

News and Notes

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Easter

Easter eggs, fluffy yellow chicks, little lambs, baby rabbits, spring flowers ... well, you couldn't sell Easter commercially with Christian imagery. And we do share a similar timing with the Spring Equinox, and link in strongly with the traditional springtime celebrations of new life. It's a bit like Christmas, its timing taken from a pagan winter festival, when we usually find robins and snow scenes taking precedence over the crib.

Should we shy away from all the secular symbolism in order to reinforce the message of the cross? Perhaps the answer is not as simple as we may first think. What might Jesus say if we were to ask him how we should go about celebrating Easter in our secular world?

Most often his answers to questions took the form of stories, parables, or challenges which left his listeners with answers they must work out for themselves. And these stories and challenges were more about love and new life than about suffering. Even taking up the cross was about loving selflessly and with complete integrity, following the way of God. And the new life that came from it transforms our understanding of all suffering.

It was not Jesus' way to answer questions with tightly defined doctrinal statements, or to distance himself from the pleasures that are part of everyday life. Instead his life and his stories taught us about the greater joy and freedom to be found by living fully in God's love and forgiveness. But he did give us one firm commandment, that we should love one another; and a commission to make this love known. That's been part of this year's York Lent course – the mission of the church summed up in commandment and commission.

So let us start where people are. Let's start with enjoyment of Easter eggs, and lovingly show the world the fuller joy to be found by trusting in God's love. 'Dear Lord, three things I pray, to see Thee more clearly, love Thee more dearly, follow Thee more nearly, day by day.'

Jackie Lowe

Church of England Services

Sunday, 4th April Palm Sunday	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 6.00pm	Holy Communion BCP Parish Communion Parish Communion Evening Prayer BCP	Nunton Britford Coombe Bissett Homington	WC PAC KRS WC
Sunday, 11th April Easter Day	8.00am 9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion BCP Family Communion* Family Communion Family Communion Parish Communion	Homington Nunton Britford Coombe Bissett Charlton All Saints	DH PAC WC PAC WC
Sunday, 18th April 2nd Sunday of Easter	8.00am 9.30am 9.30am 11.00am	Holy Communion BCP Family Communion* Morning Service Parish Communion BCP	Britford Odstock Homington Coombe Bissett	WC WC PAC PAC
Sunday, 25th April 3rd Sunday of Easter	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	BC BC AT ACFT
Sunday, 2nd May 4th Sunday of Easter	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 6.00pm	Holy Communion BCP Parish Communion Parish Communion Evening Prayer BCP	Nunton Britford Coombe Bissett Homington	WC PAC PAC WC
DH = Revd Canon David Henley, WC = Revd Westley Cole, PAC = Revd Pat Clegg, AT = Annabel Tier (Deaconess) KRS = Revd Kate Rosslyn Smith, BC = Brian Coleman, ACFT = Adrian Taylor BCP = Book of Common Prayer, * = no Junior Church during April – two Family Communion services				

Please see page 2 for details of services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday

and foot of back page for information about submitting articles and making contributions.

Team Vicar Appointment

David Henley

I am delighted to tell you that the Revd Alison Williams has been appointed to the position of Chalke Valley Team Vicar as a replacement for Graham Southgate who left us last summer. Alison is at present Assistant Curate in the Stratton St. Margaret with South Marston and Stanton Fitzwarren Team Ministry near Swindon, in the Diocese of Bristol.

Alison is due to be licensed at a service in Nunton provisionally booked for 1st June 2004. More details of that service will follow. We much look forward to welcoming Alison to the valley. Meanwhile, please keep her in your prayers as she prepares for her ministry among us.

