

Introducing Graham Southgate

May 1997

Syd has asked me to write a few lines by way of introduction. I won't say too much - you will have plenty of time to find out more about me for yourselves! What follows, therefore, is painted with very broad brush strokes.

I am thirty-four years of age, the eldest of three, and single. I was brought up in Warminster - where my parents still live - and I attended the Minster Primary School and Kingdown School. At eighteen I went to Bristol Polytechnic to read Applied Biology, which included periods at Seale-Hayne Agricultural College in Newton Abbot. My next stop was the North East Surrey College of Technology near Epsom where I graduated in Microbiology. I continued there as a research student in collaboration with ICI Biological Products at Billingham, which resulted in my being awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. While going through the ministerial selection process I was a teaching assistant in the Science Department of Warminster School - and I continue to maintain my interest in scientific issues.

In 1990 I started theological training at Ripon College Cuddesdon, some five miles outside Oxford. The course comprised three years' full time study, but was not all spent in the rolling Oxfordshire countryside. At the end of my first year I spent a month on placement in an inner city parish in Liverpool; the first six months of my second year were spent in an Urban Priority Area of Sheffield: the Manor council estate with a population of around 13,000; and I also went to Leominster in Herefordshire to undertake a pastoral studies course in Rural Ministry.

I remember my driving instructor once telling me, "Just because you have passed the test doesn't mean that you have nothing more to learn!" So, having got through the theoretical and academic part of theological training, I joined the Tisbury Team Ministry in 1993 as Assistant Curate, where I have had ample opportunities for putting some of the theory into practice. The Tisbury Benefice came together as a Team Ministry twenty-one years ago (although it has been in its present state only for the last ten years) and, although rather smaller geographically than the Chalke Valley Benefice, it has certainly helped me to see the importance of the "Team concept" in helping to address the current pastoral situation faced by the Church of England.

When you see a stranger with a clerical collar, you will know that the latest addition to the Team Ministry has arrived. Please DO say "hello" and introduce yourselves (and for my part, I shall do my best to remember all the new names and faces!) I am really looking forward to joining the Team Ministry and meeting you. And if you wonder where I am living, then look no further than Nunton Vicarage: the house with cacti on all the window sills!

With best wishes,

Graham Southgate

Church Services

Sunday 4 May	8.00 am	Nunton	BCP	GS	Nunton
Rogation Sunday	9.30 am	Parish Communion	ASB	GS	Britford
	11.00 am	Matins	BCP	WC	Odstock
Sunday 11 May	9.30 am	Parish Communion (JC)	ASB	GS	Nunton
Ascension 1	11.00 am	Matins	BCP	WC	Charlton
Sunday 18 May	9.30 am	Parish Communion (JC)	ASB	GS	Odstock
Whit Sunday	11.00 am	Matins	BCP	GS	Britford
Sunday 25 May	9.30 am	Parish Communion	ASB	TS	Charlton
Trinity Sunday	11.00 am	Matins	BCP	WC	Nunton
Sunday 1 June	8.00 am	Nunton	BCP		Nunton
	9.30 am	Parish Communion	ASB		Britford
	11.00 am	Matins	BCP		Odstock

GS = Graham Southgate, WC = Westly Cole, TS = Terry Sankey.

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

From the Editor

This month's edition of *News & Notes* has been paid for by numerous small donations, which are very gratefully received. Our newsletter is no longer part-funded by our PCCs, but relies solely on sponsorship and donations (however small) from the readers. Following a recent rise in photocopying costs, the amount we need to find each month is £50. In return for your money, we offer the sponsor some advertising/acknowledgement (if required) on the front page of our newsletter. If anyone is interested, please contact Neil Guttridge, *News & Notes* Treasurer, on 01725 511468 or at Court-Hay, Lower Road, Charlton All Saints, SP5 4HQ. Editorial items for inclusion in *News & Notes* should be sent to Clare Penny at Azalea Cottage, Chapel Lane, Charlton All Saints, SP5 4HF or telephone 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 June issue of *News & Notes* is Friday 23 May.

New Initiatives for the Team Benefice

Now that our Team is complete and bearing in mind its peculiar geographical shape ie a linear twenty odd miles with 13 churches, it was necessary to look at the way we organise church life. Thankfully the Team Council had the foresight to set up a Working Party for this task before the final completion of the Team. This resulted in a Report being submitted to the Team Council at its April meeting and this is now being sent to the individual PCCs for comment in July.

As well as the pastoral arrangements mentioned in the April edition of *News & Notes*, the Working Party feels that there should be Group Councils based on the three pastoral units of East, Central and West Chalke Valley. These Councils would be composed of some members elected by PCCs and some appointed by the Team Rector, in conjunction with the other clergy, to reflect particular leadership roles or skills. The Group Councils would primarily be concerned to promote outreach, nurture new members and provide training in the particular area. This, it is hoped, will enable us to be a true Team of Churches working together and not just a collection of separated individual parishes who happen to share the ministry of the clergy. The PCCs will still have their own responsibilities and the Team Council will continue to be an "umbrella" or "think tank" whose task will be to co-ordinate and produce vision for the whole Team Benefice. Please give this matter a prominent place in your prayers during these coming months. I believe it could lead to exciting ways of development and renewal in the life of the Church in the Chalke Valley.

