

April 1996

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

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

## From the Editor

This month's edition of *News & Notes* has been paid for by the Charlton Theatre Club - thank you very much. If there is anyone who is considering joining the Theatre Club, do come - it's a lot of fun! Any items for inclusion in *News & Notes* should be sent to Clare Penny at Azalea Cottage, Chapel Lane, Charlton All Saints, SP5 4HF or telephone me 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 19 April.

## A Reminder

Please complete your church Electoral Roll form and hand it to a churchwarden or member of your PCC by Easter Day if you wish to come on to, or remain on, the Electoral Roll of your local church. Those on the Electoral Roll are allowed to vote at the Annual Meeting and also to be nominated for office. (For fuller details, see last month's *News & Notes*.)

## Annual Parochial Church Meeting Dates

You are warmly invited to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting of your church. The dates are as follows:

|                            |   |
|----------------------------|---|
| 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            |

## Odstock Church Appeal Fund

## **Easter Monday 8 April Fun Afternoon**

2.00 pm Hot Dogs and Children's Games in The Yew Tree Gardens

3.30 pm The Grand Duck Race from Odstock Bridge to the Jubilee Gardens £1 a Duck

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

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On 11 March, our President, Miss Denys Clarke, welcomed one guest and Mrs Judy Snowdon, VCO at our Annual General Meeting. We now have 32 members coming from 9 different villages! 10 members are going to see "Tess of the D'Urbervilles" at Salisbury Playhouse. 3 members will attend the Agenda Press Conference at St Paul's Church Hall. The order for WI bulbs has arrived and Mrs Jean van Hagen will take orders for these (one of my narcissi was 36.5" tall!).

Other events such as a "Summer Celebration" at Lacock on 21 June, a talk on "Herbs for Health and Happiness" at Lackham College, and a coach trip to the Cotswolds in "Blossom Time" will be repeated after the very popular 1995 trip. Mrs Judy Snowdon talked with great enthusiasm mentioning WI books, diaries, and the newly published "Extraordinary Women" and WI Annual. Miss Denys Clarke was re-elected as President. The "flower of the month" was won by Angela Moules with a Lenten rose. £24.59 has been sent to ACWW for a year's "flowers of the month" contribution.

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

Charlton All Saints Gardening Society

The first meeting of CASGS was held on Monday 26 February at Azalea Cottage. Thank you to Clare & Jon for offering such a warm welcome, plus coffee and biscuits.

Penry Davies gave a very interesting and useful talk on "What to do in the Garden in March", and many tips were shared between members.

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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## 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