

March 1996

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Nunton

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Dear Friend

Regulations require that a new Electoral Roll for each ecclesiastical parish be drawn up every sixth year and 1996 is such a year. It means that if you wish to have your name entered on the new roll you must enrol at the latest by Easter Day - *even if your name is on the present roll*. To come on to the electoral roll you need to be baptised, be at least 16 years old and reside in the parish (or have habitually attended church for six months prior to enrolment). In return you are entitled to attend the Annual Church Meeting, and have nomination and voting rights at that meeting. In the nature of things your membership will be an indication of your concern for the life of the local church. To help you, you will find elsewhere in this issue of *News & Notes* an "application for enrolment" form. If your household requires more copies they can be obtained from the back of any of the churches or via the churchwardens of your parish. Please return completed forms to me, a churchwarden or any member of your PCC, as soon as possible and no later than Easter.

You may have read of a recent report which tells that going to church is good for our health, improving quality of life and even prolonging it. Some of us have known this to be true for a very long time! Whether or not you wish to be on our electoral roll (and I do hope you do) why not look after yourself by joining us at worship on Sundays. A former member of one of our congregations here used to say to me after nearly every service he attended, "I feel much better for that, Vicar!" He had, as the saying goes "got it in one!"

Yours ever

Robert Hollingshurst

### Church Services

Sunday 3 March	8.30 am	Holy Communion	BCP	Nunton
	9.30 am	Parish Communion	ASB	Britford
	11.15 am	Morning Prayer	BCP	Odstock
Sunday 10 March	9.30 am	Parish Communion	ASB	Nunton
	11.15 am	Morning Prayer	ASB	Charlton
Wednesday 13 March	2.00 pm	Pram Service		Barker Room
Sunday 17 March Mothering Sunday	9.30 am	United Parish Communion	ASB	Charlton
Sunday 24 March	9.30 am	United Parish Communion St Mary's Patronal Festival	ASB	Odstock
Sunday 31 March Palm Sunday	9.30 am	United Parish Communion	ASB	Britford
Thursday 4 April Maundy Thursday	7.30 pm	Holy Communion		Nunton
Friday 5 April	10.00 am	Family Morning Service		Odstock
Good Friday	2.00 pm	Devotional Hour		Nunton
Sunday 7 April	8.30 am	Parish Communion	ASB	Britford
Easter Sunday	9.30 am	Parish Communion	ASB	Odstock
	11.15 am	Parish Communion	ASB	Charlton

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

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## Churchwardens

Britford	Daphne Scamell & Rod Shipsey
Charlton All Saints	Peter Cox & Peggy Oxendale
Odstock, Nunton &	Peter Martin & Derek Willis;
Bodenham	Grace Barker & Harry Joynt

## Annual Parochial Church Meeting Dates

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

## Lenten Prayers

**Nunton Church** This year Lenten Prayers will be said on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays at 5.30 pm and on Thursdays at 8.00 pm. About a quarter of an hour - why not join us?

**Odstock Church** On Wednesdays at 6.30 pm

## WI

On 12 February Mrs Jill Johnson stood in for our President and welcomed members. There is to be a "Herbs for Health and Happiness" talk at Lackham College, Chippenham on 17 April from 10.30 - 3.30 pm, cost £4.00 per head. A car full may be arranged if members are interested.

Following the very successful Spring Blossom Trail day to Worcester and the Vale of Evesham this will be repeated on 30 April. Members may bring friends. Cost £10.00, to include coach fare and tea. Coaches leave the Coach Station at 8 am (returning 6 - 7 pm?)

On 11 March the speaker at our AGM will be Mrs Jo Pearson VSO.

Mr David Barke spoke to us about working on the Fringe of the Cathedral. He is the Property agent for the Dean and Chapter and the Senior Steward and has a very busy life. The annual Salisbury Fair goes back to 1291 and the Choir for many years. The foundation stone was laid in April 1220 and records have remained intact since that time, when the Cathedral moved from Old Sarum to its present sight amongst the beautiful water meadows. The sixty Stewards now include ladies. During Mr Barke's years with the Cathedral there have been four Deans. Mrs Joan Dixon thank Mr Barke for his talk. The flower of the month was a Christmas Rose, won by Betty Marks.

