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Our Worship Together

Graham Southgate

As we approach the end of the 20th Century the Church of England is preparing new services: with the dawn of a new millennium the current Alternative Service Book 1980 (ASB) will cease to be authorised for public liturgies. Its replacement is entitled Common Worship, which will be available for use from Advent Sunday, 3 December 2000. You may be wondering why this change is necessary? Initially use of the ASB was only intended for ten years but as "doomsday" approached in 1990 our General Synod decided to extend this period for a further ten years. During these twenty years there has been opportunity to become familiar with the ASB's strengths and weaknesses: its modern language is necessary to provide worship in what is now the vulgar tongue (as demanded by the authors of the Book of Common Prayer or BCP), although for some this first attempt has been rather dull and lifeless (I would add "stilted and somewhat dated"). Others have felt that its use of biblical imagery is rather limited, and that there is too weak a link between our church's public worship and its pastoral ministry. So how will this effect us in the Chalke Valley? Firstly, if your service is from the BCP then there is no change at all. Secondly, if your service is from the ASB (such as Parish or Family Communion, Rite A or B) then

this must change, although you may not be aware of it immediately: there is a small change of wording in the Nicene Creed (so as to translate more accurately the original Greek version), there is now a choice of eight Eucharistic Prayers (some re-presenting the present four, some being quite new, and one being intended for use in liturgies with children), and the Prayer of Humble Access ("We do not presume...") is now said in response to the invitation to Holy Communion (which seems sheer good sense, liturgical or otherwise). There are, of course, other services included in Common Worship, some of which (Holy Baptism, Confirmation, the Funeral Service and the Marriage Service) have already been used in the Chalke Valley on an experimental basis.

It is the responsibility of the Parochial Church Council and the parish priest together to determine the style of the liturgy in each parish - and we have already been more than adequately prepared for this via presentations provided by the Chalke Valley Team Council, the Chalke Deanery Synod and - for clergy - Continued Ministerial Education. Yet you may want a little more information. That is why the Salisbury Diocesan Liturgical Team is organising a conference for anybody who is interested. It is to be held on Saturday 23 September at the Poole Arts Centre and you will be most welcome (please contact me or your PCC Secretary for details).

Church Services

Sunday 3 September Trinity 11	8.00 am	Holy Communion	WC	Nunton
	9.30 am	Parish Communion	WC	Britford
	11.00 am	Parish Communion	WC	Coombe
	6.00 pm	Evensong	SW	Homington
Sunday 12 September Trinity 12	8.00 am	Holy Communion	GS	Homington
	9.30 am	Parish Communion (JC)	WC	Odstock
	11.00 am	Family Service	GS	Coombe
	11.00 am	Matins	WC	Charlton
Sunday 17 September Trinity 13	8.00 am	Harvest Festival Holy Communion	GS	Britford
	9.30 am	Morning Service	GS	Homington
	9.30 am	Parish Communion (JC)	WC	Nunton
	11.00 am	Parish Communion	GS	Coombe
	3.00 pm	Harvest Festival Family Service	GS	Britford
Sunday 24 September Trinity 14	8.00 am	Holy Communion	WC	Homington
	9.30 am	Harvest Festival Parish Communion	GS	Charlton
	11.00 am	Morning Service	GS	Odstock
	11.00 am	Patronal Festival Matins	WC	Coombe
Sunday 1 October Trinity 15	8.00 am	Harvest Festival Holy Communion		Nunton
	9.30 am	Parish Communion		Britford
	11.00 am	Harvest Festival Parish Communion		Coombe
	6.00 pm	Harvest Festival Evensong		Homington
	6.00 pm	Harvest Festival Evensong		Nunton

From the Editor

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Holy Days in September

- 14 Holy Cross 8.00 am Holy Communion at Nunton.
- 21 Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist 8.00 am Holy Communion at Nunton.
- 29 Saint Michael and All Angels 8.00 am Holy Communion at Coombe Bissett.

