

News and Notes

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Time flies when you're having fun!

Graham Southgate

As many of you will have discovered when your parish first became a part of the Chalke Valley Benefice, the members of the Team Ministry (two vicars and a rector) are licensed for terms of seven years. It seems to me that this is a very sensible practice: it is always easier to get on with things when you have a target to aim for. Clearly, there are some who think back with longing to the days when the vicar 'stayed for ever' - and, I'm sure that there are plenty of arguments both in favour and against this. Yet times change.

I was licensed as the second Team Vicar on Saint George's Day in 1997, having completed my Curacy with what was then the Tisbury Team Ministry - my training vicar and the Rural Dean were both celebrating their birthdays, so I arranged for them to cut a birthday cake, made in the shape of a green dragon. And I've sometimes wondered what effect all that green food colouring might have had on those who ate the cake!

Now, almost 6½ years later it's time to move again. I shall be swapping four parishes with six churches, seven villages and two school governorships for four parishes with four churches, four villages (plus one more when it's safe to visit Imber), and no school governorships. So my pattern of ministry will change - and don't we all need a change occasionally?

When I arrived at Nunton Vicarage in 1997, I found a box of groceries awaiting me on the doorstep. It was a pleasant and kind gesture that began your welcome of me into your communities. I hope that when my successor arrives the same sort of welcome is available. I'm sure that your new vicar will not need to hear that Graham always did things this way - but you wouldn't do that anyway, would you?

So thank you for all that you have done for me, and have allowed me to do for you. And the green icing. . . I wonder what effect you have had on me and me on you? Only time will tell. In the meantime, please pray for those who will be choosing the next Team Vicar, and for the parishes of Bratton, Edington and Imber, Erlestoke and Coulston as they begin a new chapter.

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds (Psalm 9:1).

Church of England Services

Sunday 3rd August Trinity 7	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion Parish Communion Evensong (BCP)	Nunton Britford Coombe Homington	GS GS WC GS
Sunday 10th August Trinity 8	11.00	Family Communion – Graham Southgate's Farewell Service	Coombe	GS
Sunday 17th August Trinity 9	8.00 am 9.30 am 9.30 am 11.00 am	Holy Communion BCP Parish Communion Morning Service Patronal Festival Parish Communion BCP	Britford Nunton Homington Coombe	WC WC GH WC
Sunday 24th August Bartholomew	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am 11.00 am	Holy Communion BCP Parish Communion Morning Service Matins BCP	Homington Charlton Odstock Coombe	WC WC WC SE
Sunday 31st August Trinity 11	10.00 am	Parish Communion BCP	Homington	WC
Sunday 7th September Trinity 12	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion Parish Communion Evensong (BCP)	Nunton Britford Coombe Homington	WC DH WC WC

GS = The Revd Dr Graham Southgate, WC = The Revd Westley Cole, GH = Gill Humphreys, SE = Shirley Evans
DH = The Revd Canon David Henley

Please note that there will be no Junior Church during August

From the Editor

This month's edition has been paid for by our advertisers and several smaller donations. If you have editorial items for inclusion in *News & Notes*, please send them to me, Clare Penny, Azalea Cottage, Chapel Lane, Charlton All Saints, Salisbury SP5 4HF, telephone 01725 512869, email clare@azalea.demon.co.uk Monetary donations should be sent to our Treasurer, Neil Guttridge, Court-Hay, Lower Road, Charlton All Saints, Salisbury SP5 4HQ, telephone 01725 511468. The deadline for the September edition is Friday 15th August.

From the October edition, Adrian Taylor will be taking over as editor. His telephone number is 01722 325862, and his email address is vcmtaylor@msn.com

Holy Days In August

- 6th The Transfiguration of our Lord – Holy Communion 8.00 am Nunton
15th The Blessed Virgin Mary - Holy Communion 8.00 am Homington

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Diane Wait

Mrs Pam Trubshaw (Vice President) presided over the 14th July meeting in the absence of Mrs Julia Joynt (President) who is recovering from a recent hip operation. She gave a warm welcome to members and guest Mrs Hazel Kimber, who is an old school friend of Mrs Jean Martin. Pam then made special reference to several absent members including Mrs Ruth Austen, Mrs Dorothy Darton, Mrs Angela Moules, Mrs Vi Bath, and Mrs Joan Dixon, who are all recovering from a variety of operations. I apologise if I have missed anyone out and will make amends next time! We all sent our very best wishes to them and hope to see them back fully restored to good health in September. Mrs Margaret Barrow (Treasurer) kindly provided a very pretty posy of white daisies and foliage for the President's table and was also the winner of the flower of the month competition with a truly delightful pink and white Fuchsia aptly named "Marshmallow".

Margaret read out the Treasurer's report and Mrs Jean Van Hagen the correspondence, including a very witty letter from Mrs Barbara Robinson (Whiteparish WI) who was reporting on the recent Resolutions Meeting held at the Albert Hall. Apparently the three Resolutions I discussed in the last *News & Notes* received huge majorities when the voting took place. Jean and Margaret attended as observers and were fortunate enough to sit in a "box" instead of being up in the "gods". Jean also read out a letter from Mrs Joan Dixon expressing her great disappointment at missing our speaker Commodore Ian Gibb. She said

we were in for a treat and that certainly proved to be the case.

