
News & Notes

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From the Rectory

David Henley

Congratulations to Karen Curnock on being appointed an Honorary Canon of Salisbury Cathedral in recognition of all she does for this Diocese as Diocesan Secretary. She will be installed in the Cathedral at Evensong on Tuesday 15th October at 5.30 pm, and we are all encouraged to support her by joining the congregation that evening. We are lucky to have her here in the Chalke Valley when her diocesan duties permit.

This autumn is a particularly busy time for Karen as she leads the team visiting all 19 deaneries to explain the challenge of the Financial Awareness Programme for the Salisbury Diocese.

I am sorry that money should feature quite so prominently so early in my ministry here, but the fact is that the way the local parish is funded is going through a time of profound change, like funding of many other areas of our lives. Most of us grew up with the understanding: "If the Church of England has financial needs, the Church Commissioners will provide - and we in the parishes will top up if necessary". It is worth remembering that the Church Commissioners in their present form were established in 1947 - the same year as the National Health Service. Today they face similar problems of rocketing demands from finite resources. They intended to pay most of the cost of providing clergy throughout England - but at a time when stipends varied widely and were often very low and when pensions were rare. Since the introduction of compulsory clergy retirement in 1978, the burden of providing adequate pensions has become an impossible burden, and steadily the parishes (and that means all our generous supporters locally) have been taking on a larger share of the cost of their clergy through their payment of their Parish Share to the Diocese. Over 80% of the Parish Share goes straight into the stipendiary ministry costs.

Recently actuaries have concluded that the Church's pension scheme is now seriously underfunded - a problem faced by other pension providers. Today the vast majority of Church commissioners' income is targeted on the inner city dioceses of London, the Midlands and the North, and very little comes to dioceses like Salisbury. Pension provision is being reviewed and cuts in clergy numbers being contemplated, but there is no escaping increased giving by people in the parishes if the Church of

England is to remain a national Church covering the whole country. Next year the Parish Share across the Salisbury Diocese needs to rise by 30%.

To already hard-pressed rural parishes this comes as unwelcome news, and I hope you will be sympathetic to the pleas of your Parochial Church Council and Treasurer to look seriously at whether you can give more. In many ways we are now finding ourselves in the same position as Christians of other denominations and other countries who have always had to pay the full cost of their local Church and minister - with our added task of maintaining a major slice of our nation's architectural heritage with no Government assistance.

If this makes you feel rather depressed, just try saying "Canon Karen Curnock" as fast as you can, and remember we have a steady hand at the Diocesan helm! This is a challenge not a crisis, and we live in times of great opportunity for the Church. If lots of people make a reasonable contribution, then the burden need not be too heavy on a faithful few.

News From The Vicarage

Graham Southgate 01722 330628

I should like to thank all those who used —or who are using at this very moment— their time and talents to ensure that our Harvest Suppers and Harvest Festival Services went so well and were such enjoyable occasions.

During the past five years I have been aware of certain dissatisfaction with arrangements for the observance of Remembrance Sunday in the Parish of Odstock with Nunton and Bodenham. My problem has been that with two services at 11 am already and only two officiants available, I have not been able to agree to an extra service at the same time in either Odstock or Nunton. However, the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of Charlton All Saints has now suggested alternation of the Remembrance Service with either Odstock or Nunton. The PCC of Odstock with Nunton and Bodenham has welcomed this offer, and has decided to dispense with the 9.30 am service on that particular Sunday. Thus, in 2002 —on 10th November— there will be a single combined service in Charlton All Saints at which each village's names will be read before the Silence at 11 am. In 2003 it will be Odstock's turn, in 2004 Charlton All Saints', in 2005 Nunton's, etc. Clearly this arrangement will be open to review by both PCCs once this new pattern has been given a fair trial.

Church Services

Sunday 6 October Trinity 19	9.30 am	Harvest Festival Parish Communion	GS	Britford
	11.00 am	Parish Communion	GS	Coombe
	6.00 pm	Evensong (BCP)	DH	Homington
	6.00 pm	Harvest Festival Evensong (BCP)	GS/WC	Nunton
Sunday 13 October Trinity 20	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	WC	Homington
	9.30 am	Parish Communion (JC)	DH	Odstock
	11.00 am	Family Service	DH	Coombe
	11.00 am	Matins (BCP)	TS	Charlton
Sunday 20 October Trinity 21	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	WC	Britford
	9.30 am	Parish Communion (JC)	RS	Nunton
	9.30 am	Morning Service (All Age)	WC	Homington
	11.00 am	Parish Communion (BCP)	RS	Coombe
Sunday 27 October Last after Trinity	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	WC	Homington
	9.30 am	Patronal Festival Parish Communion	RS	Charlton
	11.00 am	Matins (BCP)	WC	Coombe
	11.00 am	Morning Service (All Age)	ATa	Odstock
Sunday 3 November 4 before Advent	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	GS	Nunton
	9.30 am	Parish Communion	WC	Britford
	11.00 am	Parish Communion	GS	Coombe
	6.00 pm	Evensong (BCP)	WC	Homington