Radnor Hall Accounts

Harry Joynt, Chairman Radnor Hall Committee

Those who attended the AGM on 17 April last, may remember that we were unable to present a set of accounts for the last financial year due to discrepancies that had been discovered for the previous year. I am now able to summarise as follows:

Funds as at 31 March 1998	£2069
Surplus for April 1998 to March 1999	
Originally stated	£140
Less discrepancies (£90)	
Resultant surplus	£50
Surplus for April 1999 to March 2000	£769
Funds as at 31 March 2000	£2888

Rather than amend the 1998/99 figure, the deduction of £90 has been changed to the 1999/2000 accounts which therefore read:

Funds at 1 April 1999	£2209
Surplus for year 1999/2000	£769
Deduct unexplained discrepancy for 1998/99 (£90)	
Funds at 31 March 2000	£2888

Your committee considers that the £90 discrepancy should be written off. Copies of detailed statements are available at Bodenham PO for anybody interested. You are welcome to raise any queries with me, Harry Joynt on 01722 329782.

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Charlton Garden Society

Barbara Box 01725 510158

The next meeting will be at 7.30 pm on Monday 18 September in Charlton Church Hall. Mrs Sylvia Parratt will talk about "Colour in the Spring Garden". New members welcome.

New Headteacher at Odstock School

Sherwood Elcock, Chair of Governors

As many of you will know the Headteacher at the village school was suspended in March this year following allegations of misconduct received by the Governors. Following meetings of the Governors' Staffing and Appeals panels last month Mr Niblett has been dismissed and will not be returning to the School.

The Governors have begun the process of selecting a new permanent Headteacher but it will inevitably be some months before he or she can take up their post. In the meantime the Key Stage 1 class will continue to be taught by Sheila Marsh and the Key Stage 2 class by Pat Joslin.

The Governors would like to express their thanks for the support they have received during this difficult time for the school and in particular to thank Sheila Marsh for taking on the role of Acting Headteacher for the past few months.

Amenity Rubbish Skips in Nunton, Odstock and Bodenham

Sherwood Elcock

The annual skips provided by the Parish Council should be in their usual sites for the first weekend of September and the following week. These are for household rubbish only. Please respect the sites and do not leave rubbish around that cannot be put into the skips. As soon as the skips are full please let me know and I will arrange for them to be removed. Tel 01722 334398.

For Sale

Minnette Electric Organ, 2 manuals, various stops, 1 octave foot pedals and swell pedal. £70.00 ono. 01725 512607 after 6 pm.

Fete 2000

The counting is done and our hard working treasurer Mike Pearce has reported a profit this year of £4,632.16, an excellent result for our small community and a profit envied by many other committees.

Unfortunately this year's total was down on last year's profit of £5,222.80 but we did have some tremendous competition over our fete weekend and the loss of the jumble sale and clay shoot reduced income by about £300.00.

The Fete events are however not just about making money, they are designed also to bring the community together and have fun. We certainly did that, not even the monsoon conditions when we erected the marquee could dampen our spirits.

A full breakdown of this year's results will be available from the Post Office and will be displayed on notice boards. Any questions can be answered by Mike Pearce (01722 334355) or Cliff Whitley (01722 321226).

Thank you to everyone who helped or supported the events this year.

Coombe Bissett and Homington Badminton Club

Iain Jamieson

Secretary - Coombe Bissett & Homington Badminton Club

☎ 01722 780695

I am grateful to the editor for including this article about our badminton club. Though the club is based at Coombe Bissett, it is keen to welcome new members from all parts of the Chalke Valley. At a time when some village-based organisations and activities are disappearing, this is one village club which is still very active. But it can only continue if it is well-supported.