It was generally agreed that the Garden Party had been a huge success and members particularly enjoyed the Treasure Hunt. Mrs Sue Bourne was thanked profusely for the use of her beautiful garden at Melstock. She then reported that we had achieved a very creditable second place in the Scrabble League and we hope for an even better result next year. Congratulations to all those clever ladies who played so well in the scrabble team throughout the season.

Following the coffee break, Commodore Ian Gibb charmed and entertained us with a brilliant talk about his 43 years at sea. As a 16 year old he attended a Navigation School on the Hamble where he secured a very good degree. He joined P&O in 1954 and in 1975 became a Captain for the first time. He subsequently served as Captain on such prestigious liners as "Arcadia", "Canberra" for 17 years and most recently "Oriana". He gave us a rare insight into life on board and regaled us with very amusing tales about some of his more noteworthy passengers, including the famous Miss Whiplash! He has enjoyed a most distinguished and satisfying career and in 1996 retired. However, that is not the end of his story and he is currently an Elder Brother of the Corporation of Trinity House (Shipping Fraternity). We really did enjoy his presentation and Mrs Doreen Osmond gave him a witty and appreciative vote of thanks. He was delighted to answer our questions and before leaving added some more memorable anecdotes for us to savour.

The annual outing took place on Wednesday 16th July when we visited Sherborne Abbey and Castle. We all enjoyed the day very much and our special thanks go to Miss Judith Johnson, (who is doing really well after her hip operation) and Mrs Joy Saunders for organising such a lovely day out. The weather was not quite so good this year but the threatened thunder storms did not get us! All in all it was a most sociable occasion with regular breaks for coffee, lunch and cream teas!! Well how else were we to keep our strength up for all that walking!

The annual Promotional Meeting takes place at 10 am in the Radnor Hall on 8th September. There will be a ploughman's lunch, dessert and coffee and we hope to welcome potential new members to this enjoyable and relaxing meeting.

Bonfire Nuisance

A couple who live in Nunton Drove are being troubled by bonfires from their neighbours. Could you please be more considerate and light bonfires after 6pm?

Farewell to Revd Dr Graham Southgate

SUNDAY 10th AUGUST, 11.00 am FAMILY COMMUNION SERVICE St MICHAEL and ALL ANGELS, COOMBE BISSETT, followed by a finger buffet lunch in the Village Hall.

Come and join this celebration of Graham's 6 years of ministry in the Chalke Valley Benefice.

Contributions to the farewell presentation can be made in cash/cheque made payable to your PCC. Please hand them in to one of your churchwardens.

Visit to Holy Trinity Brompton

5 pm Evening Service

Would you be interested in coming in a group to this service? It is an Alpha service and there will be interviews by Nicky Gumbel of folk who have done Alpha. He will be there, but may or may not be preaching.

If you have never been, do consider coming – visiting HTB is always a great experience. We plan to leave the Chalke Valley around 2.30 pm and return at 10.30 pm, after having eaten.

The cost is £10 per person and if we have enough people, we can use a mini bus. Please contact Mrs Caroline Lamb, The White House, Knighton Wood Farm, Broadchalke, Salisbury SP5 5HB, Tel: 01722 780789 Fax 01722 781035 email: clamb@clara.co.uk

Odstock Primary School News

It has been a very busy few weeks leading up to the end of term.

The children have gone on several educational visits, including the science day up on Martin Downs, the juniors' field trip to Lulworth Cove and Durdle Door and a trip to Domino's Pizza. The infants have also been to Steeple Langford with the RSPB.

They have all enjoyed being out and about and have learnt a great deal from the visits.

We had a very successful time at the Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham Fete running our toy and book stall.

On 16th July we held our opening of the new school library. All children and staff were invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character and Rev Graham Southgate officially opened the library.

Mrs Rattue, who has been at Odstock School for the past sixteen years, retires at the end of term and we had a special presentation for her on her last teaching day. The children had their presentation followed by an open house where old colleagues, pupils and friends were invited to come along and say goodbye.

We had a special assembly for Rev Graham Southgate to say goodbye and wish him well in his

new parish. The children had each sewn their names onto squares of material that were then made into a cushion and presented to him.

We also said goodbye to all our Year 6s. On a happier note, due to an increase in our pupil numbers, we have been able to secure a third teacher, Miss Nina Dziedzic, who will join us in September. This will mean that we will run three classes from September for the mornings and revert to two for the afternoons.

We are looking forward to welcoming all the new children in September, and Sports Day and barbecue rounded off our school term.

Charlton Garden Society

Barbara Box

"White Windows" in Longparish was the venue for the Garden Society's outing this year. It is a private garden of about 2/3 acre which Mrs Sterndale-Bennett has planted and nurtured for 20 years. The result is a delightful display of trees, plants and bulbs throughout the year. A good, quiet supper was enjoyed afterwards at The Plough pub.

