

News and Notes

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Pentecost

Westley Cole

On the 8th June we celebrate the birthday of the Christian Church – the Feast of Pentecost – in former BCP days Whitsunday – the day when our Lord sent the power of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles gathered in the Upper Room in Jerusalem. After the events of Easter Day, the disciples of Jesus were comforted and encouraged for forty days by his appearances before them. The apostles were still looking for ‘a kingdom of Christ’ and needed the presence of the King. However, Jesus told them that it was not for them to know how this Kingdom would be achieved, but he would always be with them and the Holy Spirit would inspire them. Then, forty days after Easter, he went from their sight. The Church remembers this event on Ascension Day – this year the 29th May. Ten days later the Apostles were together to celebrate the Jewish festival of the fifty days, Pentecost. As they talked, fearful of what was to happen to them, the Holy Spirit’s power came to them, in a moment of time, which they all experienced, and which, sweeping away their fears, emboldened them to go out to the crowds and inspired them to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ in such a way that all the crowds, collected together from many lands, could understand what they were excited about. The missionary work of the Christian Church had begun its endless life. And that same power still comes into this modern world of ours and dwells in our hearts and in our lives as powerfully as we will let him, and remains with us as long as we are willing to listen and receive him.

The Holy Spirit uses his power in our lives for good, and, through us, for the good of the world – never for evil. Secondly, His power is spiritual power, working on our minds and on our souls, and working always in love, never in hate or distrust. Is spiritual power of any use in the concrete, mechanical and matter-of-fact world we live in? Of course it is! On first thoughts the Spirit seems weaker than bombs, and explosives, and machines, but that is only superficial. In the real world it is far stronger, for – however ingenious they are, machines and weapons, computers and Internet, newspapers, radio and television are all controlled by humans, and the Holy Spirit controls or can control the minds and the lives of all men and women who will submit to his guidance and rule.

How the Holy Spirit could affect for good the life of this world of ours! If only we would listen, if only we could obey his teaching, we would save this tiny planet from self-destruction; we would enrich this world for good, use our sources of power for the benefit of all and for good purposes instead of evil. As individuals here in the Chalke Valley we can have at our own disposal this tremendous source of spiritual strength; listen to Him, and he will guide and help us in all our perplexities, and give us the power and the courage to face trouble and fight temptation, and to do what is good and right.

Church of England Services

Sunday 1st June	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 WC
Sunday 8th June Pentecost	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am 11.00 am	Holy Communion BCP Parish Communion (JC) Family Service Matins BCP	Homington Odstock Coombe Charlton	WC GS GS WC
Sunday 15th June Trinity Sunday	8.00 am 9.30 am 9.30 am 11.00 am	Holy Communion BCP Parish Communion (JC) Morning Service Parish Communion BCP	Britford Nunton Homington Coombe	WC WC GS GS
Sunday 22nd June Trinity 1	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	GS GS GS WC
Sunday 29th June Trinity 2	10.00 am	Family Communion	Odstock	DH/WC
Sunday 6th July Trinity 3	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Patronal Festival Parish Communion Parish Communion Evensong (BCP)	Nunton Britford Coombe Homington	WC GS GS GS
GS = The Revd Dr Graham Southgate, WC = The Revd Westley Cole, DH = The Revd Canon David Henley				

From the Editor

This month's edition has been sponsored by the Radnor Hall Players. Our thanks and best wishes go to them. 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 next edition is Friday 20th June.

Holy Days In June

- 11 June Saint Barnabas the Apostle Holy Communion at 8 am in Coombe Bissett.
- 19 June Corpus Christi Holy Communion at 8 am in Nunton.
- 24 June Birth of Saint John the Baptist Holy Communion at 8 am in Coombe Bissett.

From the Registers

Holy Baptism

At Britford on 20th April: Emily Flora Otton

Holy Matrimony

At Nunton on 17th May:

Paul Richard Dodd and Joanne Sargeant

WI

Diane Wait

The May 12th meeting got off to a good start with a warm welcome for members from Mrs Julia Joynt (President) and also three new members, Mrs Lei Shaw and Mrs Bobbi Barber (recently moved to Nunton) and Mrs Susie Appleford. She also thanked Mrs Ruth Austen for her lovely vase of lily of the valley for the President's table. We were all very sad to learn of the sudden death of Miss Anne Winsor, who had been a popular member for many years and who had served twice as President. A minute's silence was held in her memory. Mrs Margaret Barrow (Treasurer) presented her report and also mentioned that she is passing on the captaincy of the skittles team to Mrs Sheila May for next season. She reported that everyone had enjoyed taking part in the matches and it is hoped that some of the new members will participate in forthcoming games.

