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Church Services

Sunday 7 April Easter 2	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	WC	Nunton
	9.30 am	Parish Communion	GS	Britford
	11.00 am	Parish Communion	GS	Coombe
	6.00 pm	Evensong (BCP)	GS	Homington
Sunday 14 April Easter 3	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	JK	Homington
	9.30 am	Parish Communion (JC)	WC	Odstock
	11.00 am	Family Service (All Age)	WC	Coombe
	11.00 am	Matins (BCP)	KC	Charlton
Sunday 21 April Easter 4	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	GS	Britford
	9.30 am	Parish Communion (JC)	GS	Nunton
	9.30 am	Morning Service (All Age)	WC	Homington
	11.00 am	Parish Communion (BCP)	GS	Coombe
Sunday 28 April Easter 5	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	GS	Homington
	9.30 am	Parish Communion	GS	Charlton
	11.00 am	Matins (BCP)	BW	Coombe
	11.00 am	Morning Service (All Age)	GS	Odstock
Sunday 5 May Easter 6 Rogation Sunday	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	GS	Nunton
	9.30 am	Parish Communion	WC	Britford
	11.00 am	Parish Communion	WC	Coombe
	6.00 pm	Evensong (BCP)	GS	Homington

KC = Rev Karen Curnock, GS = Rev Dr Graham Southgate, WC = Rev Westley Cole, BW = Mr Bertie Woolnough,
JK = Rt Rev John Kirkham

"Behold, I make all things new." Revelation 21.5

Karen Curnock



An ancient symbol, adopted by the Church as an image of Christian belief in the resurrection, is the fabled phoenix, a crimson, gold and purple bird with sweeping tail and jewelled eyes. The phoenix symbolised hope and the continuity of life after death and, according to legend, only one phoenix could live at a time.

When the bird felt death approaching, it built itself a pyre of wild cinnamon and died in the flames. But from the ashes there then arose a new phoenix. In Christian art, the resurrected phoenix became a popular symbol of Christ risen from the grave.

Harry Potter fans will know that a phoenix features as a symbol of hope and new life throughout all the stories so far. The phoenix, whose name, appropriately, is Fawkes, belongs to Dumbledore, the headmaster. Harry's wand contains a feather from the tail of that same phoenix and, in the Chamber of Secrets, Fawkes saves Harry from certain destruction. It is the tears of the phoenix that heal his wounds and the song of the phoenix that gives him hope and strength in his struggle against evil. I understand that the fifth novel will be called, 'Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix', so the story continues.

In the Metamorphoses Ovid wrote of the phoenix,

*'Nothing retains the shape of what it was,
And Nature, always making old things new,
Proves nothing dies within the universe,
But takes another being in new forms.
What is called birth is change from what we were,
And death the shape of being left behind.'*

What new shape and form might the church take, I wonder, as it seeks to make known the Kingdom of God and the new life promised by belief in the risen Christ?

And, as we go through the cycle of our Annual Parochial Church Meetings up and down the valley, it might be good to recall a little quote from Anon:

*"The resurrection did not result in a committee with a chairman,
but in a fellowship with an experience."*

Of course we need to order our affairs, but let's keep a clear eye on the heart of the matter.

From the Editor

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News From The Vicarage

Graham Southgate (01722) 330628

Our Lent Project for 2002 has been *Child Link International Aid Foundation*, and it is now drawing to a close. So thanks to those of you who supported the Lent Lunch (which raised almost £150), as well as those who agreed to receive a Lent Box (which should now be returned to your own PCC Treasurer: Roger Ladbury in Britford, Neil Guttridge in Charlton All Saints, and Harry Joynt in Odstock with Nunton and Bodenham).

Easter has now arrived and many of you will have had a chance to appreciate all the hard work that has been put into preparing our churches for their biggest celebration of the year. Therefore, on your behalf, I should like to thank all those responsible for the hard work. If you feel that you haven't had an opportunity to use your talents then there is a chance fast approaching: Nunton's Spring Cleaning Day takes place on 11th May, and you will be most welcome!

