

It's Good To Pray

June 1998

One of the banes of modern life 'in the fast lane' is the proliferation of the mobile telephone – wherever you go people will be carrying on animated conversations on the phone driving behind the wheel of a car – seated in the train or on a bus – walking down the street – even whilst shopping in Tesco. How on earth did they survive before the invention of the 'mobile'? About sixty-five years ago there were just 17 telephones in Coombe Bissett and when it was snowing someone was despatched from Salisbury with a long pole to clear snow from the wires to prevent interference. And with the increase in phones has come the increase in telephone numbers which even in this country can be up to 22 figures long. But by far the most important number is just three digits – 999 or 911, the number for the Emergency Services. However for Christians there is a much more important number and that is 333. This reminds us of Jeremiah Chapter 33, verse 3 in which the Lord says to Jeremiah, "Call unto me and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not". In fact this is God's telephone number. There is nothing 'ex-directory' about this number. You can dial it twenty-four hours a day. It is never engaged nor will you get an Answerphone or Fax. In fact, you don't even need to be a subscriber, that is a Christian. You cannot be a Christian if God didn't answer your calls by hearing the prayers of people like you and I asking Him to take over our lives. But of course whilst prayer is so easy it can also be so very difficult. We have our Lord's reply to the disciples when they asked, 'Lord, teach us to pray' and His reply, 'When ye pray say "Our Father"'. The power of prayer which ascends daily to God is unimaginable. It has been said that "Prayer does not enable us to do a greater work for God – Prayer is a greater work for God".

Seven days without prayer does, of course, make one weak – so, if you want to 'move mountains' enter God's Telephone Number in your personal directory today – Jer. 333 – and like those mobile phones which you see everywhere, call Him up each and every day, wherever you may be or whatever you may be doing.

Westley Cole

Church Services

Sunday 7 June	8.00 am	Holy Communion	BCP	GS	Nunton
Trinity Sunday	9.30 am	Parish Communion	ASBB	GS & WC	Britford
	11.00 am	Matins	BCP	SW	Odstock
	11.00 am	Parish Communion	ASBB	GS & WC	Coombe
	6.00 pm	Evensong	BCP	GS	Homington
Sunday 14 June	8.00 am	Holy Communion	BCP	GS	Homington
Trinity 1	9.30 am	Parish Communion (JC)	ASBA	GS	Nunton
	11.00 am	Matins	BCP	WC	Charlton
	11.00 am	Family Service		RR	Coombe
Sunday 21 June	9.30 am	Parish Communion (JC)	ASBA	TS	Odstock
Trinity 2	9.30 am	Parish Communion	ASBA	GS	Charlton
	9.30 am	Matins	BCP	WC	Homington
	11.00 am	Parish Communion	BCP	GS	Coombe
	11.00 am	Matins	BCP	WC	Britford
Sunday 28 June	8.00 am	Holy Communion	BCP	GS	Homington
Trinity 3	6.00 pm	Parish Communion	ASBB	WC	Coombe

GS = Graham Southgate, WC = Westley Cole, SW = Sydney Willcox, KC = Karen Curnock, AT = Annabel Tier, RR = Roger Redding, TS = Terry Sankey. If anyone would like a lift to any of the services, please telephone Debby Underhill on 01722 329769.

From the Editor

This month's edition has been funded by Odstock Nunton and Bodenham WI, and we are very grateful to all of you for supporting *News & Notes*. 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 ClarePenny@aol.com. 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 July issue is Friday 19 June.

News from the Vicarage

The news from the Vicarage is that the Bishop of Salisbury will be ordaining Westley Cole to the priesthood at a service in the Cathedral on Sunday 28 June, beginning at 10.30 am. Westley was made a deacon last September and has been continuing his training with an external tutor and a local parish group. When priested, he will be the third non-stipendiary priest serving the parishes of the Chalke Valley Benefice. There will be no mid-morning services (ie beginning 9.30 or 11.00 am) within the eastern group of parishes on that day so as to ensure that everybody has the opportunity of attending Westley's ordination - please phone me on 01722 330628 if you require transport. Westley will then **preside** at the Eucharist for the first time in Coombe Bissett Church, beginning at 6.00 pm the same day.

