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Landmarks

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WHERE you are (however unchosen) is the place of blessing.

HOW you are (however broken) is the place of grace.

WHO you are, in your Becoming is your place in the Kingdom.

Margaret Silf

We all have our favourite prayers that we find deeply moving or uplifting and we go back to them again and again for support and comfort. They touch us in some deep part of ourselves and awaken in us a renewed sense of our own spiritual journey. This above prayer or blessing from Margaret Silf's book "Landmarks" (p252 pub by DLT) has recently become one of mine and so I offer it for more general readership hoping that copyright rules are not being broken in the process! If it doesn't touch anything in you, then waste no more time and look below for the details of services this month.

You may find though that it moves you also. If so then spend some time with it. How do you feel as you read it? Happy? Sad? Regretful? Angry? Vulnerable? Longing to be somewhere else? Joyful in where you are? Anxious? What current aspects of your life come to the fore as you dwell on it? Is it a time of stability for you or a time of uncertain and possibly unwelcome change?

The essence, the power, of these words, is the freedom they offer, to be who you are. Whereever you are, whatever you're feeling, is not to be dismissed by you or anyone else as somehow not acceptable. This is the moment and now is the time when the One who loves us into being is here for us; not yesterday, not tomorrow, or next week or whenever. You may need some comfort, you may need to be strengthened, you may want to celebrate some recent good news, you may want some courage or you may just need a rest. It is good to take stock as it were, to recognise your feelings, to name them and to put them into God's hands. Take time to speak with God, however you think of God, and say what's on your mind. Be specific, be true, even if that means being angry. God wants to know and love the real you, not some idealised image of yourself that you may think that you need to present when you approach God in prayer. Say what is in your inmost heart, and be clear about what you most desire or hope for at this time. And, most of all, be prepared to be surprised. When we get real with God, then God tends to get real with us!

And finally, another quote that caught my attention:

"You are a child of the universe, no less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here."

Desiderata

Church Services

Sunday 2 September Trinity 12	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)	WC	Homington
Sunday 9 September Trinity 13	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	GS	Homington
	9.30 am	Parish Communion (JC)	WC	Odstock
	11.00 am	Family Service	WC	Coombe
	11.00 am	Matins (BCP)	GS	Charlton
Sunday 16 September Trinity 14	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	GS	Britford
	9.30 am	Parish Communion (JC)	GS	Nunton
	9.30 am	Morning Service	WC	Homington
	11.00 am	Parish Communion (BCP)	GS	Coombe
Sunday 23 September Trinity 15	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	GS	Homington
	9.30 am	Harvest Festival Parish Communion	WC	Charlton
	11.00 am	Patronal Festival Matins (BCP)	GS	Coombe
	11.00 am	Morning Service	WC	Odstock
Sunday 30 September Trinity 16	10.00 am	Parish Communion	WC/GS	Britford
Sunday 7 October Trinity 17	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)		Nunton
	9.30 am	Parish Communion		Britford
	11.00 am	Parish Communion		Coombe
	6.00 pm	Harvest Festival Evensong (BCP)		Homington
	6.00 pm	Harvest Festival Evensong (BCP)		Odstock

From the Editor

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Holy Days in September

- 14 Holy Cross Day 8.00 am Holy Communion at Nunton.
- 21 Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist 8.00 am Holy Communion at Nunton.
- 29 Saint Michael and All Angels 10.00 am Holy Communion at Coombe Bissett.

From The Registers

Burials

On 4 August at Charlton All Saints:

Lilian Elizabeth Ellen May Boon (cremated remains).

On 9 August at Nunton:

Hilda Rose Bryant (cremated remains).

Pass it on Stewardship Campaign

The campaign took place during May and June. We are very pleased with the positive replies from many of the parishioners. Thanks to all who replied and we will be in touch very soon.

The next BLITZ day is on Saturday 8th September from 10.00 am onwards until late afternoon. Could we ask, if you are coming, to bring any gardening tools for cutting, digging, sawing and chopping etc.

If you have any queries please ring any member of the PCC who should be able to help. Thank you again.