We are now in the season of our churches' Annual Meetings, when you have a chance to co-operate directly with the wider Church through the election of Churchwardens, members of the Chalke Deanery Synod and your own Parochial Church Council. If you wish to participate then you must ensure that your name is entered on the new Church Electoral Roll (and, if your name was on the old roll, then you

will have already received an application form). The details of the Meetings in the three ecclesiastical parishes are as follows (with the name of the relevant Electoral Roll Officer in brackets):

Britford

Thursday 25th April in the Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm.
(Rod Shipsey 01722 335096).

Charlton All Saints

Thursday 11th April in the Parish Church at 7.30 pm
(Peter Cox 01722 329709).

Odstock with Nunton and Bodenham

Monday 22nd April in the Barker Room at 7.30 pm.
(Peter Jenkins 01722 329748).

Holy Days

- 8 April **Annunciation to the Blessed Virgin Mary**
Holy Communion at 8 am in Odstock.
- 23 April **Saint George, Martyr, Patron of England**
Holy Communion at 8 am in Nunton.
- 25 April **Saint Mark the Evangelist** Holy
Communion at 8 am in Nunton.
- 1 May **Saints Philip and James, Apostles** Holy
Communion at 8 am in Nunton.

Women's Institute

Diane Wait

On Monday March 11th we held our annual general meeting at the Radnor Hall. The meeting was chaired by Mrs Jill Johnson (Vice President) standing in for Mrs Sue Bourne (President) and she was assisted by Mrs Hazel Gillingham, WI Adviser for Wiltshire. The President's table looked very spring-like with a lovely arrangement of daffodils and forsythia provided by Mrs Jean Martin. With Mrs Jean Van Hagen (Secretary) recovering from a recent hip operation, the correspondence was read out by Mrs Pam Trubshaw, who mentioned several interesting events coming up. In particular she mentioned that there is a Quiz on June 26th at Westwood St Thomas School, Salisbury, where it is hoped we will be well represented.

Flower of the month competition was won once again by Mrs Angela Moules, who has been a member of the WI for a splendid 55 years. Her contribution was a pretty pale mauve fragrant flower called Daphne Odora. Many congratulations Angela for winning and also for being a WI member for such a long time. This is a fantastic achievement and certainly deserves to be mentioned in *News & Notes*.

Mrs Julia Joynt (Treasurer) read out the Annual Financial Statement, which was adopted and signed by Jill Johnson. Julia reported that we now have a membership of 43 and we are anticipating more ladies joining in the near future, which is very good news. Pam then read out Jean's annual report in which she referred back to the many wonderful speakers who have entertained us over the past year and also the splendid outings etc. It has been an excellent year. She especially wished to thank Sue Bourne, who has been such a wonderful president over the years and who has made a huge contribution to the success and wellbeing of our WI. The committee was also thanked for all their hard work. Jean via Jill wanted to thank everyone who had sent her cards, and who had visited her during her stay in hospital. She said she was very touched by their kindness.

Jill then read our Sue's report in which she thanked Hazel for helping run the meeting. All the committee members were mentioned and thanked individually, with an extra special vote of thanks to Jean who has been so supportive and such a tower of strength to her. She said that she has thoroughly enjoyed her time as president for over 6 years but the time had now come to stop down and make way for a new president. On behalf of all the members I would like to take this opportunity of saying a huge thank you to Sue for being such a terrific president and holding us all together!

After coffee Hazel took over the meeting. The committee was re-elected and members were asked to vote for a new president. There were four nominees but the majority vote was for Julia Joynt. We are delighted that she has agreed to become our new president and she can rest assured that we will support her in every way. Mrs Margaret Barrow has kindly agreed to take on the role of Treasurer with the help of Mrs Rita Hobbs. With the formalities over Hazel decided to have a bit of fun with us. She asked us to produce our lipsticks and then matched up the various interesting shapes with the characteristics of the owner! Mrs Audrey Elliott was delighted to win the annual draw for the Denman bursary and looks forward to taking her course. Jill then thanked Hazel for guiding us through the meeting and presented her with a basket of miniature daffodils. Prior to her hip operation, Jean had compiled a quiz as a finale to the

meeting, and the lucky winner was Mrs Celia Maidment.

The next meeting is on Monday April 8th and the speaker will be Mr John Craig, who will be reflecting on his career in the Fire Service. We hope to once again welcome many guests to this meeting to listen to what is sure to be a very interesting talk.