Every ten years the bishops of the Anglican Communion come together "in council", as bishops have done since the very earliest day of the Church. This year the Lambeth Conference (as it is called) meets in Canterbury from 18 July to 9 August, under the presidency of the Archbishop of Canterbury. Our own diocese of Salisbury has raised over £15,000 for the Lambeth Appeal, which will be used to ensure that overseas bishops, such as those from the Province of Sudan (with which our diocese is linked), will be able to attend. Some of them are also able to be at the Bishop of Salisbury's annual fund-raiser for the Salisbury-Sudan Medical Link on the afternoon of Sunday 12 July. The venue is the Bishop's garden at 71 The Close, Salisbury, and there will be teas, sideshows, and dancing by the river (etc!) from 1.30 to 4.30 pm,

followed by a service in the Cathedral at 5.00 pm to celebrate the 25th anniversary of our partnership.

Graham Southgate

Holy Days in June

- 11 St Barnabas, Apostle, 5.30 pm Evening Prayer at Coombe Bissett
- 24 Birth of St John the Baptist, 8.00 am Holy Communion at Nunton
- 29 St Peter, Apostle, 8.00 am Holy Communion at Britford

From the Registers

Holy Baptism - On Sunday 17 May at Odstock: Rosalind Faith Eloise Cooper

Confirmation and First Communion - By the Bishop of Salisbury at All Saints, Broad Chalke and of the Parish of Odstock with Nunton and Bodenham, on Wednesday 20 May:

Selina Thalia Shannon Eyers
Wayne Adrian Scott Matthews
Jacob Simon Wingrove
Joseph Maurice Wingrove

Burials of Cremated Remains

On Thursday 9 April at Nunton: Leonard Townend

On Friday 1 May at Nunton: Phyllis Rosina May Raymond

On Friday 8 May at Britford: Henry (Harry) Felton
Christopher Hatcher

WI

Mrs Sue Bourne welcomed members to the 11 May meeting. The Downland Group Spring meeting was at Alderbury on 18 May. The Garden Party at 2.00 pm on 8 June will be at Nunton House by kind invitation of Mr and Mrs Joynt. There will be a raffle, bring and buy, and plant stall. All members are asked to bring a plate full of food for tea (please label sandwiches). The Flower of the Month was won by Mrs Joan Dixon with a scarlet poppy. Mrs Rita Hobbs won our Denman House bursary draw.

Resolutions for the IGM were discussed. The two main ones were about brownfield site development conversions in urban areas and the second was about the serious problem of "young carers", some as young as 5-6 years old, looking after a parent who may be disabled, or a drink or drug addict. This is so serious - the child inevitably loses out on education and often has no social life, but the trouble is they do not want to be separated or taken into care, and the family split up.

Alderbury will vote for us and bring us the results of the vote after the IGM. Please bring a friend, also 1 or 2 folding chairs (labelled with your name).

Angela Moules

Tiny Tots Jumble Sale

Saturday 30 May 2 pm - 4 pm at the Radnor Hall

Jumble * Cake Stall * Nearly New * Guess the Number of Sweets in the Jar * Guess the Name of the Teddy.

Entrance 20p

All proceeds go towards new summer and outdoor toys for the children of Tiny Tots parent and toddler group.

Salisbury Hospice Care Trust: Sunflower Week 13 - 21 June

The Hospice will be holding a collection in the City centre on Saturday 13 June and would be pleased to hear from anybody who could help holding a box for an hour or two. Also sunflowers will be available for shops, doctors' surgeries, pubs, Post Office etc. If you can help in any way, please contact me on 01722 334858. Many thanks.

Daphne Scamell

Britford Parish AGM

Britford Parish Annual General Meeting will take place at the Memorial Hall, on the High Road, on 3 June at 7.00 pm. Mr Tristram Sykes, the Chairman of the Chalke Valley Link Scheme, and the scheme's Transport Co-ordinator will give a short introduction to the aims and methods of the Link Scheme. If the residents consider this useful and necessary, Britford could join the scheme.

Judith Sturdy

Link Good Neighbour Scheme

The Link Schemes aim, by using volunteers, to offer a good neighbour service to local people who are in need, either because they are elderly, disabled, single parents or perhaps are suffering from short term illness. Each scheme is an independent voluntary charity operated by a committee of local people and is supported by the Wiltshire Link Development Project. This support includes both start up and continuation funding from the Lottery Fund, the Rural Development Commission and Wiltshire Social Services. Examples of the services which could be provided include transport to hospital, doctor, shops, for collection of prescriptions etc and help with minor household chores eg changing light bulbs.

There will be a public meeting to discuss the scheme at the Radnor Hall on Wednesday 15 July at 7.00 pm.

Salisbury Conservative Association

The annual Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday 6 June at Melstock, Nunton by kind permission of Mrs Sue Bourne. Stalls will include Bring & Buy, Nearly New Clothes, Plants as well as the usual Derby Draw. Do come and bring your friends. Everyone welcome.