Angela Moules

## The Romanian Orphanage Trust

Hunger Lunch - Nunton Rectory - Saturday 16 March  
12 noon - 1.30 pm - Bring & Buy

## Good Wishes

We send good wishes to Ron Ireland and Anne Winsor, both in Salisbury District Hospital. AM

## Radnor Hall News

**Jumble Sale** On Saturday 23 March at 2 pm there will be a Jumble Sale at the Radnor Hall to support Radnor Hall restoration funds. Any jumble and help are needed. For collection of jumble ring Debby Underhill on 01722 329769 or leave at the Hall.

Renovation work is due to start on the Radnor Hall shortly. We are very grateful that people are starting to use the Hall more regularly. Thank you. If there is an evening class eg art or dress-making etc in which you would be interested, or even a pre-school for the under 5s, we are keen that these should be started, and the Hall used. Please let me know if you are interested. Contact Debby Underhill on 01722 329769.

## Red Cross Flag Week

Can you spare a few hours during 5 - 11 May? Grateful thanks to all our Flag Week collectors for their continued support. However, additional collectors are always welcome to help us raise more funds, enabling us to help more people via our community services such as:

- free medical loans: wheelchairs, commodes etc
- transport service by car or ambulance for those without access to private or public transport
- respite for carers by taking loved ones on holiday.

Please phone our contact number 01380 870246. Thank you. Avril Taylor-Webb

## Amnesty International

On 13 March, Amnesty International will be launching a worldwide campaign to highlight the human rights crisis within China. This campaign, one of the biggest ever undertaken by the organisation, will be appealing for an end to the use of torture, ill-treatment in prisons, human rights violations in Tibet and an end to religious persecution amongst other issues. The Salisbury Amnesty Group would welcome your support. If you can spare a few minutes to write a letter or would like more information about this campaign, please contact the Secretary on 01722 331647. Jonathan Plows

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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

### Britford School Jumble Sale

There will be a jumble sale at Britford School on Saturday 16 March at 2 pm. All proceeds will go to the School. If anyone has any items to donate, please contact Mary Onstenk on 01722 322643 or bring them along to the School.

### Charlton Theatre Club

The last few weeks have been a very busy period for the club. Members have been to see a school production of Oh! What a Lovely War, Alan Ayckbourne's comedy Table Manners, and Cinderella performed by the English National Ballet Company.

There is also plenty planned for the near future. Bookings for The Woman in Black are now closed, but it is still possible to book for Tess of the D'Urbervilles and Educating Rita. Seats have been reserved for Tess at the Salisbury Playhouse for Saturday 30 March at 4.00 pm at the discounted price of £10.50 each. Seats have been reserved for Educating Rita for FRIDAY (not Wednesday as previously reported) 12 April at 7.45 pm in the Salberg Studio, Salisbury Playhouse at £5.50 each.

I hope to reserve tickets for Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat at the Mayflower Theatre, Southampton shortly. Ticket prices are not available at present, but I hope to book the evening performance of Wednesday 15 May if seats are available.

If you are interested in any of the above events, please contact me on 01725 512262 or Jan James on 10722 324097 for more details or a booking form. Everyone is welcome.  
Joanna Matthews

### Carol Singing

The Odstock villagers sang carols round the village on 22 December. Many people have asked how much money we raised. At last I know; it was £91.50. Beat that in 1996, Nunton & Bodenham. All money collected goes to the Children's Society. AM

### Christmas Day Service

Charlton PCC received the following note of thanks from the Manager of Hillcote in Manor Road, Salisbury:

*On behalf of the children who use our Services, can you please pass on our grateful thanks to your congregation, for their generosity in donating a cheque to the value of £70.00, from the proceeds of your Christmas Day Services.*

*This money helps enormously towards benefitting these children in our care.* Katie MacDonagh, Manager

### 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. If you would like to sponsor him, please call 01722 330006. Thank you.

### Family Ties

I am researching my family history with the intention of writing a book about my findings. The families that I am tracing are the Webbs, who come mainly from the Britford/Downton area and the Witts who come from Odstock/Salisbury. Does anyone have any information about these families or any photos of Britford School while it was on the main road? If so, could you please contact Mrs Nicola Coughlan, 35 Milton Road, Salisbury, SP2 8AY on 01722 321810. I shall return any photographs and I shall be happy to cover postage costs.

### Good News from Downton Secondary

The governors and I would like to express our gratitude and share some more good news with all our friends and supporters.