On a personal note, I would like to sincerely apologise to Mrs Joan Dixon for spelling her name incorrectly. For some reason I always spell it Dickson. Sorry Joan I will try to do better in future.

Helping African Orphans to go to School

Angela Moules

There is a Community Project up and running, sponsoring African orphans to go to school. There are 18 sponsors so far, and another 14 generous people are needed to complete this project.

Many of you know Melissa Baker, daughter of Madeline and Charlie who live in Odstock. Melissa, who lives and works in Kenya, visits all the orphans and, with help, selects the most needy. She also goes to the schools, pays the fees, buys the books and receives the receipts, which we refund to her. Each sponsor receives a photograph of the child and school reports etc. There is no free schooling in Kenya for infants and juniors. It costs £60 to pay for a child to go to school for a whole year. This includes school fees, books, equipment and other necessities.

If you are interested, and may wish to sponsor a child, please contact Madeline on 01722 329374. Please phone for more details.

Park & Ride

Judith Sturdy (Clerk to Britford Parish Council)

The plans of the "Park & Ride" site on A338 are shortly to be submitted to SDC Planning Department by the WCC/SDC Joint Transportation Team. Anyone living locally and having a comment to make on the arrangements or the design of the plan is urged to contact the Planning Department without delay, before it is too late for alterations to be made.

Charlton Garden Society

Our next meeting is on Monday 27th May at 7.30 pm in Charlton Church Hall. Mrs Sterndale-Bennet, an ex-President of the Hardy Plant Society, will talk to us on the work of the Society - should be very good!

Sponsored Cycle Ride

Hannah Stubbs will be doing a sponsored cycle ride from Salisbury to Christchurch and back on 25th April to raise funds for the Physiotherapy Trust Fund at Salisbury Hospital. If anyone would like to sponsor her, please telephone 01722 330006. Your support will be much appreciated. With thanks.

Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham Jubilee Celebration Plans

Debby Underhill

On Friday and Saturday 24th and 25th May, we are planning a short play with a simple supper and poetry readings.

On Monday 3rd June, we are planning a series of rounders matches (each village could make up a team or teams under and over 30) on the Nunton football field, followed by tea and then a celebration Hog Roast at the Radnor Arms, to which people can bring salads or puddings etc. We hope to have the dance floor down and have dancing to 50s music.

We would like the children aged 4-16 years to make decorations to go around the villages and we plan to have some "making" sessions.

The Football Pavilion needs a good clean out on Saturday May 18th from 10 am.

We need ideas for a theme! All is still in the planning stage - we do need help and participation. The next meeting is Tuesday 2nd April at the Radnor Hall at 7.30 pm. If you would like to be involved or come, ring Debby Underhill 01722 329769 or Pam Trubshaw 01722 323472.

How Green is your Parish?

Is your village keen on composting? Is your parish pond hopping with frogs? Do you want to improve your local environment, and make it better for wildlife? The Salisbury Wildlife Project, part of Wiltshire Wildlife Trust, may be able to help.

Project officers Cath Mowat and Martin Gilchrist are working with villages and parishes across the Salisbury District to promote action for wildlife. They have recently sent all parish councils a questionnaire, to find out about environmental work already being done by local communities, and to establish how the Project can help in any planned or future activities.

These could range from wildlife surveys to community composting schemes, or the environmental aspects of the village appraisal schemes which several communities are carrying out. They can also help with information on grants for your environmental project.

If you would like to find out more about enriching your parish for wildlife and people, Cath and Martin would like to hear from you. Contact them at Wiltshire Wildlife Trust Salisbury Wildlife Project, 42 Salt Lane, Salisbury SP1 1EG (tel 01722 421744).



Odstock Primary School News

Building Work

The new "Early Years" classroom is now complete and the children have moved in, much to their delight. The school now has a new entrance at the front of the school for the use of all visitors. The junior classroom had to move temporarily into the hall so that the ceiling in their classroom could be repaired and once this was complete the whole room was redecorated before the children could be moved back in.

We are planning an official opening ceremony, date and time to be announced at a later date, to which everyone is invited.