Charlton Bonfire Night

Saturday 3 November at 6.00 pm

Bonfire in the field behind The Old Vicarage
Food in the Courtyard Barn

Tickets from Barbara Box on 01725 510758

Radnor Hall News

Debby Underhill, Secretary

Saturday 15th September 7.30 pm Dance featuring Brian Moon and the Satellites in the Radnor Hall. Bar and Food available. Tickets £6 from Radnor Hall Tel 01722 329760.

Thurs 29th, Fri 30th November and Sat 1st December Village Pantomime A Harry Joynt Special! More details later.

To make a booking for the Hall ring Shirley Norris 01722 329760.



BRIAN MOON & the Satellites

**Sixties Dance Band For the Best in
Beat Music**

**Saturday 15 September
The Radnor Hall
8 until late**

Barbecue and Bar

**Tickets £6 from –
Radnor Hall Tel. 01722 329760 &
Bodenham Post Office**

**All proceeds will be used for further improvements to the
Radnor Hall**

Charlton Harvest Supper

Our harvest supper will be on 22 September in the Church Hall at 7.00 for 7.30 pm. Tickets cost £6.00 for adults, and £3.00 for children over 5 (under 5s are free). Please contact Pam Cox on 01722 329709 for tickets, by 19 September.

Church decoration for the harvest festival will be on Friday 21 September from 11.00 am. Gifts of flowers and produce and help to decorate the church would be appreciated. Our harvest gifts, as usual, will go to the Woman's Refuge in Salisbury.

Sky Line

Specialist cleaning of conservatories, soffits, fascias, 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

Odstock, Nunton & Bodenham Harvest Festival

This year's Harvest Festival Service will be evensong at St Mary's Church, Odstock at Sunday 7th October at 6.00 pm.

Harvest supper will be immediately after the service in the Radnor Hall, Bodenham and it is intended that a hot meal will be provided. Tickets from any of the church wardens will be £5.00 for adults and £2.50 for children under twelve, to include wine or a soft drink.

The collection from the service and any profit from the supper will go towards our charitable giving for the year to both church-based and secular charities at home and abroad.

Charlton Autumn Sale

Our Autumn Sale will be held in the Church Hall at 2.00 pm on Saturday 13 October. As usual, there will be a door-to-door collection in Charlton on the evening of Wednesday 10 October. If you're cleaning out your cupboards, and find any white elephants - keep them for the sale! Surplus produce, cuttings, jars of pickles and preserves, books, raffle prizes - all will be gratefully received.

C.R Garden Maintenance

All Garden Work Undertaken
Grass And Hedge Cutting, Pruning
General Tidying Around Your Garden

C.R Whatley (01722) 337894

Charlton All Saints Garden Society

Barbara Box

Next meeting Monday 24th September 7.30 pm
Charlton Church Hall: Dave Manston will talk on sweet peas. I believe he is a well known expert.
Please come along - you need not be a member.

Regular Events

WI	Second Monday of the month, 10.00 am Radnor Hall, Bodenham
Junior Church	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 (7 & 21 September): Village Hut, Charlton 10.00 - 10.15 am Alternate Tuesdays (11 & 15 September): Brookmead, Britford 11.00 am; Radnor Arms, Nunton 11.20 am; Crossroads, Odstock 11.45 am

For Your Diary

3 September	Parochial Church Council meeting (Odstock with Nunton and Bodenham), in the Barker Room at 7.30 pm
4 September	Parochial Church Council meeting. (Charlton All Saints), in the Parish Church at 7.30 pm
5 September	Odstock Parish Council meeting, Radnor Hall
5 September	Chalke Deanery Eucharist to celebrate the tercentenary of the United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, in Nunton Parish Church at 7.30 pm
8 September	Britford Church and Churchyard Work Day 10 am to 3 pm
15 September	Dance at Radnor Hall, 7.30 pm
19 September	Parochial Church Council meeting (Britford), at Shelter Barn at 7.30 pm
22 September	Charlton Harvest Supper, Charlton Church Hall
24 September	Charlton Garden Society meeting, 7.30 pm Charlton Church Hall
1 October	Salisbury Cathedral Choir (Girls and Lay Vicars) in Concert at Britford Church, 7.30 pm
8 October	Fete AGM, 7.30 pm Radnor Hall
13 October	Charlton Autumn Fair, 2.00 pm Charlton Church Hall
3 November	Fireworks & Bonfire, Charlton, 6.00 pm
29, 30 November/1 Dec	Radnor Hall Show