Judy Barke

The Grand Charlton Barbecue!

Saturday 20 June at 7 pm at Charlton Courtyard,
adjacent to Charlton House

Adults £5 * Children £2.50

* Bar * Raffle * Skittles *

Please book tickets in advance as this allows us to cater accurately, but pay on the night. Telephone Alison Ashworth on 01725 510459 or Clare Penny on 01725 512869 by 18 June

Radnor Hall News

The AGM was held on 18 May and we have some new members on the committee - Mark Eyres as Treasurer and Margaret Barrow as a fundraiser. Peter Ford, Chairman, reported that we have had a successful year, the bookings are up and we have succeeded to get all the structural repairs completed. We have crockery and cutlery for 60 people. Unfortunately Little Bods closed, but Tiny Tots Parent and Toddler Playgroup has opened and is very popular. Also we were unable to get a lottery grant to upgrade the kitchen. Our fundraising projects for this year are to obtain new lightweight tables and to refurbish the kitchen. Our programme of activities for your diaries, include a Jumble Sale on Saturday 10 October, a Community Fayre with a Christmas theme on Saturday 14 November and a Country and Western Evening on Saturday 21 November instead of a Revue. Don't worry Harry Joynt is planning excitement for the Millenium!

If you would like to book the Hall or hire the equipment at very reasonable rates ring our Caretaker Maxine Macey on 01772 329760. It is a lovely hall and there maybe a BUMS and TUMS exercise group starting soon!

Debby Underhill Hon Secretary

Christian Aid

Many thanks to all those who collected so willingly and those who gave so generously during Christian Aid Week. The envelope collection throughout our five villages has resulted in a donation to Christian Aid of £440.20. This was a splendid effort for a very worthy cause!

Adrian Taylor

Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham Village Fete - Grand Draw

Tickets for the Grand Draw are being distributed for sale throughout Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham and will also be sold at the Fete on 11th July. If you feel able to sell some tickets please contact Susie Jenkins in Bodenham (329748), Gill Smedley in Odstock (329488) or Adrian Taylor in Nunton (325862). We shall also need draw prizes and will be delighted to receive any that you are able to donate.

Adrian Taylor

Charlton Garden Society

The AGM of the Charlton All Saints Garden Society on 30 March was followed by a stimulating talk on Bees and Beekeeping by Miss Joan Bissett. To demonstrate aspects of beekeeping, she showed us slides of pollen- and nectar-rich flowers, gave us samples of honey cake, a pot of honey and suggested uses for the wax. Best of all, we were treated to a glass of mead at the beginning of the evening.

Mr and Mrs R. Combes have bravely invited us to supper in the garden of Witherington Cottage on 29 June. Menu to be arranged. Barbara Box

News & Notes Website

I am considering authoring and publishing a version of *News & Notes* on the Internet, which would be accessible to anyone with a computer and a modem. There would be no additional cost, and I would be able to expand the items covered, including general community information, such as bus times, post office opening hours, mobile shop delivery times etc. If anyone has any thoughts, comments, relevant experience, or reservations about our local information being published to a wider audience, then please contact me on 01725 512869 or email ClarePenny@aol.com.

Homelessness

Damascus House in Salisbury is part of the Alabaré Christian Care Group. It is a hostel for homeless people and families who need short term security and help – it is not a night shelter. There are single, double and family rooms with facilities for cooking, laundry, recreation etc. There are training and support programmes for residents and day callers. Residents are from a wide range of age groups and come from many parts of the country.

The staff at the hostel, and the residents themselves, need the overnight help of volunteers to “sleep over”. The duty is for one night a month from 8 pm to 7 am. The “sleep over” has a few routine tasks and is there to deal with any unexpected development or situation. There is a staff back-up on call if there is a crisis – this is very rare. Many residents look forward to seeing the “sleep over” and welcome the odd chat, often in the sitting room over a cup of coffee.

Damascus House needs some more men and women as volunteers to “sleep over”. Would you consider being one? Would you like to attend for one night with an experienced “sleep over” to see what is involved before you decide? You could be joining three members of our Chalke Valley Church Community already helping as “sleep overs”! If you are interested in this worthwhile project, please call David Bright on 01722 416170 for more details. Your contribution would be a real help to the continuing work of Damascus House and could make a difference to someone's life.