GS = Rev Dr Graham Southgate, WC = Rev Westley Cole, RS = Rev Canon Roger Sharpe,
DH = Rev Canon David Henley, ATa = Mr Adrian Taylor, TS= Rev Terry Sankey

From the Editor

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From the Registers

Burial

At Britford on 29th August:

Irene Marley (cremated remains)

At Nunton on 9th September:

Robert James Craig (cremated remains)

Holy Days In October and November

18 Oct **Saint Luke the Evangelist** 8 am Holy Communion at Coombe Bissett.

28 Oct **Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles** 8 am Holy Communion at Coombe Bissett.

1 Nov **All Saints Day** 8 am Holy Communion at Charlton All Saints.

WI

Diane Wait

Following the Summer break, members were looking forward to attending the first meeting of the new season on Monday, 9th September at the Radnor Hall. This was our annual Promotional Meeting which on this occasion was run by Mrs Jill Johnson (Vice President) standing in for Mrs Julia Joynt (President). At the commencement of the meeting she welcomed members and Sharon a guest from Harnham. She then took the opportunity of thanking Mrs Doreen Osmond for the very splendid programme she has arranged for the coming year and also expressed gratitude to Mrs Joy Saunders and Miss Judith Johnson for organising the memorable visits to Highgrove and Lulworth Castle earlier this year. Doreen and Julia were congratulated on their excellent result in the McWilliam Cup competition where they came third out of sixty-five entrants. We all take much pride in your achievement and look forward to seeing your certificate. A lovely white and mauve dahlia flower arrangement was provided by Mrs Judy Barke for the President's table.

Joy then spoke about the forthcoming productions at the Playhouse and members were looking forward to seeing the highly acclaimed presentation of *Taming of the Shrew* on September 23rd. Mrs Jean Van Hagen (Secretary) gave a brief report on the Officers' Day at Westbury which she had attended and which had proved very useful to Julia and Margaret. She read out the correspondence which included an

invitation to take part in the popular annual Quiz Evening at Redlynch on October 8th at 7.30 pm. The cost is £3.50 per head and we will be represented by two teams. The Annual Council Meeting is on October 28th in the City Hall and the speakers will be Colin Tarn, Jane Bickerstaffe and Barbara Gill. Mrs Margaret Barrow (Treasurer) read out her report and said that the annual subscription for 2003 will be increased to £18.25. She also mentioned that there will be more skittles matches this year and hopes that more members will be willing to play.

Mrs Angela Moules won flower of the month with a delightful pink and white geranium but has however, put out a heartfelt plea for other members to bring along flowers from their gardens. She was very concerned that there were so few entries this month, so ladies do please help her out.

After the coffee break, a very charming lady called Mrs Demi Ludwa entertained us with a fascinating talk about Indian culture and also gave us a display of her fabulous collection of saris including a gorgeous red and white creation in which she was married 20 years ago. The delicate fabrics were very colourful and superbly decorated, mainly by hand. She explained that all saris have to have a matching blouse and petticoat and that these are all made by men, and that includes the intricate and exquisite decorations. She also said that old saris are sent back to India to help people who are unable to afford to buy them for themselves. Demi was happy to answer many questions and also allowed us to inspect and feel the different textures of the saris. We all appreciated her talk very much and Mrs Dorothy Darton gave her a very grateful vote of thanks.

Following this delightful interlude we all sat down to a tasty Ploughman's Lunch for which members had provided home grown lettuce, tomatoes, chutneys and cucumbers. It had been a very enjoyable first meeting of the season and following this some 15 or so members travelled to Wilton Council Chambers to listen to Mrs N Norland talking about the history of Wilton.

The next meeting will be on Monday October 14th when the speaker will be Mr Phil Groombridge. He will talk to us about "Wildlife Rescue" and this will most certainly be of great interest to members and guests will be very welcome. I even suspect that some husbands maybe persuaded to come along to hear him speak on a subject that touches all our hearts.

Questions, Questions

but where are the answers?

What's the point? What's the purpose of life? Why is there so much suffering? Is there life after death? Who is Jesus? Can God love me?

