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Some October Hol-i-days

Westley Cole

October marks the end of the Trinity Season - those 21 Sundays spanning the hot summer months and heralds the start of the Kingdom Season - the four Sundays before Advent culminating in the Feast of Christ the King. In the month of October there are 114 Holy Days ie Saints whose commemoration falls in the month. The two principal Feasts are St Luke the Evangelist on 18 October and Ss Simon and Jude, Apostles on 28 October. Of the lesser festivals by far the most well known must be St Francis of Assisi on 4 October.

St Francis was born in 1181 and after a youth spent in extravagant living and relentless pursuit of pleasure, two visions of Christ in 1205 caused him to change his lifestyle and he devoted himself to poverty and the care of the sick and the poor. In 1209, after hearing the Gospel for St Matthias' Day, which in those days was St Matthew 10 vv 7 - 19 - "And going, preach saying 'The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand - freely have you received, freely give - do not possess gold - nor two coats, nor shoes nor staff - behold I send you as sheep in the midst of wolves'." Francis established the Franciscan Order which he called the Friars Minor, wearing the undyed woollen dress of the shepherds and peasants of the time tied with a cord. In 1223 he drew up a rule for the fraternity of lay people who associated themselves with the Friars Minor - the Franciscan Tertiaries of today. At Christmas that year he also built a crib, establishing a custom observed all over the world to the present day. He died at Assisi on 3 October 1226 and was canonised in 1228. Though never ordained priest, Francis' impact on religious life since his time has been enormous. Probably no saint has affected so many in so many different ways as the gentle Saint of Assisi who, born to wealth, devoted his life to poverty, concern for the poor and sick, and so delighted in God's works as revealed in nature. May we, like him, count the wisdom of this world as foolishness and ever seek God's heavenly gifts through knowledge of Jesus Christ. †

Church Services

Sunday 3 October Trinity 18	8.00 am	Holy Communion	WC	Nunton
	9.30 am	Parish Communion	SAW	Britford
	11.00 am	Parish Communion	SAW	Coombe
	6.00 pm	Evensong	WC	Homington
Sunday 10 October Trinity 19	8.00 am	Holy Communion	WC	Homington
	9.30 am	Parish Communion (JC)	SW	Odstock
	11.00 am	Family Service	JW	Coombe
	11.00 am	Matins	SW	Charlton
Sunday 17 October Trinity 20	9.30 am	Morning Service	GS	Homington
	9.30 am	Parish Communion (JC)	KC	Nunton
	11.00 am	Parish Communion	GS	Coombe
	11.00 am	Matins	KC	Britford
Sunday 26 October Trinity 21	8.00 am	Holy Communion	WC	Homington
	9.30 am	Parish Communion	GS	Charlton
	11.00 am	Matins	WC	Coombe
	11.00 am	Morning Service	GS	Odstock
Sunday 31 October 4 before Advent	10.00 am	Patronal Festival Parish Communion	GS/WC	Charlton

GS = Graham Southgate, WC = Westley Cole, SW = Sydney Willcox, KC = Karen Curnock, AT = Annabel Tier, RR = Roger Redding, TS = Terry Sankey, JW = John Watson, CW = Clare Watson, SAW = Sheila Watson

From the Editor

The Odstock Parish Council has paid for our newsletter this month, and our thanks go to all the council members for their continued sponsorship. The monthly production cost of *News & Notes* is now £32.50. If anyone would like to sponsor an issue, you will receive not only our grateful thanks, but also an advertisement for yourself, your business or a charity of your choice on the front page. Editorial items for inclusion in *News & Notes* should be sent to Clare Penny at Azalea Cottage, Chapel Lane, Charlton All Saints, SP5 4HF, telephone 01725 512869 or email clare@azalea.demon.co.uk. Monetary donations should be sent to Neil Guttridge, *News & Notes* Treasurer, on 01725 511468 or at Court-Hay, Lower Road, Charlton All Saints, SP5 4HQ. 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 November issue is Friday 22 October.

News from the Vicarage

Graham Southgate 01722 330628

The Diocese of Salisbury's Board of Ministry has sent details of its annual Vocations Days entitled "Called by God?" These are arranged to enable people to find out more of what the Church's ministry is about - and if you have in mind the "teleworld" vicars in *Dad's Army* or *The Vicar of Dibley* then think again! The Church is - of course - looking for more priests to continue its ordained ministry (although real people rather than parodies are preferred!) but there are also a number of different forms of Lay ministry for those who feel led in that direction. Please contact me if you would like more details of the meetings, which take place on either the 13th or 27th November.

Those of you who feel that your ministry is one of getting your hands dirty would be most welcome to attend Charlton All Saints' Church Cleaning Day on Saturday 30th October, beginning at 10 am. Please bring with you any tools that are considered useful.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of Odstock with Nunton and Bodenham has recently made some significant changes to the pattern of services in that parish, which affect every Sunday and are implemented from the beginning of October. In summary, the 11 am service at Nunton has been discontinued, as has the 6 pm service at Odstock.