Holy Week Services

8th April - Maundy Thursday

7.30pm - Charlton All Saints - Parish Communion

9th April - Good Friday

Noon - Coombe Bissett - Devotional Service

Noon - Britford - Devotional Service

2.00pm - Devotional Service

Holy Day in April

Friday, 23rd April – Feast of St George

8.00am, Coombe Bissett

WI

Diane Wait

The 8th March Annual General Meeting was well attended by members and Mrs Julia Joynt (President) was delighted to welcome WI Advisor Mrs Liz Barr to the proceedings. The lovely daffodil arrangement for the President's table was provided by Mrs Pam Trubshaw (Vice President). The prayer was read by Mrs Ruth Hoar.

Details of skittles and scrabble match results were given by Mrs Sheila May and Mrs Sue Bourne respectively and Mrs Jean Van Hagen (Secretary) read out the correspondence. There was an invitation from Alderbury for two members to attend their 85th Birthday Party on 14th April and also four members have been invited to a Spring Flower Demonstration at Whiteparish on 21st April. Teams are needed to take part in a District Trivial Pursuit Evening on Wednesday 30th June. Mrs Val Martyn updated members on theatre bookings and members are particularly looking forward to seeing "Jamaica Inn" on 17th May.

Mrs Barbara Robertson gave a glowing report on her visit with Mrs Joy Saunders to Denman College, where they recently enjoyed an excellent weekend. The winner of the Bursary for the forthcoming year was Mrs Jean Martin. Mrs Judy Barke had success in the flower of the month competition with a gorgeous black Hellebore.

Mrs Margaret Barrow (Treasurer) then presented her Annual Report and the Accounts were unanimously adopted. Jean read out her Report setting out the many successes of the past year and she also thanked Julia for being such an excellent President and presiding over us for the last twelve months. Julia responded by presenting her report and thanked all Committee Members individually for all their hard work and support, particularly Margaret and Jean for their dedication and the enormous amount of work they put in on behalf of us all. They really are a credit to the WI and deserve all the plaudits going their way! Three members have retired - Mrs Jill Johnson, Mrs Dorothy Darton and Mrs Joy Saunders. They will be sadly missed as they have been very loyal members and all have contributed enormously to the efficient running of the Committee. Mrs Susie Appleford has kindly agreed to join the Committee and was given a very warm welcome.

Liz Barr then took over the meeting for the election of the President. Julia was the popular choice and was duly re-elected in the ballot as President for a further term of office. Jean and Margaret have kindly agreed to continue as Secretary and Treasurer respectively for the forthcoming year.

Following the coffee break Liz entertained members with a talk entitled "An Alphabet of the WI" which set out the aims and workings of the WI by using every letter of the alphabet in turn. We all enjoyed this talk and came away from the meeting knowing a lot more about the worthiness and importance of the WI movement.

The next meeting is on Tuesday, 13th April at 10am in the Radnor Hall when Mr Steve Oakes will give a talk entitled "Birds in the Garden". This should hold great appeal for members and guests will be very welcome as always.

Whilst writing I would like to thank Pam very much for taking the notes for me for this issue of News & Notes as I was away at the time of the meeting. I much appreciated her help. I would also like to mention that after four years my time as Press Officer is coming to an end. I was rather nervous to start with but have enjoyed writing the monthly reports but feel it is now time to pass on the mantle to someone new with fresh ideas. I would particularly like to thank Clare Penny and Adrian Taylor for all their unstinting help and for printing my write-ups more or less word for word, even if the reports may have been a little long on occasion! It has been a great pleasure working with you both.

Odstock Easter Lilies

Anyone wishing to contribute towards the cost of this year's Easter Lilies in Odstock Church should please give their donations to Caroline Cooper at Holly Lodge, Odstock (01722 324915).

Odstock Primary School News

The whole school enjoyed their trip to Landford School to participate in the professional storyteller's session to celebrate World Book Day. The book fair was a success enabling us to obtain further books to enhance our new library.

The older children went on a visit to the Hawk Conservancy and were given a talk, watched a flying display and had the opportunity to handle some of the birds.