Syd Willcox

If anyone has any ideas, opinions or comments on the above, I will be happy to publish them.

Editor

WI

Mrs Sue Bourne presided at the April meeting and reminded members of forthcoming events.

Let's Celebrate - 100 years of the WI on 23 June. Please wear a costume from any period since 1897. The coach pick up point will be 6pm at Bodenham.

- 1) "How Crafty are you?" This will be a competition for turning trash into treasure - more details later.
- 2) The Downland Group spring meeting will be at 2pm on 19 May at Redlynch Hall. Mrs Christine Folliard will speak on Relaxation.

It has been suggested that we plant a commemorative weeping willow tree (in the Jubilee Garden near Odstock Church) following our September meeting, then go to the Medieval Hall in Salisbury Cathedral Close to hear "The History of Salisbury". The summer outing will be to Staplehill Gardens on 21 July. Guests will be welcome.

Mrs Margo Brennan gave an hilarious talk entitled "A Landlady's Tale". A successful landlady must be prepared to be nurse, counsellor, agony aunt, chauffeur - to have low blood pressure and above all, a sense of humour! Mrs Elliott won the Flower of the Month competition with a beautiful pink camellia. At the next meeting - on 12 May - resolutions will be discussed.

Angela Moules

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Holiday Job Wanted

I am 17, am taking A levels this summer and hope to go to university in the autumn to read Medicine. I have experience of working with children but would consider other things. I have a current First Aid Certificate.

Clare Head 01722 326825

Radnor Hall AGM

The Radnor Hall AGM will be held on Tuesday 20 May at 7.30 pm at the Hall. Come and find out what has been happening! If you want to book that family reunion or party and need a comfortable venue, book the Radnor Hall any weekend. Ring Maxine on 01722 329760. Special rates for people living in the community.

Archbishop's Visit

It was a great joy to be in the Cathedral on Saturday 12 April. The Deanery Stands were very colourful and informative of the responses in various parishes to the appeal of Bishop David for a new vision. Archbishop George as ever in his address was encouraging and full of enthusiasm, put across in an easy to follow style. He had many words of wisdom for the Churches, but one thing stuck out for me "Do less - but do it better!"

Many have told me how much they enjoyed the Monday morning Service for Schoolchildren with the added help of "Roly" the clown-priest!

Syd Willcox

Coffee Morning

The Annual Conservative Coffee Morning will be held on Wednesday 4 June at 10.30 am at Melstock, Nunton, (by kind permission of Mrs Sue Bourne). Entrance will be 30p to include coffee and biscuits. There will be a Bring and Buy, Plant Stall and Nearly New. Also a Raffle and Derby Draw. Do come along and bring your friends. Everyone is welcome.

Judy Barke

Britford Coffee Morning and Plant Sale

The coffee morning and plant sale will be held at the Memorial Hall on Wednesday 14 May from 9.30 am - 12.30 pm, entrance 50p to included coffee and biscuit. There will be a Cake Stall, Book Stall, Bring and Buy and a Raffle. Proceeds to St Peter's Church. Contributions of garden plants and house plants would be most welcome and can be left with Jo Lamb at Moat Cottage or phone me on 01722 334858. Thank you.

Daphne Scamell

Grand Draw at Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham Fete

Tickets for the Grand Draw are being distributed for sale throughout Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham and will also be sold at the Fete. If you feel able to sell some tickets, please contact Susie Jenkins (Bodenham - 01722 329748), Gill Smedley (Odstock - 01722 329488) or Adrian Taylor (Nunton - 01722 325862). We also require draw prizes and will be delighted to receive any than you may be able to donate. Adrian Taylor

Charlton All Saints Garden Society

Our first annual general meeting was held at the Church Hall on 25 March 1997. I am pleased to announce that our numbers have grown, as well as our plants, since we started last year. Annual membership continues at £3.00. Our next meeting is on 19 May at 7.30 pm in the Church Hall. The speaker will be Sue Walker on "Wildlife in the Garden. All welcome.

Barbara Box



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

The Grand Charlton Barbecue!