In addition, the venue for each of the Parish Communion services has been swapped. So please pay particular attention to the rota of services - you have been warned! Related to this is the decision of

Coombe Bissett with Homington's PCC to move the Afternoon Service on a fourth Sunday to the morning of the third. So if you appreciate *All Age amenable* worship, the monthly pattern now begins on the second Sunday of the month at Coombe Bissett (11 am), continues at Homington on the third Sunday (9.30 am) and concludes at Odstock on the fourth (11 am).

Just in case you haven't noticed, October has five Sundays. This means that on the 31st October there will be just one service for the four parishes of our Eastern Group: it will be a Parish Communion service at 10 am in Charlton All Saints, and we shall be celebrating that church's Patronal Festival of All Saints.

From the Registers

Holy Matrimony

On Sunday 5 September at Nunton: David John Willis and Deborah Anne Druitt.

Holy Days in September

18 Saint Luke, Evangelist 8 am Holy Communion at Nunton.

28 Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles 8 am Holy Communion at Nunton.

Charlton All Saints Garden Society

Mr Ray Broughton, Head of Horticulture at Sparsholt College, Winchester gave an entertaining and useful talk on Greenhouses. The next meeting will be at 7.30 pm on Monday 1 November, when a representative from MacPenny's Nursery will speak on Plants for a Chalky Soil.

Charlton Autumn Fair

Saturday 2 October 1999

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Charlton Harvest Supper

The Charlton Harvest Supper was held on Saturday 11 September and was ably organised by Pam Cox. The evening was a great success and raised £197.30. This amount, and the gifts from the Harvest Festival were given to Women's Refuge in Salisbury. Many thanks to all who came and all who made the delicious food.

London Marathon

Dave and Matt Cross

Thanks to all you kind people for your sponsorship for Matt in this year's London Marathon. At long last, Matt has been able to hand over to Sister Karen Glastonbury in Sarum Ward a cheque for £1034.59. Thank you to all again for your help to enable us to give such a nice sum to our children's ward in our local hospital.

Gift of a free word processor

In pristine condition, this Amstrad 8256 word processor, with printer and start up discs, would like a suitable home. Ideal for anyone learning the use of such a machine, and for basic magazine/leaflet projects. Ring Mrs Y O'Keeffe 01722 332083.

James Duckworth 1906 - 1999

David James Duckworth (son)

1953 - 1960: Sub Postmaster, Charlton All Saints, Salisbury

1960 - 1970: CSSB Head of Department, Odstock Hospital

1970 - 1976: Hospital Secretary, Fordingbridge Hospital

Died 21 July 1999.

Church Service 28 July 1999 Charlton All Saints.

Lost Property

Left behind at the bouncy castle during the Nunton fete:

Child's shoes and baseball cap.

Please contact Sonya Sandford or Graham Ford on 01722 411506

WI

Judy Barke

The President welcomed members to the September promotional meeting after the summer break. A First Aid Kit had been given to the Barker Room and a new urn and tablecloths purchased for WI use. The annual council meeting will be on 25 October in the City Hall. There will be a visit to Salisbury College for a Christmas lunch in December and a trip to the Playhouse in October. The Downland Group meeting will be on 1 November. The flower of the month was won by Mrs Julia Joynt with a black gladiolus.

The speaker was Mr Peter Thompson from the Game Conservancy - Can Profitable Farming and Wildlife Mix?

The next meeting will be on 11 October, when Lady Jo Benson will talk about Hats for all Occasions.

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<i>Team Vicar</i>	Revd Dr Graham Southgate, Nunton Vicarage 01722 330628 (Day off - Fri)
<i>Churchwardens</i>	Nunton - Harry Joynt 01722 329782 Odstock - Peter Martin 01722 329743 Charlton - Peter Cox 01722 329709 Britford - Daphne Scamell 01722 334858

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
Tiny Tots	Every Wednesday, 2 - 4 pm The Radnor Hall, Bodenham
Whist Drive	Every Thursday, 7.30 pm Barker Room, Nunton
Bingo	Every Friday, 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm The Orchard, Nunton
Singing Group	Every Monday, 8.00 pm, contact Adrian Taylor on 01722 325862
Mobile Library	Alternate Fridays (8 & 22 October): Village Hut, Charlton 9.45 am Alternate Tuesdays (5 & 19 October): 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

29 September	Door to door collection in Charlton for Autumn Fair, from 6.00 pm
2 October	Charlton Autumn Fair, 2.00 pm Charlton Church Hall
12 October	Odstock Parish Council meeting, 7.30 pm Radnor Hall
30 October	Charlton Church Cleaning Day, 10.00 am
1 November	Charlton Gardening Club meeting, 7.30 pm Charlton Church Hall
26 & 27 November	Millennium Revue, Radnor Hall

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