Mrs Joy Saunders gave an update on theatre outings and a comedy entitled "Reunion" is the play booked for June 10th. She also said that Judith Johnson is now out of hospital and starting to feel better after her hip replacement operation. Mrs Sue Bourne congratulated the scrabble team on their superb performance in the recent four-in-one day marathon! However, sadly the team just lost out to Sarum - still there is always next year and hopefully new members will feel encouraged to play. Mrs Jean Van Hagen (Secretary) said that the Wiltshire Federation have issued an invitation to listen to Jennie Bond give a talk on her many experiences as a former Royal correspondent. The meeting will be held

on October 7th in Trowbridge at a cost of £15.00 which will include a glass of wine. She also confirmed that members have agreed that a cheque for £25.00 be sent to Odstock School to help with the purchase of reference books. A beautiful Canary Bird yellow rose won flower of the month for Mrs Betty Marks.

The planned clean-up day on April 28th was a complete wash out but Mrs Joan Dixon and her husband Stephen heard the weather forecast and proceeded to clean up their lane on the previous day. Well done both of you for a very splendid effort. A new clean-up date has yet to be confirmed.

After the coffee break the three Resolutions which will be discussed at the June AGM in the Albert Hall were presented by Mrs Rita Hobbs, Sheila May and Joy. The topics were (1) Children's diets, health and exercise; (2) Vocational training and (3) The care of older people. (1) The consensus of opinion was that children do not generally have enough exercise and it is too easy for them to acquire foods which are fatty, contain too much salt and are generally rather unhealthy causing problems later on in life. HM Government should be encouraged to regulate the promotion of healthy food to children and ensure increased opportunities for exercise in schools. (2) It was felt that young people are attracted by the money on offer for working in IT and that vocational training courses are often not completed due to the poor rates of pay. HM Government should be urged to pay more to companies to make it worthwhile taking on trainees. (3) It was generally agreed that care of the elderly is very underfunded in England and it is felt that HM Government should take urgent action to ensure that the necessary services are provided to enable older people to spend their remaining years in comfort and dignity whatever their circumstances. The three topics were enthusiastically debated and members voted 100% in favour of the Resolutions.

The next meeting is the Annual Garden Party being held at "Melstock" on Monday, June 9th at 2.30 pm. There will be a short meeting prior to this at 2 pm for members. Visitors will be made very welcome and for the sum of £2.00 will enjoy a fabulous tea, entertainment and the choice of several stalls, including a bring and buy, nearly new, and plant stall plus an excellent raffle. All we need now is some marvellous weather to set the scene for what is always a fabulous afternoon.

Charlton Garden Society

Barbara Box

This month's meeting was more of a discussion amongst members, with ideas put forward for future events. Some of us brought pots of seedlings to sell - early attempts at a seedling swap/plant sale. Chelsea here we come!

The next meeting will be the outing on Friday 11th July to White Windows, Mrs Sterndale-Bennett's garden in Longparish.

Church Barn Dance

The Church Barn Dance will be held at 7 pm on 28th June at Gurston Farm, Broad Chalke. This year we are raising money for Broad Chalke First School, which is a church school. We will obviously be dancing and David Slater will be calling for us. 'Real Life Puppets' will be entertaining us during the evening, and we shall be providing a delicious barbecue with home made salads and pudding all for the price of a ticket. Tickets will be available from Broad Chalke School, from members of the FOBS committee and from the Broad Chalke and Bowerchalke shops. Adult tickets will be £6 and children £3. A family ticket (2 adults and 2 children), will be £15. We do hope you are able to come and join us.

The Grand Annual Charlton All Saints Barbecue

Saturday 5th July at 6 pm

at Charlton Courtyard

Spit Roast and usual refreshments

Raffle and Skittles

Fun for all the family!

*Tickets on sale from Barbara Box on
01725 510758 by 28th June*

**Adults £6, Children under 14 £3,
Children under 5 free**

Odstock Parish Council

Richard Parsons, Parish Clerk

At the Annual PC meeting on 13th May, Rod Poynting was elected as Chairman and Cliff Whitley as Vice-chairman. It was agreed that the PC would again be represented at the Nunton Fete on Saturday, 12th July and that the next PC meeting should be scheduled for Wednesday, 2nd July in anticipation that a first draft of the proposed lease on the Nunton field would be forthcoming. Other matters discussed included:

1. the condition of the village bus shelters.
2. overgrown roadside hedgerows.
3. speeding through the villages.
4. the PC's public liability insurance.
5. hazardous parking near to Salisbury District Hospital and on the new pavements in Nunton.
6. abandoned motor vehicles.
7. reactivation of Neighbourhood Watch.

Skips will be delivered to the usual sites in the three villages commencing Monday, 16th June.

