

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again

April 1998

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

It is said of Henri Cartier-Bresson, the man who has revolutionised the world of photography, that he was a man who always went around with his eyes wide open. For him there was the constant reassuring natural rhythm of a Life Force behind all things. Every second the world dies only to rise again.

The seasons of the year, the flowers in the churchyard – that person digging the garden, the man on the bench, the stranger who joined you as you walked towards the village

Who are they – I wonder?

Annabel Tier

Church Services

Sunday 5 April	8.00 am	Holy Communion	BCP	GS	Nunton
Palm Sunday	9.30 am	Parish Communion	ASBB	GS	Britford
	11.00 am	Matins	BCP	WC	Odstock
	11.00 am	Parish Communion	ASBB	RR	Coombe
	6.00 pm	Evensong	BCP	GS	Homington
Thursday 9 April	7.00 pm	Commemoration of the Last Supper		GS	Charlton
Maundy Thursday					
Friday 10 April	9.30 am	Devotional Service		WC	Britford
Good Friday	11.00 am	Procession of Witness		GS/RR/WC	Coombe
	2.00 pm	Liturgy		GS	Nunton
Sunday 12 April	8.00 am	Holy Communion	BCP	TS	Homington
Easter Day	8.00 am	Holy Communion	BCP	GS	Britford
	9.30 am	Family Communion	ASBA	GS	Odstock
	9.30 am	Parish Communion	ASBA	TS	Charlton
	11.00 am	Family Communion		GS/WC	Coombe
Sunday 19 April	9.30 am	Parish Communion (JC)	ASBA	GS	Nunton
	9.30 am	Matins	BCP	WC	Charlton
	9.30 am	Matins	BCP	RR	Homington
	11.00 am	Parish Communion	BCP	GS	Coombe
	11.00 am	Matins	BCP	WC	Britford
Sunday 26 April	8.00 am	Holy Communion	BCP	GS	Homington
	9.30 am	Parish Communion	ASBA	GS	Charlton
	11.00 am	Matins	BCP	GS	Nunton
	11.00 am	Matins	BCP	AT	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.

Note: Our services on Good Friday include a Devotional Service at Britford, an ecumenical Procession of Witness at Coombe Bissett (beginning at the School) and the Liturgy for Good Friday at Nunton (this includes a distribution of Holy Communion reserved from our Maundy Thursday service).

From the Editor

This month's edition has been funded by one of our readers, and I am very grateful that you all keep the money coming! Following new arrangements for the photocopying of *News & Notes*, the monthly production cost has been reduced to £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. What a bargain! 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 May issue is Friday 17 April.

News from the Vicarage

It always seems to me that April is the month of Annual Church Meetings: almost my first official duty last year — less than twenty-four hours after my licensing — was to chair those in Britford! These meetings have an important role to play in the life of the ecclesiastical parish and so are worth attending, even if you are not a "meetings" person. The first one to be convened is the Annual Meeting of Parishioners (that is those whose names are on the church electoral roll of the parish as well as any others who are resident in the parish and whose names appear on the register of local government electors — an interesting historic anachronism!) which meets solely to elect churchwardens for the coming year. The second is the Annual Parochial Church Meeting at which representatives of the laity are elected to the Parochial Church Council; in addition, a number of reports are received which help us to reflect on the life of our church (summaries of which will have been distributed prior to the meetings). In order to vote at this meeting, however, your name must be on the church electoral roll — so please contact me if you are uncertain. The all important dates are as follows:

Tuesday 14 April — Odstock with Nunton and Bodenham — in the Barker Room at 7.00 pm.

Wednesday 29 April — Charlton All Saints — in Church at 7.30 pm.

Thursday 30 April — Britford — in the Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm.

A number of you attended last month's All Age Roadshow led by Jim Bailey. Following on from this there is to be a children's group called The Hot Cross Club. The first event will be on Saturday 25 April at Coombe Fellowship in Coombe Bissett, from 3.00 to 4.30 pm.

I have received a letter from the Alabaré Trust thanking you for all the help you have been giving them by donating food and groceries to support their work with the homeless. Further items may be left in the boxes in church.

The month of May has five Sundays so there is to be an Eastern Group Eucharist, this time at St Michael and All Angels, Coombe Bissett on 31 May — the Feast of Pentecost — beginning at 10.00 am. So please put the date in your diary. Graham Southgate

Holy Day in April

April 25th — St Mark the Evangelist — 8.00 am Holy Communion at Nunton.

From the Registers

Burials

On Monday 9 March at Odstock: William John Elliott (cremated remains).

On Wednesday 11 March at Nunton: Dorothy Ethel Shaves and William Henry Shaves (cremated remains).

Computer Vouchers

Tesco and Sainsbury's are currently giving away computer vouchers when you shop at their stores. Our local schools of Britford and Odstock would be very grateful to receive these, as they can be swapped for much needed computer equipment.

Welcome

Welcome to Freya Jessica Daisy, born on 23 February to Pippa and Colin Crosthwaite of Maple Cottage, Odstock, a little sister for Eleanor.

