

February 1996

The Rectory
Nunton

Dear Friend

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It will soon be Shrove Tuesday (20 Feb) and doubtless many, possibly too many (!), pancakes will be consumed in our homes that day! The next day, Ash Wednesday, will probably not be noted or observed so universally, but I do hope you will wish to join us for our Holy Communion for Ash Wednesday in Odstock Church at 7.30 pm.

Ash Wednesday of course marks that beginning of Lent, a season which is not always understood or approached in the best way. The word Lent comes from an Anglo-Saxon word meaning Spring or New Life and is therefore all about making a fresh start or looking at things in a new way. This year for our weekly evening meetings in Lent I have tried to find material that will, in its freshness and direct approach, appeal to a wide range of tastes. I have chosen the "*ALPHA*" Course which is finding popularity throughout the world and in all denominations and among those who do not belong to any church. If you have genuine questions as to how to relate the Christian faith to your daily life or to world events then please do come. Each evening will start with an introductory talk on tape and then time for discussion.

The first session is on Wednesday 28 February at 7.30 pm in the Barker Room.

Yours

Robert Hollingshurst

Church Services

Sunday 4 February	8.30 am	Holy Communion	BCP	Nunton
	9.30 am	Parish Communion	ASB	Britford
	11.15 am	Morning Prayer	BCP	Odstock
Sunday 11 February	9.30 am	Parish Communion	ASB	Nunton
	11.15 am	Morning Prayer	ASB	Charlton
Wednesday 14 February	2.00 pm	Pram Service		Barker Room
Sunday 18 February	9.30 am	Parish Communion	ASB	Odstock
	11.15 am	Morning Prayer	BCP	Britford
Wednesday 21 February	7.30 pm	Holy Communion	ASB	Odstock
Ash Wednesday				
Sunday 25 February	9.30 am	Parish Communion	ASB	Charlton
	11.15 am	Morning Prayer	BCP	Nunton
Sunday 3 March	8.30 am	Holy Communion	BCP	Nunton
	9.30 am	Parish Communion	ASB	Britford
	11.15 am	Morning Prayer	BCP	Odstock
If anyone would like a lift to any of the services in any of the villages, please telephone Debby Underhill on 01722 329769.				

From the Editor

A search for a more efficient use of space has led me to use two columns on page 2 this month. If you like this, or if you don't, please let me know! Any items for inclusion should be sent to Clare Penny at Azalea Cottage, Chapel Lane, Charlton All Saints, SP5 4HF or telephone me 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 March issue of *News & Notes* is Friday 16 February.

News in Brief

Welcome to Sophie Kate, a second daughter for Rebecca and Mike Smith, a sister for Charlotte, 4th grandchild for Jeannie and Michael Payne, born on 15 January. AM

Welcome through baptism to Edward John, son of Andrew and Caroline Cooper of Odstock (21 January).

Congratulations to James and Ann Pleydell-Bouverie on their marriage in the USA, which was blessed at St Andrew's, Nunton on 16 January.

And **congratulations** to Sherwood Elcock and Stephanie Foot, who were married at St Andrew's, Nunton, on 20 January.

RIP The Ven Basil Wingfield-Digby, formerly Archdeacon within this diocese, father of Judy Barke of Nunton. Our love and prayers to her and all the family.

RIP Bill Stones, formerly of Britford. Our love and prayers to his wife Margaret and his sons Rodney and Howard and all the family. RH

For Sale

Tractor type ride on mover, £795, like new, with grass collector, 10 hp, 36" cut, tel 01725 512262.

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Miss Denys Clarke, President, welcomed members and reported on the success of the Christmas meeting at Britford Memorial Hall. Names were taken for those wishing to be included for a Bursary for a Denman College Course during 1996. The Scrabble Season has started and we wish our team well.

Mrs Gill Coveney gave a talk, illustrated with slides on the Wilton Carpet Factory, past and present - where she has worked as a hand weaver. In 1665 a Royal Charter was granted. The 8th Earl of Pembroke saw carpets in France and smuggled them out in barrels on a ship to England. The carpet designs are no longer painted by hand, but computers are used. Wilton and Axminsters are both made at Wilton. Members of the public are welcomed in the Weavers Shop, the Clothing Shop, the museum and the coffee shop.

The "Flower of the Month" was an Iris Stylosa, won by Miss Betty Marks. (For new members, this competition is open to all. Flowers must be picked from your garden and one stem only.)

On 12 February, Mr David Barke will talk on "Working on the Fringe of the Cathedral". Angela Moules

A Children's Hospice in Wessex?

Such a hospice does not exist in the whole of southern England, though there are six in the northern counties.

The Wessex Children's Hospice Fund is raising money to build one, and has already been given a site at Sutton Scotney, and building starts early this year. £5 million needs to be raised, of which over £2 million is already in the kitty.

Village schools are taking part in the fund raising and Odstock is among them. Each child was given a tube of Smarties and in return undertook to fill the tube with 5p pieces. The response was splendid and to date £221 has been raised.

On behalf of the Fund I would like to thank very warmly the children, their parents and the teachers for their help and co-operation, and Mr Haine of Coombe Bissett village shop who so kindly gave us the Smarties at cost price.

Valerie Spry

Charlton Gardening Society

The first meeting of the Charlton Gardening Society will be on Monday 26 February at 7.30 pm at Azalea Cottage. We are very pleased to have Penry Davies to talk to us about "What to do in your Garden in March". Please ring Barbara Box on 01725 510758 or Clare Penny on 01725 512869 if you wish to come.

Charlton Theatre Club

This is a brief note to let you know about current and future club events. More details are available from Jan James on 01722 324097 or myself on 01725 512262.

Previously advertised events for "Table Manners" and the ballet "Cinderella" will be taking place on Monday 12 February and Thursday 15 February. Tickets can still be booked if anyone wishes to join us to see "Oh What a Lovely War" on Wednesday 7 February.

Following an invitation to Salisbury Playhouse to hear about their new season of plays I have reserved tickets for "The Woman in Black" (thriller) on Monday 11 March at 7.30 pm price £6.00, "Tess of the D'Urbervilles" (Hardy classic) on Saturday 30 March at 4.00 pm price £10.50 and "Educating Rita" (comedy) on Wednesday 12 April at 7.45 pm in the Playhouse, Salberg Studio price £5.50. There is also the opportunity to take part in a theatre day on 30 March when you can join the acting and technical company and find out more about all aspects of the production for an additional cost of £1.50. Please contact us as soon as possible for a booking form for "The Woman in Black". Joanna Matthews



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