The younger children received a visit from the Birmingham based Topiary Dance Company. We were one of only five schools to do this, organised through the Rural Arts Wiltshire Project. The dance company were with us for the majority of the day and did a workshop for the children followed by a performance.

We are once again collecting the Tesco computers for schools vouchers, so please feel free to drop any you may have through our letterbox. They are always gratefully received and really do help us to obtain equipment we would otherwise not be able to afford. Last year we managed to get a digital camera and some software for the school.

The PFA are planning to get the children to write down their favourite recipes which will then be collated into a book that will be available for sale – more details to follow. Also advance notice of our annual plant and cake sale that will be held on 14 May at school from 2.45pm.

GRAND PUMPKIN COMPETITION 2004

Pumpkin seeds for this year's Pumpkin Competition

are now on sale at
The Radnor Arms, Nunton
and Odstock School
Price £2.50 per pack
Judging to take place
On Sunday 31 October 2004

Lent Lunch in aid of the CRP Project

Debby Underhill

A big thank you to all who helped and came to the lunch at Longford Farmhouse. It was a real joint villages' event with a helper from each village. We had visitors from Devon, who had married in Britford in 1955 and saw the poster in the Church and came

along to join us. After lunch Daphne Woolnough gave an interesting talk about the CRP centre in Bangladesh, then she and Robert Stallard, who had also visited the centre, showed us magnificent slides of the work done there so we could see what we were raising the money for, which was £178. Keep filling your Lent collection boxes until Easter.

Charlton All Saints Garden Society

Barabara Box

On 23rd February Mr Chris Bird came from Sparsholt College to give a very amusing talk on growing vegetables. It seems that some of us are so up to date that we are already cultivating our kitchen gardens in the new fashion. However, this "new" fashion has been doing the rounds for centuries!

Our next meeting is at 7.30pm, Monday 26th April in the Church Hall, Charlton All Saints. Dr David Haycroft will talk on Fuschias.

Lorna Rawlence

The family of Lorna Rawlence would like to thank all those in the village who contributed to the lovely floral tribute as well as all who were involved in making her funeral such an appropriate send off. Lorna would have been very touched.

SPAIN - Andalusia.

**Traditional house in unspoilt village on
banks of River Guadiana - Portuguese
border. Sleeps 6/8. From £275 per week.
Phone 01722 780712 (evenings) for
particulars.**

Grand Car Boot Sale

Sunday, 18th April at 1.00 pm

Nunton Football Field

All proceeds to the Radnor Hall

Contact Brian Clake, 01722 340261

Admission:

Sellers cars - £5

Sellers vans - £7

Public – 20p

Enjoy a Spring Outing!

Guided small group visits by minibus

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

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Odstock Nunton and Bodenham Fête

Sunday	June	27	Car Boot Sale
Thursday	July	1	Clay Pigeon Shoot
Friday		2	Barbecue & Skittles at the Radnor Arms
Sunday		4	Bike Ride
Friday		9	Dance to Karisma
Saturday		10	Grand Fête & Raft Race

Planned attractions for the Grand Fête include:

- Falconry Display
- Knights in Armour
- Classic Vehicles Display
- Pet Show
- Tug o' War
- Carousel
- Bouncy Castle
- Candy Floss
- Produce and Craft Stalls

Watch out for more news next month!

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 (7 th & 21 st): 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 April	Lent Evening, The Cheese House, Britford, 6.30 – 8.00pm
13 th April	WI Radnor Hall, 10.00am (<i>see page 2</i>)
18 th April	Grand Car Boot Sale, Nunton Football Field – 1.00pm (<i>see page 3</i>)
19 th April	News and Notes deadline
26 th April	Charlton All Saints Garden Society (<i>see page 3</i>)

Advance dates from Charlton All Saints

3 rd July	BBQ
2 nd October	Harvest Supper
15 th December	Downton Band Concert

Please send articles to Adrian Taylor
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