
News & Notes

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For All the Saints

Roger Redding

We are approaching the time of the year when in past ages our ancient Celtic forefathers remembered those who had past into the next life. The Christian church of the time replaced the pagan idea of the honouring of past ancestors by honouring all those who had died in the faith of Christ and all those who had done great exploits for the faith. The early practice had been to honour these very special people whom they believed had gone directly into heaven. These they termed as saints and were canonised. They were the ones believed to have come up to the full measure as far as the church was concerned.

The New Testament however, when it speaks of saints, refers to those who are living as well as those who are dead and of all whom accept Christ as Lord. At the time of the Reformation there was far more emphasis on grace being a free gift of God and people being justified by faith alone. Having said that, the epistle of James talks about being justified by works. Theologians of the day such as Martin Luther could not cope with the epistle of James. Luther indeed called him the apostle of straw.

The answer to this apparent contradiction is that yes, we are all saved by grace, but that grace gives us a responsibility to live as far as possible to the way of Christ himself. He has laid before us the pattern of life to follow. These are Kingdom values. When we pass into the next life these values will be completed in us, for we are told we shall be like him.

All Saints' Day is a time to celebrate all those who have gone before us in the faith of Christ. It is rather like being out in the arena participating in the games with the faithful departed whilst they cheer us on. This is what the Church rightly calls the communion of saints.

The Radnor Hall Players

present

Robinson Crusoe

a pantomime by John Morley

and

Cabaret

at The Radnor Hall, Bodenham

on Thursday, 28th November (straight seating)

together with a

Splendid Supper

on Friday, 29th and Saturday, 30th November (seating at tables)

All evenings at 7.30pm

Tickets:

Thursday, 28th November - £5;

Friday, 29th and Saturday, 30th November - £7.50

from Pam Trubshaw - 01722 323472 and Bodenham Post Office, on sale from

1st November

Licensed Bar and Raffle

Church Services

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
Sunday 10 November 3 before Advent	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	WC	Homington
	10.55 am	Remembrance Service	GS	Coombe
	10.55 am	Remembrance Service **	WC	Charlton **
Sunday 17 November 2 before Advent	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	GS	Britford
	9.30 am	Parish Communion (JC)	DH	Nunton
	9.30 am	Morning Service (All Age)	GS	Homington
	11.00 am	Parish Communion (BCP)	DH	Coombe
Sunday 24 November Christ the King	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	GS	Homington
	9.30 am	Patronal Communion	GS	Charlton
	11.00 am	Matins (BCP)	WC	Coombe
	11.00 am	Morning Service (All Age)	GS	Odstock

** This is a combined Remembrance Service for the two parishes of Charlton All Saints and Odstock with Nunton and Bodenham. GS = Rev Dr Graham Southgate, WC = Rev Westley Cole, DH = Rev Canon David Henley

From the Editor

This month's issue has been paid for by The Radnor Hall Players. Thank you, and we wish you every success with your forthcoming production. The monthly photocopying cost for *News & Notes* is £40 for a 4 side issue. 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 December issue is Friday 22 November.

Holy Matrimony

On 12th October 2002, at All Saints' Church, Rotherfield Peppard, William James Bourne to Katherine Anna Green.

Holy Days In November

1st **All Saints Day** 8 am Holy Communion at Charlton All Saints.
30th **Saint Andrew the Apostle** 10.00 am Holy Communion at Nunton.

News from the Rectory

David Henley

Team Council Tuesday 12th November

I look forward to my first meeting of the Team Council at Bishopstone Village Hall on Tuesday 12th November at 7.30 pm.

With representatives of all the parishes of the Benefice it has an important role in helping us plan for the future and in translating those plans into deeds. This time we shall be looking at Lent and also at training needs. Parishes are asked to brief their representatives about ideas for the Lent Project - this time it is a "home"

charity. There are also thoughts about a shared Lent Course and about a non-residentiary Parish Weekend here in March which need to be taken forward. The role of the Lay Pastoral Assistants will be considered, and the need for us to encourage individuals to offer themselves for various forms of lay ministry including Lay Reader training. We have so much potential talent here in the Chalke Valley, and it needs to be supported and developed.