The 2000/2001 season starts on Wednesday 13 September at Coombe Bissett Village Hall in Shutts Lane. New players of all standards will be very welcome, though we advise complete beginners to have some tuition at evening classes or elsewhere before they apply to join. We hope to re-start the junior section (8 to 15 year olds) and any youngsters interested in joining are invited to come (with parents) to the hall at 6.30 pm on 13 September. If enough interested juniors come along, we can decide on the spot to run junior sessions throughout the season.

The adult (and students over 15) session starts at 7.30 pm. We will again have a team in Division 3 of the Salisbury and District League and will also be in the KO Wessex Cup. So we will be delighted to see new players - men and women - who fancy good competitive badminton.

As well as maintaining a good standard of badminton, the club organises various social activities. These have recently included a skittles evening and Valentine's dances.

I hope that you'd like to join us and keep one Chalke Valley institute going. Do contact me if you'd like to know more.

Wanted - Domestic Help

3-5 hours per week by arrangement - hourly rate to be negotiated. Easy house work for tidy, friendly adult household in a modern house. Please telephone mornings or evenings (up to 8.30 pm) 01725 510570.

Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham Harvest Festival

This year, Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham will celebrate harvest on 1 October with their Harvest Festival Service at 6.00 pm at St Andrews, Nunton followed by Harvest Supper in the Barker Room at 7.00 pm. Tickets for the supper (£5 for adults, £2.50 for children) can be bought from Debby Underhill or one of the churchwardens. Debby will be grateful for any offers of help or food.

The collection from the service and any profit from the supper will go towards our charitable giving for the year, benefiting a range of charities both home and abroad, church-based and secular.

Charlton Harvest Supper

The annual Charlton Harvest Supper will be held on Saturday 23 September at 7.00 for 7.30 pm. Tickets cost £6 for adults and £3 for children over 5, from Pam Cox on 01722 329709.

Britford Harvest Supper

Our Harvest Supper is to be held at the Village Hall on Saturday 16 September at 7.30 pm. There will be a traditional Harvest Supper with some form of entertainment to follow!

Tickets will be limited to villagers only, as we will be limited to the numbers we can get into the hall. Therefore it will be on a 'first come - first served' basis. So if you would like to come along, don't delay - ring Rod Shipsey on 01725 335096 or Peggy Knight on 01722 320259. Tickets will be £7.50 adults and children £3.00. This will include a drink on arrival.



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Charlton - Peter Cox 01722 329709 Britford - Daphne Scamell 01722 334858

Regular Events

WI
Junior Church

Tiny Tots
Whist Drive
Singing Group
Ebble Pre-school
Mobile Library

Second Monday of the month, 10.00 am Barker Room, Nunton
To coincide with 9.30 am services at Nunton or Odstock Churches, held at the Barker Room, contact Adrian Taylor on 01722 325862
Every Wednesday, 2 - 4 pm The Radnor Hall, Bodenham
Every Thursday, 7.30 pm Barker Room, Nunton
Every Monday, 8.00 pm, contact Adrian Taylor on 01722 325862
Monday-Thursday 9.00 am - 12.30 contact Sharon Chandler 01722 329719
Alternate Fridays (5, 19 September): Village Hut, Charlton 10.00 - 10.15 am
Alternate Tuesdays: Brookmead, Britford 10.35 am
Post Office, Bodenham 10.55 am Radnor Arms, Nunton 11.10 am
Crossroads, Odstock 11.35 am

Dates for your Diary

13 September	Badminton Club, 6.30 pm Coombe Bissett Village Hall
16 September	Britford Harvest Supper, 7.30 pm Memorial Hall
18 September	Charlton Garden Society, 7.30 pm Charlton Church Hall
23 September	Conference on Common Worship, Poole Arts Centre
23 September	Charlton Harvest Supper, 7.00 pm Charlton Church Hall
1 October	Nunton, Odstock & Bodenham Harvest Supper, 7.00 pm Barker Room
14 October	Charlton Autumn Sale
4/5 November	Charlton Bonfire Night
24 & 25 November	November Show at Radnor Hall