Treasure Holiday Club

There will be a holiday club run by Chalke Valley Churches from Monday 11th to Friday 15th for children 5-11 years in Coombe Bissett Village Hall. 10 am - 12 noon except Wednesday 10 am - 2 pm including treasure hunt.. GAMES, CRAFT, VIDEO, STORIES AND QUIZZES. Booking forms and more details from Alison Ridout 01722 718739 or Debby Underhill 01722 329769.

Compost Ambassadors

Wiltshire Wildlife's first compost ambassadors were trained up in July, and are now ready to go out and persuade Wiltshire's residents to compost, rather than bin, much of their kitchen and garden rubbish, which will help the environment. "It's really easy to compost when you get going," says ambassador Mrs Prisilla Daniell. "And it's nice for people to be able to ring up one ambassador like me rather than to have to sit and trawl through the internet or books for advice. I can quickly answer a query over the phone, or I can pop round to the compost heap in question and offer advice and handy hints." The compost ambassador for our area is Angela Jones on 01725 512204.

Cancer Research - Please Support Us

Colin Berry

Andy Berry from Odstock has organised and is taking part in a sponsored cycle ride from John O'Groats to Land's End in August in aid of Cancer Research. Andy will be pedalling hard for 900 miles for this worthy cause, so if you would like to sponsor him, please call him or Colin & Diane on 01722 323648. Many thanks.

Body Massage

Help relieve the stresses and strains of every day life
Remove your gardening aches and pains

Lindsey Whalley
SRN FHT IIHHT

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A Healing Course

Sarum Archdeaconry is holding a 10 week Healing Course, starting on Tuesday 30th September, 7.30 pm (cost: £15) in Amesbury. More details will appear next month, but further details can be obtained from Canon Henley. In order to attend this course, you need the signature of your Parish Priest on the application form.

Charlton All Saints BBQ

Barbara Box

Thank you everyone who helped with the preparation of food. The table was loaded with attractive salads. Our first attempt at roasting the pig with a gas BBQ was successful. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves – so, same again next year?

Neil Guttridge thanks everyone for their support. He reports a total of £610.74.

There are dishes and children's jackets at The Old School House, awaiting collection.

A Celebration of Wholeness and Healing

will be held in Salisbury Cathedral on Saturday 18th October, 10.00 am – 4.30 pm (service at 3.00 pm). There will be morning workshops. Again, more details will appear next month.

Learning to Live with Cancer

An 8 Week Education and Support Programme for Patients, Relatives, Friends and Carers.

The course covers a range of topics including: The human body and cancer, different types of treatment, diet and nutrition, complementary therapies and support and resources in the community.

For further information, please contact Nikki Campbell-Jones 01722 336262 ext 2939, nikki.campbell-jones@salisbury.nhs.uk ; or Angela Barrett 01722 322726, practice.nurse@gp-j83052.nhs.uk

Charlton Autumn Fair

Clare Penny

We shall be holding our Autumn Fair again this year at 2.00 pm on Saturday 4th October at Charlton Church Hall. We plan to have some fun, and raise money for the Church. There will be a book stall, white elephant, plants and produce stall, some games for the children, a cake stall and refreshments.

If you'd like to join in by running a stall, pricing the goodies beforehand, or baking a cake, then give me a ring on 01725 512869. There will be a door-to-door collection in Charlton on the evening of Wednesday 1st October, so if you're clearing out the loft or the garage, put some things aside, and we'll come and take them away for you!

"Too Many Cooks"

Having a lunch or dinner party, but would prefer not to cook? Then give me a call.

I will create a menu to suit you and the occasion (formal or informal) and even help serve the meal if required, leaving you to enjoy your own party (maximum number catered for is ten).

Puddings are a speciality of mine and if that's your only requirement, I can provide these for far greater numbers of guests!

Amanda Lyles 01725 513530

Regular Events

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| WI | Second Monday of the month, 10.00 am Radnor Hall, Bodenham |
| Junior Church | To co-incide with 9.30 am service at Nunton or Odstock Churches (except August), held at the Barker Room, contact Adrian Taylor on 01722 325862 |
| Whist Drive | Every Thursday, 7.30 pm Barker Room, Nunton |
| Singing Group | Every Monday, 8.00 pm, contact Adrian Taylor on 01722 325862 |
| Tiny Tots | Every Wednesday 9.30 – 11.30 am, Radnor Hall, Bodenham, contact Suzie Orchiton on 01722 502026 |
| Mobile Library | Alternate Wednesdays (13 th & 27 th): Brookmead, Britford 10.00 – 10.20 am
Village Hut, Charlton 10.30 – 10.45 am, Radnor Arms, Nunton 11.00 – 11.20 am |

Dates for Your Diary

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| 6 September | A Concert at St Mary's Church, Alvediston, 7.00 pm. Richard Seal will be at the organ, with several local young musicians. Tickets £7 (£3 for under 16s) from Post Offices in Broad Chalke, Bowerchalke and Ludwell |
| 4 October | Charlton Autumn Fair, Charlton Church Hall 2.00 pm |