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AN EASTER PEOPLE!

Graham Southgate

Come on then, admit it! How many of you - even, perhaps, as you were throwing out the wrappings from the Easter eggs - wondered why Easter doesn't seem the same as it was in days gone by. "We live in times of change", is a comment that must have been made by successive generations and, of course, it is again true this year. Today the joy that we might feel as the seasons proceed is tempered by uncertainty about what is happening both in the world and especially in the English countryside we know so well. Yet people change as well and - for whatever the reason - for some, the outlook simply looks bleak.

How similar it must have been for Jesus' disciples. Those were dark days indeed when evil appeared to triumph: the master betrayed by the kiss of peace, and his followers deserting him and fleeing. Yet the Christian message is not one of giving up hope: what joy for them when the subsequent events vindicated all that Jesus had been and said. God demonstrated that no one would ever be cast off; that humanity would never be alone; that we would never be removed from the love of God and the saving action of Christ on the cross.

It is these same experiences which we shared during March and April, through the events of Holy Week and finally in the joy of celebrating Jesus' Resurrection. But after that it seems as if we want things to fall a little flat: "Why are we still singing Easter hymns then, vicar? That was three weeks ago!" And then some wonder why "Easter isn't like it used to be." Easter Day marks the first of the great fifty days of celebration allowing us to think deeply about the power of the Resurrection and preparing us for the events the Ascension (on 24 May) and Pentecost (on 3 June). So please consider what the Easter proclamation means in your life: the miracle of resurrection lies not only in the triumph of Jesus over death, but also in the Christian experience of being born again with Christ through the waters of baptism and the power of the Holy Spirit.

And only when the fifty days are completed can the Easter Candle be stripped of its decorations and returned to its place by the font!

Church Services

Sunday 6 May	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	WC	Nunton
Easter 4	9.30 am	Parish Communion	GS	Britford
	11.00 am	Parish Communion	KC	Coombe
	6.00 pm	Evensong (BCP)	GS	Homington
Sunday 13 May	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	WC	Homington
Easter 5	9.30 am	Parish Communion (JC)	GS	Odstock
	11.00 am	Family Service	GS	Coombe
	11.00 am	Matins (BCP)	WC	Charlton
Sunday 20 May	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	WC	Britford
Easter 6	9.30 am	Morning Service	WC	Homington
	9.30 am	Parish Communion (JC)	GS	Nunton
	11.00 am	Parish Communion (BCP)	GS	Coombe
Sunday 27 May	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	GS	Homington
Easter 7	9.30 am	Parish Communion	GS	Charlton
	11.00 am	Matins (BCP)	WC	Coombe
	11.00 am	Morning Service	GS	Odstock
Sunday 3 June	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	GS	Nunton
Pentecost	9.30 am	Parish Communion	WC	Britford
	11.00 am	Parish Communion	GS	Coombe
	6.00 pm	Evensong (BCP)	WC	Homington

Note: All Communion services are *Common Worship* liturgies, except those indicated BCP, which come from the *Book of Common Prayer*

From the Editor

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From the Registers

Holy Baptism

On 8 April at Nunton: Emeline Jeanne Heather
Youenn Peter Urquhart

On 15 April at Britford: Virginia Ann Otton.

Burials

On 2 April at Nunton: Royce Cutler (cremated remains)

On 18 April at Nunton: Harold Geoffrey Male (cremated remains).

Holy Days in May

1 **Saints Philip and James**, Apostles, Holy Communion at Nunton, 8.00 am

14 **Saint Matthias**, Apostle 8.00 am Holy Communion at Nunton.

The three **Rogation Days** fall on Monday 21, Tuesday 22, and Wednesday 23 May.

24 **Ascension Day** 8.00 am Holy Communion at Coombe Bissett.

7.30 pm Chalke Deanery Eucharist and Confirmation Service at Dinton.

31 **Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth** 8.00 am Holy Communion at Nunton.

Attention Information Required!

Has anyone got old photographs, correspondence and other paperwork relating to the history of Charlton All Saints in general, and All Saints Church in particular? Access to such information would be much appreciated in preparing a booklet for publication later this year in conjunction with 150th anniversary celebrations referred to above.

Michael Pearce has already produced a first draft, but local residents and others are encouraged to contribute information, anecdotes and any other relevant material.

In the first instance, please contact Ian Ashworth on 01725 510459.

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Diane Wait

On Monday 9 April, Mrs Sue Bourne (President) welcomed members and guests to the Radnor Hall. The President's table looked very attractive with a lovely floral display of yellow spring flowers provided by Mrs Joy Saunders. Mrs Jean Van Hagen (Secretary) read out the minutes of the AGM and also notices of future events. In particular she referred to the Downland Group meeting which will be held on Monday 14 May at 2pm in Whiteparish Village Hall. Details of the annual competition will be discussed at the meeting and it is hoped that we will be well represented on that occasion. Joy Saunders reported that members had enjoyed the wonderful production of *Macbeth* and confirmed that she has booked tickets for the French comedy *The Miser*. Julia Joynt was warmly welcomed to the committee as our new Treasurer.