Saturday 14 June at 7 pm at Charlton Courtyard, adjacent to Charlton House

Adults £4 * Children £2 * Bar * Raffle * Skittles

For tickets, please ring Alison Ashworth on 01725 510459 or Clare Penny on 01725 512869 by 12 June

Britford Church

Help is required to clean Britford Church on a once a month rota, all materials provided. Please ring 01722 334858 if you can assist. Thank you. Daphne Scamell

Southwark Visit

Friday 20 June - Monday 24 June. There are five men and four ladies coming with two helpers and a driver. They will be staying in the villages and a programme has been arranged. I hope everyone will welcome them. Carole Stratton

Contact Numbers

<i>Team Rector</i>	Canon Sydney Willcox, The Rectory, Broad Chalke 01722 780262 (Day off - Mon)	
<i>Team Vicar</i>	Revd Roger Redding, The Vicarage, Ebbesbourne Wake 01722 780408 (Day off - Mon)	
<i>Team Vicar</i>	Revd Dr Graham Southgate, Nunton Rectory, Nunton 01722 330628 (Day off - Fri)	
<i>Churchwardens</i>	Nunton - Harry Joynt 01722 329782	Charlton - Peter Cox 01722 329709
	Odstock - Peter Martin 01722 329743	Britford - Daphne Scamell 01722 334858

Dates for your Diary

3/5 May	Downton Secondary School car parking for the Cuckoo Fair
11 May	Downton Secondary School Family Car Treasure Hunt, School 3.00 pm
13 May	Coombe Bissett PCC at Homington Church 7.30 pm
14 May	Britford Coffee Morning, Memorial Hall 9.30 am - 12.30 pm
14 May	Christian Aid Hunger Lunch at Summerfield, Bowerchalke 12.00 - 2.00 pm
17 May	Christian Aid Coffee Morning, Broad Chalke Village Hall 10.00 am
19 May	Charlton Garden Society Wiltshire Wildlife talk, Charlton Church Hall 7.30 pm
20 May	Radnor Hall AGM, Radnor Hall 7.30 pm
29 May	Charlton Theatre Club - Skylight
31 May	Ebble Chorale Summer Concert, Wardour Chapel
4 June	Conservative Coffee Morning, Melstock, Nunton 10.30 am
4 June	Britford Parish Council AGM - Speaker - Memorial Hall, 7.00 pm
14 June	Downton Secondary School Summer Fun Day and Craft Fair, School 12.00 noon
14 June	Charlton Barbecue, Charlton Courtyard 7.00 pm
20/24 June	Southwark Pensioners' visit
23 June	Charlton Garden Society visit to Heronsgate
23 June	WI Centenary celebration
30 June	Charlton Theatre Club - Time and Time Again
23 July	Charlton Theatre Club - Riverdance
6 September	Charlton Village Fete 2.00 pm

Regular Events

WI	Second Monday of the month, 10.00 am Barker Room, Nunton
Junior Church	To coincide with 9.30 am services at Nunton or Odstock Churches, held at the Barker Room, contact Adrian Taylor on 01722 325862
Bingo	Every Friday, 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm The Orchard, Nunton
Singing Group	Every Tuesday, 7.30 pm, contact Adrian Taylor on 01722 325862
Mobile Library	Alternate Fridays (9 & 23 May): Village Hut, Charlton 9.50 am
	Alternate Tuesdays (13 & 27 May): Brookmead, Britford 9.45 am
	Post Office, Bodenham 10.05 am, Radnor Arms, Nunton 10.20 am
	Crossroads, Odstock 10.50 am

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THURSDAY, 3 JULY	6.30 - CLAY SHOOT, NUNTON
FRIDAY, 4 JULY	7.00 - SKITTLES EVENING & INDEPENDENCE DAY B-B-Q - RADNOR ARMS
SATURDAY, 5 JULY	2.30 - JUMBLE SALE - RADNOR HALL
FRIDAY, 11 JULY	7.30 - PETER POD & THE PEAS IN THE MARQUEE Tickets now on sale at the Yew Tree, Radnor Arms, Post Office
SATURDAY, 12 JULY	2.00 - FETE AFTERNOON - NUNTON FOOTBALL FIELD 1.30 - CLASSIC CAR & MOTORCYCLE RALLY 6.00 - RAFT RACE - ODSTOCK BRIDGE 7.00 - FREE EVENING DISCO

Remember all money raised is spent solely in our own community. In the last two years we have helped Odstock School, Nunton & Odstock Churches, our Women's Institute, the Radnor Hall, the Orchard, re-roofed the Football Pavilion, etc. Money has also been set aside towards a children's playground, which we are hoping to provide in conjunction with the Parish Council.

Help and new ideas urgently required, support your local community, contact:-

Cliff Whitley 01722 321226

Sonya Sandford 01722 411506

PLEASE HELP

The success of our community depends on **YOU!**

SPRING CLEANING?

Please don't throw anything away, we need it! We will collect anything that would be suitable for our Jumble Sale.

Gifts or nearly new items wanted for Gift Stall.

Unwanted and unloved toys required for the Toy Stall.

GARDENERS

Thinning out beds? Taking cuttings? Sowing seeds? Please grow on a few extra for our Plant Stall or grow extra vegetables for the Produce Stall.