Benefice Lent Project

Janet Roe

A great THANK YOU to everyone who contributed in any way to the Benefice Lent Project this year. As you know, the project was to raise money for the Mothers Union "Away From it All" caravan holiday scheme for underprivileged families. The holiday that the MU provides at Durdle Door can make a tremendous difference for families who have little, or no, money to spare for any kind of break - let alone a whole week at the seaside.

Over the next 3 years the MU will have to replace both caravans on the site and your efforts have made a wonderful start - we have raised a magnificent £4,157.95! We can achieve so much if we all do a little.

Farewell to Revd Canon Karen & Robert Curnock

David Henley

Karen will celebrate at a Parish Communion service in All Saints Broad Chalke on Sunday 15th June at 11 am. There will then be a social gathering in the Church after the service. This is for all who would like to join in giving them a good send off from the valley. There will be no service at Ebbesbourne Wake or Bishopstone that morning and no 8 am service at Broad Chalke.

If you would like to contribute to a farewell present to Karen, from the whole valley, please send your donation to Dr Alan Bebbington, Sudbury House, Chapel Lane, Bishopstone, SP5 4BT; made payable to Bishopstone PCC. Envelopes with donations may be handed in to churchwardens in all parishes for onward transmission to Alan Bebbington.

Karen is to be instituted in Cerne Abbas church at 7.30 pm on Monday 7th July and the service can accommodate 30 to 40 supporters from the Chalke Valley. We shall therefore be very welcome to join her. It would be helpful if people could let me know if they would like to go and co-ordinate transport wherever possible.

Farewell to Revd Dr Graham Southgate

David Henley

Graham begins his farewell tour of the valley with preaching at 5th Sunday Parish Communion at Broad Chalke at 10.00 am on Sunday 29th June. This is the only service at the western end of the Benefice. He is then at Nunton for Parish Communion at 9.30 am on 20th July, Charlton All Saints for Parish Communion at 9.30 am on 27th July, and Britford for Parish Communion at 9.30 am on 3rd August.

Graham's farewell Sunday is 10th August, when there will be just one service at the eastern end of the Benefice this will be Family Communion at Coombe Bissett at 11.00 am, followed by a finger buffet lunch in Coombe Bissett village hall. The churchwardens from Coombe Bissett and Homington are co-ordinating this event with the other churchwardens of the eastern parishes, and will be giving more details shortly.

Mrs Shirley Evans, churchwarden of Coombe Bissett, has agreed to co-ordinate collection from across the valley for a farewell presentation to Graham. Cheques should be made payable to your own PCC and may be handed in to churchwardens across the Team.

London Marathon

Bernard Stubbs

Hannah and I would like to thank everyone who sponsored us for the London Marathon to raise money for "Visually Impaired Children Take Action". We would particularly like to thank Lynn and Pete at Bodenham Post Office, and Cathy and Kenny at The Radnor Arms, for holding sponsor forms and raising a lot of money on our behalf. So far, we have raised just over £1200 and still have some money to collect. Could any outstanding sponsors please note we have two weeks left before handing in the final amount.

I want to retire from Marathons after just one more next year - making it my 12th. I would like my last Marathon to raise funds for a local cause. My thanks to you all again for your continued support.

District Council

Bryan Rycroft, District Councillor Ebble Ward

First of all my grateful thanks for the polite and friendly manner with which I was greeted during my canvassing. I found it very stimulating listening to the comments of the many people who spoke to me. I have noted all their comments. I wish to thank all the people who supported me and I assure you I shall continue to do my best for the seven villages in the ward.

I try to visit most areas of the ward each week, but with the inclusion of Netherhampton, it is now a large area, so it is not possible to visit every lane and byway.

With the increase in the dumping of abandoned cars, "fridges" and other waste, I am asking for your assistance, especially of the walkers, cyclists and horseriders. If you notice any examples of the above items, would you kindly help by:

1. Phoning Bourne Hill 01722 434667 and reporting the position and describing what is there.
2. Please write, phone or fax me 01722 334186 or email brycroft50bab@hotmail.com with the same information, so that I can ensure Council action takes place as soon as possible.

I look forward to meeting many of you in the future. Do please introduce yourselves to me. Bryan Rycroft, 50, Bouverie Ave, Salisbury, SP2 BDX.

Salisbury Conservative Association - Ebble Valley Branch

Judy Barke

The Annual Conservative Derby Day Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday 7th June 2003 at Melstock, Nunton by kind permission of Mrs Sue Bourne at 10.00 am. There will be the usual Bring and Buy, Nearly New, Derby Sweepstake, Plant Sale and Raffle. Everyone is welcome.

Britford Parish Council

Judy Sturdy, Parish Clerk

The Annual General Meeting of Britford Parish will take place in the Britford Memorial Hall on 4th June at 7 pm. Before the Parish business, we hope to have a speaker from the Salisbury Joint Transportation Team on traffic circulation in the area.