These questions & many more like them are frequently asked. ALPHA is a course designed not for committed Christians but for anyone, churchgoer or not, who is honestly seeking answers to such questions.

There are plans to run an Alpha Course in the Chalke Valley during the Autumn. If you are interested or would like to know more, please contact one of the following:

David HENLEY tel 01722 780262

Roger REDDING tel 01722 780408

Graham SOUTHGATE tel 01722 330628

Come To Supper

YOU are invited to attend an "ALPHA GUEST SUPPER" - this is a free meal with wine & will be held in BOWERCHALKE VILLAGE HALL on FRIDAY, 4th OCTOBER.

The meal will be followed by a short talk by John Baxter-Brown entitled "CHRISTIANITY - BORING, IRRELEVANT, UNTRUE?"

Numbers are required for catering purposes, please contact Sheila Collins on 01722 780357. Attendance at this supper is NOT a commitment to attend an Alpha Course.

Britford Harvest Supper

Saturday 5th October in the Memorial Hall at 7.00 for 7.30 pm. Numbers in the Hall are now restricted - so first come - first served! Tickets £8.50. Please ring Rod Shipsey on 01722 335096.

The Radnor Hall Players

will present

a pantomime

ROBINSON CRUSOE

and

REVUE

At the Radnor Hall, Bodenham

on

Thursday 28 November

Straight seating tickets £5

Friday 29 and Saturday 30 November

Tables for supper tickets £7.50

*Tickets available from 1st November
Produced by Harry Joynt 01722 329782*

Odstock Primary School News

During the summer turf was laid on the former mobile site. It is now looking smart and we are planning fund raising for new play equipment. We

are grateful to those parents who are assisting with maintenance of the school grounds. Blinds in the junior classroom and construction of an ICT suite have also been completed.

After school clubs are now running including art and craft, recorders, brass, football and year 6 club.

Once again there are many people to thank as they generously support school with their time.

Refurbishment of school has left us with a surplus of tables and chairs, new bricks (left over from building work) and two acorn computers. These are available for purchase. Please phone school for further details if you are interested.

Parish Councils...

Are you concerned about the 'way of life' within your community? Do you wish that you could 'make a difference' to evolution? Could you spare a small amount of time each year to resolve local affairs?

Parish Council Elections are scheduled for next May and PCs now operate under 'rules' similar to other tiers of government. Whether you have ambitions for a career in politics or just want to be aware of what's 'going on', a community needs individuals prepared to be involved with the 'first rung of the government ladder'. As with any endeavour, meetings need to be convened and decisions resolved. Agendas identify the issues and Minutes of meetings record the outcome. A Parish Councillor is required to attend at least one PC meeting every six months. Is it worth the time and trouble....? Today's successful politicians will have spent a lifetime winning the support of a majority of their electorate. Where better that a Parish Council for tomorrow's politicians to discover the requirements of government? Perhaps we can expect a few more local people at the next few PC meetings leading to contested elections next year??

The next meeting of Odstock Parish Council is scheduled for Wednesday, 16th October at 7.30 pm in The Radnor Hall. The Agenda will be posted on the notice boards and at: www.sp5.org/odstock/opc no later than 12th October.

Wiltshire County Council Highways Dept are responsible for the roads in the villages. Direct requests for repairs from members of the public should be made on the 'Clarence' freephone hotline: 0800 23 23 23. Callers should ask for a reference number to be able to follow up on incident reports.

Dog Fouling and Bonfires

The Parish Council is concerned that owners are allowing their dogs to foul the Odstock Playing Field and other communal areas. Dog faeces are a health hazard, especially in play areas, and will not be tolerated. Additional 'dog fouling' notices will be erected and direct contact made with the owners of

dogs observed fouling. Garden bonfires are often started without a warning being given to neighbours. Please think of the effect on others before striking a match! Remember, dry material will produce less smoke.

Skips

Skips will be delivered on 11th October.

"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

Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham Village Litter Day

Sherwood Elcock Chair Parish Council Tel 01722 334398

A number of people have expressed concern about the amount of garbage which litters the verges of our village roads. The Parish Council shares this concern but unfortunately there is neither the manpower nor the funding to arrange for someone else to do the cleaning up. We know that the offenders are not people from our community, however it is up to us to do the clearing up if we want a clean environment we can have pride in.

The Parish Council is proposing a Litter Day on Sunday 13th October. We hope that enough people will turn up for us to despatch teams to clear up all the major problem sites in the community and then to arrange a rota of persons prepared to follow up this initial blitz with a regular litter patrol to keep the problem under control.