Waste Paper

As many of you will be aware our school has a red paper recycling bin, situated in the car park of the school. All newspapers, catalogues, junk mail, Christmas and birthday cards, etc can be put into it - the only exceptions being cardboard and Yellow Pages telephone directories. Please, rather than leaving a bag for the salvage, make use of our bin.

This year our school came second in the Waste Warrior Competition under the category "Highest Tonnage per Pupil". A representative of the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust is coming to host a special assembly in March to present us with our silver certificate and to talk to the children.

Next year we are aiming for first place which will result in a cash bonus for the school - your support would be greatly appreciated.

Tokens

Please let us have any Tesco "Computers for Schools" vouchers, Walkers "Books for Schools" or Nestle "Box Tops" vouchers that you may have.

School News

The Beetle Drive in February went well and everyone enjoyed themselves. We had a play-off between three children in order to determine the eventual winner.

We have had several visitors to the school over the past two months including a keen mountaineer who came in to talk to the children and demonstrate his climbing kit, a local artist to do weaving workshops and pupils from St Edmund's Drama Project.

We have started up an after school football club for the junior children which is well supported and good fun. More clubs are planned over the coming months.

During March, the juniors will be going on a trip to Bristol to visit the Tutankhamen Exhibition, and the infants are going on a trip to Devizes to a toy museum.

Our school is also supporting the Salisbury Festival's "In Praise of Trees" project which involves the production of pages for a book about trees. Both children and parents are getting together to produce their own "family" page.

Diary Dates

Friday 12th April - We would like to invite all 3 to 4 year olds with their parents/carers to an open afternoon from 1.30 to 2.30 pm. Please phone 01722 329701 to let us know if you would like to come.

Friday 26th April - Plant and Cake Sale. We will be holding a sale in the school hall. Please come along and take the opportunity to stock up on cakes and plants. Any donations of cakes or plants would also be gratefully received on the day. Time: 3 pm.



Open Gardens 2002 Wiltshire Wildlife Trust

In your garden, do you: encourage wildlife, try to avoid using chemicals and peat, have a compost bin, water butt or use recycled materials?

If so, you might be interested in opening your garden on 23rd June as one of the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust's 'Green Gardens'. We hope to have a range of gardens, both large and small, that demonstrate environmentally friendly techniques to the public, so if you would like to be involved or would just like to find out more contact Maggie McDonald at the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust on 01380 725670.

Sky Line

Specialist cleaning of conservatories, soffits, facias, gutters, driveways and patios.
We also offer a professional regular window cleaning service.

Please phone for a free quote on 01425 657949 or mobile 07740 987187

Regular Events

WI Junior Church	Second Monday of the month, 10.00 am Radnor Hall, Bodenham To coincide with 9.30 am services 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 Wed 9.30 - 11.30 am, Radnor Hall, Bodenham Contact at Suzie Orchiton 01722 502026
Mobile Library	Alternate Fridays: Village Hut, Charlton 10.00 - 10.15 am Alternate Tuesdays: Brookmead, Britford 11.00 am; Radnor Arms, Nunton 11.20 am; Crossroads, Odstock 11.45 am

For Your Diary

2 April	Nunton, Odstock & Bodenham Jubilee Celebration planning meeting, 7.30 pm Radnor Hall
11 April	Charlton Church Annual Meeting, 7.30 pm Church Hall
12 April	Odstock School Open Afternoon, 1.30 pm
22 April	Odstock with Nunton & Bodenham Church Annual Meeting, 7.30 pm Barker Room
25 April	Britford Church Annual Meeting, 7.30 pm Memorial Hall
26 April	Odstock School Plant and Cake Sale, 3 pm
11 May	Nunton Church Spring Cleaning Day
18 May	Nunton Football Pavilion Spring Cleaning Day, 10 am
24 & 25 May	Odstock, Nunton & Bodenham Jubilee Celebrations - Play & Supper
27 May	Charlton Garden Society, 7.30 pm Charlton Church Hall
3 June	Charlton Golden Jubilee Feast Day
3 June	Odstock, Nunton & Bodenham Golden Jubilee Celebrations
10 June	WI Garden Party, Melstock, Nunton
23 June	Wiltshire Wildlife's Open Gardens
13 July	Odstock, Nunton & Bodenham Fete