Meeting of Lay Pastoral Assistants 26th November

The 18 current Lay Pastoral Assistants are gathering at Knapp Farmhouse, Broad Chalke, (David and Gwen Hitchings) on Tuesday 26th November at 7.30 pm. We will review what we are already doing and see how we can develop this important ministry in support of the clergy in the parishes. Training and licensing is done by the Diocese, and regular courses for prospective LPAs are arranged. If anyone is interested in finding out more, please speak to one of the clergy.

Diocesan Financial Awareness Campaign

I have now attended all nine Parochial Church Councils, and all are working hard with their campaigns to increase regular giving. Each parish is doing it in its own way and to its own realistic time scale. So, you may have already had a letter, invitation, or visit - or you may have that pleasure yet to come. So far the various Treasurers seem to remain cheerful and early indications suggest many people are reacting very positively. Therefore thank you to all who have already responded so generously, and to those still waiting please support us if you can. If by any chance you believe you have been overlooked or left out please don't hesitate to get in touch - we would love to hear from you.

For Sale

Hayter 24" rotary mower, petrol, powered roller drive, excellent condition £250.00. Contact Peter Cox 01722 329709 or Neil Guttridge 01725 511468.

WI

Diane Wait

The 14th October meeting was a splendid occasion attended by many members and Mrs Julia Joynt (President) was delighted to welcome the following new members to our WI - Mrs Sharon Mears, Mrs Barbara Robertson, Mrs Connie Hopson, Mrs Ruth Hoare, Mrs Anna Treseder and finally Mrs Val Martyn, who is rejoining our group. I am sure they will all enjoy making new friends and also the splendid programme which Mrs Doreen Osmond has organised.

The WI prayer was read by Mrs Pat Reeves and an artistic arrangement of beautiful pink roses and small white chrysanthemums was provided by Mrs Audrey Elliott for the President's table. Mrs Joy Saunders discussed the theatre outings and we are looking forward to seeing the play *Arcadia* by Tom Stoppard in November which I understand is now fully booked. The Pantomime outing is on January 6th which I am sure will be fully supported by members. It is always such fun. Joy also talked about the annual Christmas Lunch and it looks likely that the Radnor Arms will be our venue this year, where we will surely enjoy a great lunch in a super atmosphere. Hope you can cope with us Kathy and Ken!!

Mrs Jean Van Hagen (Secretary) showed us the Certificate for our excellent third place result in the McWilliam Cup. Congratulations again to Doreen and Julia. She also read out a lovely letter from Mrs Joan Dickson who has had a spell in hospital, but who is now thankfully much better. Jean then mentioned the Downland Group Meeting on 4th November in Whiteparish and this promises to be well attended by members. Hopefully we will do well in the Archibald Cup Competition which I will discuss in more detail next month. The recent Redlynch Quiz evening was very enjoyable and one of our teams came a very creditable second.

Mrs Margaret Barrow (Treasurer) reported that the Promotional Meeting had been a financial success due to the low costs involved. Well done to everyone who contributed towards the excellent Ploughman's lunch. She also said that there will be skittles matches on the 12th and 19th November and members are encouraged to take part. There was an excellent number of entries for the flower of the month competition and the worthy winner was a beautiful pink Hydrangea supplied by Julia.

Following coffee Phil Groombridge from Wildlife Rescue gave us an inspiring and entertaining talk about the activities of this wonderful organisation which he founded nine years ago. He was accompanied by Liz Spring who is very much involved in all aspects of animal rescue and he also mentioned fellow volunteers Tony Green and Peter Scutt. Wildlife Rescue offers a 24 hour emergency rescue service and the busiest times are normally around 2 am! So far this year there have been 1301 rescues. We heard about the various rescues of poisonous snake escapees but he did admit to being terrified of them. Quite understandable in the

circumstances! We were also introduced to a delightful barn owl called Lady and a young tawny owl who is yet to be named. He explained that these two would not be able to survive in the wild, which is the main aim of Wildlife Rescue, following the full recovery of those animals rescued. Phil is not enjoying the best of health at present and we all wish him a speedy and complete recovery after his forthcoming stay in hospital. Mrs Pam Trubshaw thanked him for a wonderful talk and members then gave generous donations to help with the continuation of the wonderful work of Wildlife Rescue.

The next meeting is at 10 am on 11th November in the Radnor Hall when Mr Robert Baker will talk to us about the 100 year history of Chas H Baker in Salisbury. Please do come and join us to hear his interesting story and also to enjoy the friendly atmosphere of our group.