If you share our concerns and are able and willing to help please let me know or just turn up on **Sunday 13th October at the Nunton Football field**. We will provide black plastic bags etc and arrange to dispose of the litter collected.

If you are concerned about this issue come and do something about it! Many hands make light work and we will all benefit from the joint effort, but if only a few people show up nothing will happen and we will all have to put up with the problem for another year.

Wanted – Fridges and Freezer

Is anyone thinking about replacing a fridge or freezer?

The two fridges and the freezer used by the Fete Committee and other organisations have become unsafe and must be replaced. They are only used a few times a year and good quality second hand appliances would be more than adequate. Can anyone help?

Please phone Brian Clake on 01722 340261 to arrange collection.

Odstock, Nunton & Bodenham Jubilee Update

Brian Clake, Honorary Treasurer

Thanks to the hard work of many people and the support of even more, the Jubilee celebrations resulted in a cash surplus of £330.10.

£120 was spent on replacing a set of skittle balls (a ball was lost somehow on the evening). The

remaining balance of £210.10 has been donated to Barnardo's, one of the official Jubilee charities.

Public Exhibitions

Bryan Rycroft, District Councillor Ebble ward

There will be exhibitions on the Harnham Relief Road and Downton Road Park and Ride site on Oct 3rd, 4th and 5th at Harnham Social and Community Club, Parsonage Green, Harnham (opening times to be announced), and Britford Memorial Hall, Britford, Oct 8th from 2.00 pm to 8.00 pm. Newspapers and radio will have final details.

Charlton All Saints Barbecue

Correction! I made a hideous mistake last month! The barbecue made £586.07, not £86.07, as I reported. My apologies to everyone, particularly to Barbara Box, whose efforts made it all possible.

THE RADNOR HALL

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**7.30 pm WEDNESDAY
30th OCTOBER**

AT THE RADNOR HALL

**Come along and tell us what you
thought about this year and
help us plan for next.**

Charity Car Boot Sale

Sunday 20th October

2.00 pm

Nunton Football Field

All proceeds will be shared by the Radnor Hall and the British Diabetic Association

Cakes and other donations please to
Brian Clake (340261) or Bernard
Stubbs (330006)

Letting Fees

There are reduced rates for local residents of Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham:

	Parish Rate	Normal Rate
Wedding reception	£45	£55
Addition for dance/disco	£25	£30
Dances and social events	£35	£55
Meetings up to 3 hours	£14	£18
Hourly rate under and over 3 hours	£5	£6
Children's parties	£15	£25
Jumble sales	£25	£30
Exhibitions	£25	£50
Daily furniture hire	£15	£25

- ✓ The hall should be left clean and tidy after each booking.
- ✓ The caretaker will clean up after events if required – rate by agreement.
- ✓ For regular bookings – competitive reduced rates available through the Management Committee.
- ✓ Bookings finish at midnight and then £15 per hour is charged.
- ✓ To hire, contact Shirley Norris tel 01722 329760.

Regular Events

WI	Second Monday of the month, 10.00 am Radnor Hall, Bodenham
Junior Church	To coincide with 9.30 am services 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 Wed 9.30 - 11.30 am, Radnor Hall, Bodenham Contact at Suzie Orchiton 01722 502026
Mobile Library	Alternate Fridays: Village Hut, Charlton 10.00 - 10.15 am Alternate Tuesdays: Brookmead, Britford 11.00 am; Radnor Arms, Nunton 11.20 am; Crossroads, Odstock 11.45 am

For Your Diary

4 October	Alpha Course Introductory Supper, Broadchalke Village Hall
5 October	Britford's Harvest Supper in the Memorial Hall, 7 for 7.30 pm
8 October	Exhibition of information on Downton Road Park and Ride, Britford Memorial Hall
12 October	Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham's Harvest Supper and Dance in the Radnor Hall
13 October	Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham Village Litter Day, meet Nunton Football Field
15 October	Installation of Karen Curnock, Salisbury Cathedral Evensong 5.30 pm
16 October	Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham Parish Council meeting 7.30 pm
20 October	Charity Car Boot Sale, Nunton Football Field 2.00 pm
22 October	The Chalke Deanery Synod meets at Tisbury Middle School 7.30 pm
30 October	Radnor Hall AGM, The Radnor Hall 7.30 pm
2 November	Music in Worship workshop, Corfe Mullen
2 November	Charlton Bonfire Night 6.00 pm
28, 29, 30 Nov	Robinson Crusoe and Revue, Radnor Hall



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