There was then a brief discussion about the forthcoming summer outing and Judith Johnson came up with four suggestions. We were also asked to come up with any ideas for a suitable venue and a decision will be made at the next meeting. Sue Bourne was pleased to report that our scrabble team has won every match so far with only one left to play. This is quite an achievement and we congratulate all team members. She also confirmed that she and Judy Barke will be representing us in the Round Robin Tennis Tournament which takes place on 12 June. We all wish you well and hope you have a very enjoyable day - maybe there will be a trophy to show members!

Mrs Doreen Osmond was delighted to report the Mr Simon Lole has kindly agreed that choristers from the Cathedral will sing at the annual garden party.

Sue Bourne won flower of the month competition with a truly beautiful white camellia.

After the coffee break we were treated to an enchanting talk by Mr David Smith, who is warden in charge of Kingston Lacy. It concerned a young lady called Beatrice Christopher who was born in 1892. He charted her life with the help of her own hand-written diaries, albums and delightful poems, which even now sound very up to date! She became a parlour maid at Kingston Lacy in 1910 and through her diaries we were able to learn about her eventful and very full life. He showed us slides and photographs of her with her family and also friends and some of the lovely places she visited while working for the Banks family. Mrs Banks in particular treated Beatrice very well. It was a very nostalgic story and I feel that it would translate very well to film. Doreen Osmond thanked Mrs Smith very much for bringing Beatrice so vividly to life and his talk was thoroughly enjoyed by one and all.

The next meeting on 14 May at the Radnor Hall will concern the Resolutions to be formally debated in Cardiff in June. It is hoped that several members will be attending this important event.

In the next issue of *News & Notes*, I will be reporting on an event which took place towards the end of April involving a number of dedicated members who

volunteered to help in a general clear up operation in the locality! For the moment I will say no more, but will be writing in more detail in the June edition.

Parish Council for Charlton

Michael Chandler, Parish Councillor for Charlton All Saints

Now that the County Council has approved its budget for the forthcoming financial year 2001 - 2002, there is to be a new initiative aimed at improving the standard of highway maintenance with the assistance of Parish Councils.

In essence, the County Council through its Term Maintenance contractor Ringway Parkman is arranging for maintenance teams called "Flying Lengthsmen" to visit each council area for two or three days, three to four times a year, when they will tackle jobs which are at the top of the local priority list. Works will include ditch and grip cleaning, (for all golfers this does not include your clubs), sign cleaning, hedge cutting and pot holing.

From April 2001, this will mean that the local councils have some control over what work gets done.

In order to implement these new arrangements it will be necessary for each parish to nominate a local co-ordinator that the Lengthsmen will contact prior to their visit. As your Parish Councillor I have been given that job for Charlton All Saints, by the Parish Council.

Over the coming weeks it is intended that I will be provided with further details of the scheme including an inventory of our local roads and a programme for the parish visit.

Could you all give some thought as to how we can best use this opportunity and let me have your ideas from time to time so that, when our turn comes, I have a schedule of jobs which I can discuss with them.

Britford Parish Council

The Annual General Meeting of Britford Parish will take place at the Britford Memorial Hall on the High Road on 6 June 2001 at 7.00 pm.

Foot and Mouth

Longford Estate

We would like to thank those of you who kindly observed precautions that were taken during the current Foot & Mouth epidemic, with regard to the closure of the loop road between Nunton Village & Odstock Village.

We would also like to thank you for observing the restrictions on Footpaths, Bridleways and Byways, that are still operative under Wiltshire County Council guidelines.

Many thanks.

Stop Press At time of writing, some footpaths are likely to be opened as agreed with Wiltshire County Council.

Sarsen Trail hit by Foot and Mouth

Wiltshire Wildlife Trust's biggest fundraising event of the year, the Sarsen Trail and Neolithic Marathon, has become a casualty of the foot and mouth crisis, the nature conservation charity has announced. Now it's its 13th year,

the Trail, which attracts over 2,000 walkers and runners, was scheduled to take place on Sunday 6 May.

The money raised by the Sarsen Trail was to be used partly to fund the Trust's advisory work with farmers who want to become more environmentally friendly. Ironically, the disease which caused its cancellation has shown that the need for such work has never been more urgent.

The Trust's Director, Dr Gary Mantle MBE, is urging a radical rethink of the way Britain farms livestock: "The foot and mouth crisis highlights the need for a move away from the industrial system of farming, and particularly the long-distance movement of livestock," he said.