WI

On 9 March Mrs Jill Johnson welcomed members and our VCO Mrs Jo Pearson. Our scrabble and skittles teams continue to do well. We now have 31 members. 3 members will attend the Agenda Conference on 27 April.

The next meeting will be on 20th April as the 13th is Easter Bank Holiday. Mrs Marjorie Williams will talk about "A Visit to Japan". If you have any ideas of a venue for our Summer Outing on Monday 20 July please tell Mrs Joy Saunders.

Mrs Jo Pearson, who restarted our Institute 10 years ago (after we had been "in suspension" for 2 years owing to falling membership), said how delighted she was to know that we are now thriving, with many interests apart from our meetings. Mrs Sue Bourne was unanimously re-elected as President.

The flower of the month competition was won by Mrs Patti English with a lovely pink bergenia. Jill Bulpitt was the winner of a light-hearted quiz.

London Marathon

Bernard Stubbs has a place in the London Marathon. He is raising money for Salisbury Diabetic Association. If you want to sponsor him, please ring him on 01722 330006. Many thanks.

Cheryl Dunford will also be running in the Marathon, on behalf of Inspire, the locally-based spinal injury research appeal, and also for Crisis, the London-based charity for the homeless. If anyone wishes to sponsor her, please telephone her on 01722 412964.

For Sale

The easy way to keep your garden in shape this Summer! For sale: Flymo 10 hp ride-on tractor mower with grass collector; electric hover mower; petrol strimmer; electric garden blower/vac - will split or a "deal" for the lot. For details ring David on 01725 512262 (Charlton All Saints).

New Premises for Wiltshire Red Cross

Wiltshire Red Cross has recently moved to a new Headquarters in Gains Lane, Devizes.

Please call us if you think we can be of help. If we cannot help you directly, we will always put you in touch with someone who can. In addition to all our regular services we now operate a "Duty Officer Scheme". This means there is a member of staff who is always on hand to issue equipment if it is needed outside normal working hours.

To help fund services we rely on income raised during Red Cross Week, 3-9 May 1998. Thank you to all our collectors and donors. If you have a couple of hours to spare and would like to help by collecting for us, or indeed if you would like more information on any of our services, please telephone us. Our new telephone number is 01380 730131.

Southwark Pensioners

The annual visit of the Southwark Pensioners will be from 19 - 23 June. We hope to welcome 10-12 men and women with two helpers and a driver. Any offers of help or suggestions for things to do would be very welcome. We are having a meeting to arrange a programme for them on 14 May at 7.30 pm at Debby Underhill's house (Lower Nunton Farmhouse). Enquiries to Carole Stratton on 01722 329720.

Parents

Are your children aged 5 to 14 years? Do you want to set up a playscheme, Saturday club or after school activity for your children? We can help with grants, training and support. Interested? Want to know more? Contact Paul Dixon/Sarah Taylor, Community First - Play Development, Wyndhams, St Joseph's Place, Devizes, SN10 1DD, tel/fax 01380 724844.

Rubbish Skip

A skip is to be located at the Britford Depot for residents to deposit items that cannot be taken by the dust card, for one week - Saturday 18 April - Saturday 25 April.

The Leukaemia Research Fund

In spite of several anxious moments prior to the South American Evening at the Radnor Hall on 21 March in aid of the Leukaemia Research Fund, it was indeed a very enjoyable event. Rupert Attlee's particular style of presentation of his amazing slides, together with appropriate music and anecdotes, won the hearts and admiration of the audience. Peter Ford's splendid auctioneering skills helped swell the fund by £174. The system adopted for the "Over the Top" Raffle did not bore, and the value and quality of prizes surprised. The event more than **doubled** its target of £500. Thank you to everyone who contributed so generously. JD

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

'Christianity - Boring, Untrue or Irrelevant?'

**Curious? Sceptical? Uncertain? Not coping?
You need to do Alpha!**

THE CHURCHES OF COOMBE BISSETT are combining to hold an Alpha Course to be held at
**Ebble Lodge, Bishopstone
on Friday 3rd April at 7.30pm**

It will begin with an invitational supper and short video.

This is for YOU, not just for churchgoers!

Please Come!

So what is an Alpha Course?

For details, please contact:
John Fergusson - 01722 780255,
or Graham Southgate - 01722 330628.

Dates for your Diary

30 March	Charlton Garden Society "Bees" 7.30 pm Charlton Church Hall
3 April	Charlton Web Event
14 April	Odstock, Nunton & Bodenham PCC AGM, Barker Room 7.00 pm
25 April	Hot Cross Club meeting
29 April	Charlton PCC AGM, Church Hall 7.30 pm
30 April	Britford PCC AGM, Memorial Hall 7.30 pm
14 May	Southwark Pensioners' meeting, Lower Nunton Farmhouse 7.30 pm
19-23 June	Southwark Pensioners' visit

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 (10 & 24 Apr): Village Hut, Charlton 9.45 am Alternate Tuesdays (14 & 28 Apr): Brookmead, Britford 10.10 am Post Office, Bodenham 10.30 am Radnor Arms, Nunton 10.45 am Crossroads, Odstock 11.15 am