Contact Numbers

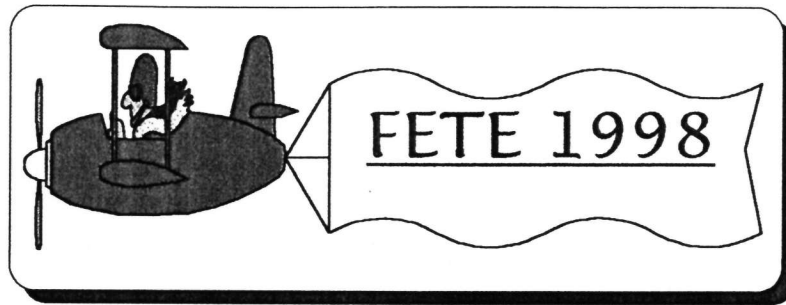
<i>Team Rector</i>	Canon Sydney Willcox, The Rectory, Broad Chalke 01722 780262 (Day off - Mon)
<i>Team Vicar</i>	Revd Roger Redding, The Vicarage, Ebbesbourne Wake 01722 780408 (Day off - Mon)
<i>Team Vicar</i>	Revd Dr Graham Southgate, Nunton Vicarage, Nunton 01722 330628 (Day off - Fri)
<i>Churchwardens</i>	Nunton - Harry Joynt 01722 329782 Odstock - Peter Martin 01722 329743 Charlton - Peter Cox 01722 329709 Britford - Daphne Scamell 01722 334858

Dates for your Diary

30 May	Tiny Tots Jumble Sale, 2 pm Radnor Hall
3 June	Britford Parish AGM, 7 pm Memorial Hall, Britford
6 June	Conservation Association Coffee Morning, Melstock
8 June	WI Summer Garden Party, Nunton House
20 June	Charlton Barbecue, 7 pm Charlton Courtyard
19-23 June	Southwark Pensioners' visit
28 June	Ordination of Revd Westley Cole Cathedral, 10.30 am
29 June	Garden Society supper
2 July	Fete - Clay shoot - Nunton
4 July	Fete Jumble Sale - Radnor Hall
10 July	Peter Pod & the Peas - Nunton 7.30 pm
11 July	FETE DAY - 2.00 pm
12 July	Bishop's Garden open, 71 The Close, 1.30 pm
15 July	Odstock Parish Council Link meeting, 7 pm, Radnor Hall

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
Bingo	Every Friday, 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm The Orchard, Nunton
Singing Group	Every Tuesday, 8.00 pm, contact Adrian Taylor on 01722 325862
Mobile Library	Alternate Fridays (5 & 19 June): Village Hut, Charlton 9.45 am Alternate Tuesdays (9 & 23 June): Brookmead, Britford 10.10 am Post Office, Bodenham 10.30 am Radnor Arms, Nunton 10.45 am Crossroads, Odstock 11.15 am



EVENTS DIARY

PLEASE GIVE YOUR SUPPORT TO RAISE MONEY FOR YOUR VILLAGE

CLAY SHOOT - THURSDAY 2nd JULY 1998 - NUNTON - FROM 6PM
Someone wanted to run B-B-Q and sell cold drinks please.

SKITTLES AND B-B-Q - FRIDAY 3rd JULY 1998 - RADNOR ARMS
Family evening; children & adult skittles. 7pm to dusk - great fun!!

JUMBLE SALE - SATURDAY 4th JULY 1998 - RADNOR HALL 2PM
Jumble please to Murial Ford, we will collect; Tel: 329716

**MARQUEE ERECTION; STAGE BUILDING; LAYING DANCE FLOOR -
TUESDAY 7th AND WEDNESDAY 8th JULY 1998**
From 6:30pm each evening; all help appreciated; PLEASE HELP.

PETER POD AND THE PEAS - FRIDAY 10th JULY 1998
Tickets now on sale; numbers limited so book now to avoid disappointment tel 321226.

FETE DAY - SATURDAY 11th JULY 1998 - 2PM

SPONSORED BY PINCHBECKS - SEAT DEALERS OF SALISBURY

Entertainment for all with this years hi-lights being Terrier Tykes Dog Racing Team and Mobile Petz with their marquee full of exotic pets. Tug of war competition, Classic cars and the SEAT Group 2 Rally Car.

*Prizes, *Sponsorship, *Gifts, *Plants, *Cakes, *Entertainments, *Stall holders all urgently required. "PLEASE HELP"!!!!

RAFT RACE - SATURDAY 11th JULY 1998 - 6pm

Entries required; contact Emma & Stuart Ford on 339867. Sponsors for rafts urgently required at £25 each.

FAMILY EVENING FROM 6:30pm

Bouncy Castle; B-B-Q; Real Ales; Raft Race Prizegiving; Disco.