Firstly, we would like to thank, through this magazine, all those PTA members and supporters who have enabled us to save for our new minibus in such record time. Hard work, ingenuity and commitment have paid off and we shall shortly be the proud owners of a much better, safer vehicle.

Secondly, according to information given to us by the LEA in early January, we appear to have grown fastest in percentage terms of any Locally Managed Secondary or Middle School in Wiltshire. Our numbers have gone up by nearly 9% since January 1995, many of the pupils having joined us since September 1995.

This follows three years of excellent GCSE exam results for a school of our type, an outstanding OFSTED report and, last week, very good news about our Key Stage 3 English results. These show that while 55% of children in all schools nationally got a level 5 or above, 62% of Downton pupils managed this, with our boys doing exceptionally well - 61% nationally.

We are also pleased to report that, partly thanks to increasing numbers of children, our budget's position for next year looks very healthy. This means that we'll be able to protect our smaller classes and expand the teaching of French and Music.

All this means that we will be approaching the summer months and the new school year in a justifiably buoyant mood.

Michael Sparkes

# APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT ON THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL OF THE PARISH OF

Full name

Full address

Post code

I declare that

1 I am baptised and am aged 16 or over,  
(or, become 16\* on \_\_\_\_\_)

†2 A I am a member of the Church of England (or of a Church in communion with the Church of England) and am resident in the parish.

OR

B I am a member of the Church of England (or of a Church in communion with the Church of England) and, not being resident in the parish, I have habitually attended public worship in the parish during the period of six months prior to enrolment.

OR

C I am a member in good standing of a Church (not in communion with the Church of England) which subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity and also declare myself to be a member of the Church of England and I have habitually attended public worship in the parish during the period of six months prior to enrolment.

I declare that the above answers are true and I apply for inclusion on the Church Electoral Roll of the parish.

Signed

Date

\* Those who become 16 during the next 12 months may complete the form, and become eligible to be entered on the roll on their sixteenth birthday.  
† Tick **one only** of boxes 2A, B or C.

## NOTES

1. The only Churches at present in communion with the Church of England are other Anglican Churches and certain foreign Churches.
2. Membership of the electoral roll is also open to members in good standing of a Church not in communion with the Church of England which subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity, where those members are also prepared to declare themselves to be members of the Church of England.
3. Every six years a new roll is prepared and those on the previous roll are informed so that they can re-apply if you are not resident in the parish but were on the roll as an habitual worshipper, and have been prevented by sickness or absence or other essential reason from worshipping for the past six months, you may write 'would' before 'have habitually attended' on the form and add 'but was prevented from doing so because...' and then state the reason.
4. If you have any problems over this form, please approach the clergy or lay people responsible for the parish, who will be pleased to help you.
5. In this form 'parish' means ecclesiastical parish.

**Temporary Mother's Help Wanted** Mid-April. Car driver. Non-smoker preferred. Job to include all household duties, help with 8 and 5 year olds whilst new baby born. Job in Britford. Please ring 01722 330055 after 6 pm.

## Nunton - Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

Following our last Parish Council meeting, the Odstock Neighbourhood Watch Scheme is now operating well under Eddie Jefferson but we are still looking for a co-ordinator for Nunton.

Nunton must now be one of the few villages in the area without such a scheme in place and we are still hoping that a volunteer will come forward to take on this role. There has been a number of break-ins recently around the villages south of Salisbury and security of the home becomes even more important.

Please contact either Eddie on 01722 331894 or myself on 01722 335877. Julian Johnson

## Electoral Roll Form

Below is the Electoral Roll Form. Please cut out and use.

## Dates for your Diary

13 March	Pram Service, Barker Room, 2.00 pm
16 March	Hunger Lunch, Rectory, 12 noon
16 March	Jumble Sale, Britford School, 2.00 pm
23 March	Jumble Sale, Radnor Hall, 2.00 pm
30 March	Charlton Theatre Club - Tess
12 April	Charlton Theatre Club - Educating Rita
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

## 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
Pram Service	Second Wednesday of the month, 2.00 pm Barker Room, Nunton
Singing Group	Every Tuesday, 7.30 pm, contact Adrian Taylor on 01722 325862
Mobile Library	Every other Friday (1, 15 & 29 March), Village Hut Charlton 9.50 am