DOWNTON BAND CONCERT

Tuesday 10 December at 7.30 pm

Charlton Church Hall

Refreshments and Raffle

Retiring Collection

Charlton Harvest Supper

The proceeds from our Harvest Supper were £262.20, which is tremendous. Many thanks to all those who made delicious salads and puddings, and as ever, to Pam Cox for organising the event.

Odstock Primary School News

The beginning of a new term is always a very busy time in a school's calendar and this year has been no exception.

We have welcomed new children into our reception class and into year groups throughout the school. All are settling in well and especially enjoying the after school clubs, which are well supported.

We had our harvest festival, led once again by Wesley Cole. The children were asked to bring in items of non-perishable food. These were collected and gratefully received by Alabare Christian Care's hostel for the homeless.

The junior class went on a visit to Rockbourne Roman Villa in conjunction with their studies of Roman settlements. They were shown around the site and also given a talk by a guide dressed in Roman costume.

The children are supporting "Operation Christmas Child" run by the charity Samaritan's Purse. This operation helps to share the true meaning of Christmas with millions of poor, suffering and sick children around the world. It involves putting small gifts into a shoe box which is then sent to those in need for Christmas.

We held our annual Parent/Governor AGM on 16th October. This year we invited Jenny Lawrie, the headteacher of Downton Secondary School to attend. She introduced herself to those present and gave a very informative talk about her school and visions for the future.

Bonfire/Firework Evening

We are holding our annual bonfire/firework display on Friday 8th November from 6.30 pm. If anyone has anything that they would like to add to the bonfire, please contact the school, during the mornings, on 01722 329701 - we can then arrange a time for you to gain access to the field. Any villagers are welcome to come along on the night and there will be a barbecue, hot drinks and a stall selling cakes (donations welcome).

Please note that although the bonfire will be supervised, anyone attending does so at their own risk and the school cannot accept responsibility for any accidents. Children attending must be closely supervised by their own parents/carers and will not be looked after by school staff.

Tokens

Our school is still collecting Nestle Box Top tokens from cereal packets, together with stars printed on Persil washing powder. Any donations of these items would be gratefully received.

Britford Blitz Day

Daphne Scamell

Many thanks to everyone who kindly helped at the Blitz day in September. Whilst the ladies polished inside, the gentlemen outside dug blocked drains and cleared masses of overgrown grass. Graham Southgate and the churchwardens are very grateful and thank you all most warmly.

Village Litter Day

Sherwood Elcock, Parish Council

On a wet and windy morning after the Harvest Supper Dance, a hardy group of volunteers collected a dozen bags of litter from the roadside verges of the major roads in the villages of Nunton, Odstock and Bodenham. We hope that you can see and appreciate the difference. We plan to make this a regular event (but not too often) and hope that in the meantime people will make an effort to pick up any litter they see in order to keep our villages tidy. I'd like to thank Debbie, Julia, Sheri, Nigel, Roger, Alexander and Harry for their efforts and look forward to seeing more of you next time.

RADNOR HALL BODENHAM

**We are asking for support to raise funds
towards the cost of a**

NEW STAGE

Like to know more?

**Give me a ring on 01722 329782 or pick
up a leaflet at Bodenham Post Office**

**Harry Joynt
Radnor Hall Committee**

Downton Road Park and Ride Site

Bryan Rycroft, District Councillor, Ebble ward.

I hope all who attended the exhibition found it useful. When I was present at Britford it was very busy. Please send your comments in as requested.

Among my comments are that before any development takes place, there must be consideration for the protection of those walking along the road to and from the school, also the access of cars driving in and out of the school and the Memorial Hall.

I would be most interested in your views as they will be useful in future discussions. My address is 50, Bouverie Ave, Salisbury, SP2 8DX, tel 01722 334186 or brycroft50bab@hotmail.com.

"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

For Your Diary

2 November	Music in Worship workshop, Corfe Mullen
2 November	Charlton Bonfire Night 6.00 pm
8 November	Odstock School Bonfire Night, 6.30 pm
28, 29, 30 Nov	Robinson Crusoe and Revue, Radnor Hall
10 December	Downton Band Concert, Charlton Church Hall, 7.30 pm