"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 Primary School News

Library Fund

Our fundraising efforts are continuing and we would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has generously donated money to this fund. So far the total raised is £410. It is not too late if you would like to make a donation; just pop your donation through our letterbox. We will be hosting the opening ceremony at school on the 16th July at 2.30 pm. Please feel free to come along and join in the celebrations.

Other News

We recently raised some funds for the Red Cross by asking all pupils to come to school wearing something red and donating a small amount for the privilege.

The first part of our new wooden playground trail will be installed soon which all the children are looking forward to trying out.

Some of our junior children took part in the mini-marathon which was held on 17th May at Laverstock and included 28 local schools and over 800 children. The event was a fun run of 1900m for the Under 9 Boys and a 2300m for the Under 11 Girls teams. The run was quite hard going over the downs, involving two hills, and thankfully the rain held off.

Tokens and Waste Paper

Please continue to drop any tokens in to us. They really do make a difference and please use our recycling paper bins to dispose of your newspapers and junk mail.

Beetle Drive

Due to popular demand, the PFA will be holding a further beetle drive at school. This will be on Friday June 20th from 7.00pm. Cost per competitor will be 50p. Weather permitting this event will be held outside and we would also like to invite you to bring along a plate of food to share. Everyone is welcome to attend this fun evening. See you there.

Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham Village Fête - Grand Draw

Adrian Taylor

Tickets for the Grand Draw are being distributed and if you are able to sell some please contact Adrian Taylor (01722 325862), Gill Smedley (01722 329488) or Susie

Jenkins (01722 329748). They will also be sold at the Fête on Saturday, 12th July and the draw will take place at the end of that afternoon. As usual, we also need prizes and shall be grateful for any you are able to donate. Many thanks.

Regular Events

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 (4 th & 18 th June): 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

4 June	Annual General Meeting of Britford Parish, Britford Memorial Hall 7 pm
7 June	Conservative Derby Day Coffee Morning, 10.00 am Melstock, Nunton
8 June	Chalke Valley Preservation Society Annual General Meeting, 3 pm Manor House, Alvediston
9 June	WI Summer Garden Party, Melstock, Nunton
18 June	Community First meeting, Dinton Village Hall 1.30 – 3.00 pm
20 June	Beetle Drive, Odstock School 7 pm
24 June	Meeting with Ven Alan Jeans, Archdeacon of Sarum in Bishopstone Village Hall to discuss replacing Revd Dr Graham Southgate
28 June	Church Barn Dance at Gurston Farm, Broad Chalke
5 July	Charlton All Saints Barbecue, 6 pm Charlton Courtyard
6 July	Bishop of Salisbury at 11.00 am Parish Communion, Bowerchalke
8 July	Team Council meeting at Bishopstone Village Hall 7.30 pm
9 July	LPAs meeting at Knapp Farmhouse, Broad Chalke 7.30 pm
11 July	Charlton Garden Society's outing to White Windows
12 July	Nunton, Odstock and Bodenham Fete
12 July	Deanery Confirmation service at Bishopstone 11.00 am
27 July	Ecumenical service at Berwick St John 6 pm with Revd Jackie Lowe from Broad Chalke URC preaching

Odstock, Nunton & Bodenham Fete 2003

SATURDAY 12th JULY 2003 - NUNTON FOOTBALL FIELD

At 2 pm - To be opened by Lady Radnor

Classic Cars Event ~ *Children's Fancy Dress* ~ Clowns ~ *Magician* ~ Children's Pet Show ~ *Displays*

Stalls include produce, wine, cakes, plants, books & videos, bric-a-brac

Tug O' War Competition * Air Rifle Shoot * *Bouncy Castle* * Ferret Racing * *Fairground Organ*

Beer tent, ice cream, cream teas ... and much more..... Also Raft Race, and a barn dance in the evening.

Clay Pigeon Shoot (includes beginners corner) – Thursday 3rd July at 6 pm in Nunton. Enquiries Brian Clake 01722 340261

Children's Bicycle Race - Sunday 6th July at 10 am - Nunton. Enquiries Nigel Start 01722 330761

Skittles Evening - Friday 4th July - Radnor Arms

Fete Dance - band & disco - Friday 11th July - Nunton

Car Boot Sale - Sunday 6th July - Nunton Football Field

PLEASE NOTE THE ABOVE DATES. The Fete Committee would welcome any offers from anyone willing to help with preparation for these fete activities, and from any readers who would like to run a stall, or make donations of prizes or books/videos, cakes, plants etc.

Contacts: Brian Clake 01722 340261, Keith Wilby 01722 328608 or Lynn McNichol at Bodenham Post Office.