that first Palm Sunday the crowds were overwhelmed with excitement ... "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord," they cheered. Of course, only a very few days later many who had *cheered* now *jeered* "Crucify". That bewildering contradiction has carried itself right the way down history to our own time. It happens to us when life that is good takes a nose dive either because of the action of ourselves or of others or because of some unwelcome change of circumstance. Either way we may ask, as did Jesus on the cross, "Why has God forsaken me?" "Why has this happened?"

There is usually no answer to that question. That wonderful minister speaking in his Cathedral at Dunblane said of his community's need ... we want "no explanations, no explanations, just faith". The resurrection revealed on that first Easter Day is only experienced by those who have had to hold tightly, sometimes very tightly, onto faith in the face of life's crucifixions. Such resurrection, finding that we can live again after all, is life indeed and is not to be confused with the easy religion represented by the cries of the Palm Sunday crowd and which so quickly can turn sour.

May the Crucified and Risen Christ meet with you this Easter.

Yours

Robert Hollingshurst

### Church Services

Thursday 4 April <b>Maundy Thursday</b>	7.30 pm	Holy Communion	ASB	Nunton
Friday 5 April	10.00 am	Family Service		Odstock
<b>Good Friday</b>	2.00 pm	Devotional Hour		Nunton
Sunday 7 April	8.30 am	Holy Communion	ASB	Britford
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	9.30 am	Parish Communion	ASB	Odstock
	11.15 am	Parish Communion	ASB	Charlton
Sunday 14 April	9.30 am	Parish Communion	ASB	Nunton
	11.15 am	Morning Prayer	ASB	Charlton
Sunday 21 April	9.30 am	Parish Communion	ASB	Odstock
	11.15 am	Morning Prayer	BCP	Britford
Sunday 28 April	9.30 am	Parish Communion	ASB	Charlton
	11.15 am	Morning Prayer	BCP	Nunton
Sunday 5 May	8.30 am	Holy Communion	BCP	Nunton
	9.30 am	Parish Communion	ASB	Britford
	11.15 am	Morning Prayer	BCP	Odstock

**Note:** There will be no PRAM SERVICE this month.

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

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## A Reminder

### Annual Parochial Church Meeting Dates

Britford	23 April, 7.00 pm in St Peter's Church
Charlton All Saints	24 April, 7.30 pm in All Saints Church Hall
Odstock, Nunton & Bodenham	29 April, 7.00 pm in Barker Room

**Tickets from Madeline Baker on 01722 329374, Angela Moules on 01722 329786 & Alison Cross on 01722 332751**

Note the date of the next meeting as *15 April*, when Mr Terry House will talk on "Our Own Antiques Road Show". Please bring one of your own collectibles to this meeting. Non members welcome. Angela Moules

Various suggestions were made regarding future activities. The next meeting will be at 7.30 pm on 22 April in the Church Hall, Charlton, when we shall be swapping seedlings. Anyone who couldn't make the first meeting will be most welcome at the second.

Barbara Box

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### 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

### We Need Your Help

Sainsbury's and Tesco's are currently giving away School Equipment Vouchers and Computer Vouchers respectively when you shop at these supermarkets. Our local primary schools at Britford, Odstock and Downton are collecting the vouchers and, if enough are collected, they can be exchanged for much needed hardware and software items. Please keep them and, if you have time, drop them in to your local school, give them to any of the local school children, or contact the school and arrangements can be made to collect the vouchers from you. All the schools will be very grateful if you can help in this way.

### Radnor Hall News

**Resident Caretaker** required to start at the end of May for the Radnor Hall, Bodenham. Two bedroom accommodation available in return for necessary duties. Applications in writing with references before Tuesday 9 April to Mr P Ford, Sarafand, Nunton Drove, Nunton.

**Cooker Required** for the Radnor Hall. Are you replacing your old one and it needs a good home? Contact Debby Underhill on 01722 329769.

**Radnor Hall AGM** at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 15 May. Come and hear what we have been doing and how we want you to make the best use of our valuable Village Hall. Would you like to be involved on the committee?

### Charlton Theatre Club

Our most recent club event was to see "The Woman in Black" at Salisbury Playhouse. This imaginative and gripping production is well worth seeing if you haven't seen it already. But be prepared for some spine-chilling moments.

Club bookings for "Tess of the D'Urbervilles" and "Educating Rita" and "Joseph" are now closed, and we are all looking forward to the shows.

At the end of July, the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra will be putting on their "Proms in the Park" performances. These are set outside in a very relaxing atmosphere at Upton Park. Tickets go on sale next week and normally go very quickly. I hope to reserve a group booking for Tuesday 30 July when they will be performing "Light Classics". Ticket prices are £14.50 for reserved seats or £10.50 for a place on the grass (picnic optional!)

Finally, thank you to those of you who have made suggestions for a future London event. Unfortunately some, like "Riverdance", are fully booked but others are listed below. To help me plan such an event, I am asking members and non-members who may be interested to indicate their preferences on the form below and return it to me.

If you are interested in any of the above events, please contact me on 01725 512262 or Jan James on 01722 324097 for more details. All welcome.

Joanna Matthews



### CHARLTON THEATRE CLUB

We/I would be interested in the following event(s):

(Please tick)

1. RIVER TRIP FOLLOWED BY MEAL AND CONCERT/PLAY  
South Bank - Saturday afternoon & evening - Estimated cost £30 per person (meal extra)
2. SHOPPING OR FREE TIME FOLLOWED BY MISS SAIGON  
Saturday morning & afternoon - Estimated cost £35 per person
3. Other .....

Name & Address .....

Telephone No ..... No of persons .....

Please return completed form to Joanna Matthews, Acacia House, Charlton All Saints

## London Marathon

Mr Bernard Stubbs will again be running in the London Marathon. This year, all his sponsorship money will be going to Alzheimer's Disease. He needs a few more sponsors, so please call 01722 330006, and pledge your support for a very worthy cause! Thank you.

## Odstock, Nunton & Bodenham Parish Council

**Recycling** A reminder that there are recycling bins beside The Radnor Arms for plastic bottles, newsprint/paper and cans. The more the bins are used, the greater justification we have to keep these amenities in the village. There are no facilities for glass bottles, but there are bins for these in town.

Julian Johnson

## Dates for your Diary

8 April	Odstock Fun Afternoon, 2.00 pm, Yew Tree Gardens
12 April	Charlton Theatre Club - Educating Rita
22 April	Charlton Gardening Society, 7.30 pm, Charlton Church Hall
23 April	Britford PCC AGM, 7.00 pm
24 April	Charlton PCC AGM, 7.30 pm
29 April	Odstock, Nunton & Bodenham PCC AGM, 7.00 pm
15 May	Charlton Theatre Club - Joseph
15 May	Radnor Hall AGM, 7.30 pm, 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
Toddler Group	Every Friday, 10.00 am - 11.30 am Odstock School
Singing Group	Every Tuesday, 7.30 pm, contact Adrian Taylor on 01722 325862
Mobile Library	Every other Friday (12 & 26 April), Village Hut Charlton 9.50 am

## CHARLTON THEATRE CLUB



- ✓ Discounted Theatre Tickets
- ✓ Organised Transport
- ✓ Club Newsletter
- ✓ Theatre Meals
- ✓ Meeting People with Shared Interests

**All this and more is available by supporting your local theatre club covering Bodenham, Britford, Charlton-All-Saints, Nunton, Odstock & surrounding areas**

Family and individual membership available

Why not try an event first before you join?

Look out for new events advertised in *News & Notes*

*If interested, please contact Joanna Matthews on 01725 512262 for more details  
Your support is vital to the continued success of the club*