The Trail is a 26 mile cross-country route between Avebury and Stonehenge. The Trust's Chair, Mrs Geraldine Wimble, said: "The Trust has had to take the sad decision to cancel its main fundraising event, as a result of this crisis in the wider countryside. The Trust has no means of recovering the £30,000+ that the Sarsen Trail was expected to raise, as it was not practical to insure it."

Dr Mantle added: "The loss of the Sarsen Trail and Neolithic Marathon, our big fundraiser of the year, is a serious blow to the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust. We are appealing to all those who have registered to do the walk or run the marathon, to convert their registration into a gift aid donation and ask their sponsors if they would be prepared to make a donation."

St Peter's Church, Britford "Pass-it-On" Stewardship Campaign



St Peter's Church, Britford will be running a stewardship campaign for three weeks in May. The campaign, known as **Pass-it-On**, will be launched at the 9.30 am Parish

Communion on Sunday 6 May and will involve the whole community. It will enable St Peter's PCC to communicate their future plans and hopes for the Church to every household in Britford and invite their support.

Further information about Pass-it-On can be obtained from Mrs Daphne Scamell (01722 334858) or Mrs Judy Sturdy (01722 335969).

Young Musicians' Concert

As part of the Charlton All Saints Church 150th anniversary celebrations, the senior pupils of Forres Sandle Manor School, Fordingbridge, under their Director of Music, David Andrews, will give a concert in the Church Hall at 6.30 pm on Tuesday, 3 July, 2001. It will be one hour in length and the oldest musician taking part will be under 14. Since some of the players are prizewinners in the recent Salisbury Music Festival and some are already in the Hampshire County Youth Jazz Band, of which David Andrews is the Director, the standard of music on offer and the range of musical styles and periods will astonish those who are sensible enough to come. Admission free, retiring collection. The concert will end very soon after or at 7.30 so that the children can be back at their school by 8.30 pm.

Charlton All Saints Garden Society

At this month's meeting on Monday 21 May at Charlton Church Hall at 7.30 pm, Barry Perrett will talk about "The Flowers of Martin Down". Future events include a July Garden Party and on 24 September, Dave Manston will discuss "Sweet Peas".

Wiltshire Air Ambulance Appeal

The Wiltshire Air Support Unit is a joint project between the Wiltshire Ambulance Service NHS Trust and the Wiltshire Constabulary. The Air Ambulance side of the project is funded by charity through the Wiltshire Air Ambulance Appeal.

This charity was established in 1990 with the sole purpose of raising funds to keep the Wiltshire Air Ambulance flying. The charity has to raise around £200,000 a year - that's equivalent to £3,847 every week. This calculates at less than 35 pence per person (total population of Wiltshire = 688,000).

Everyone in Wiltshire has a stake in the Ambulance, an essential and unique service that serves all the people of Wiltshire. It is there for those life and death situations where the speed of the helicopter and the skill of the crews play a major part in the outcome of the patient.

Centrally based in Devizes, the helicopter can be scrambled and in the air in two minutes and can reach the farthest part of our county within 11 minutes. It is never more than 8 minutes away from a major receiving hospital.

In the 10 years the Air Ambulance has been in operation, it has flown more than 5,000 missions and airlifted more than 1,000 people to hospital for emergency medical treatment.

In October 1998, the Wiltshire Air Support Unit said goodbye to its old Bolkow 105 helicopter and took delivery of the new state-of-the-art US-built Boeing twin-turbine MD902 Explorer Helicopter.

As well as being even faster than its predecessor, the Explorer is much quieter; this is mainly due to there being no tail rotor. The new aircraft has 80 per cent more cabin space and can sit up to 8 people. Under normal working conditions it will carry one stretcher and three passengers.

If you want to help the Wiltshire Air Ambulance, contact:

Steve Chesworth, Wiltshire Air Ambulance Appeal, Dorman House, Malmesbury Road, Chippenham, Wiltshire SN15 5LN, tel 01249 463431, fax 01249 444942, email wiltshire.airambulanceappeal@virgin.net, website www.wiltshireairambulance.co.uk.

Odstock Nunton and Bodenham Fete 2007

Thursday	July 5 th	Wine Tasting Evening
Friday	6 th	Skittles and Barbecue
Sunday	8 th	Bike Ride
		Car Boot Sale
Friday	13 th	Peter Pod and the Peas
Saturday	14 th	Grand Fete
		Raft Race

Planning for this year's fete is well and truly underway. Every year we raise a substantial amount for village causes and we hope to do the same this year.

We need your help and support to make the fete a success.

- Stall holders
- Volunteers before, during and after all the above events
- Donated prizes for the Grand Draw and other competitions

If you would like to help, or have a prize you can donate (or both) please contact Brian Clake on 01722 340261.

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, 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
Parent & Toddler	Every Friday 9.30 - 11.30 am, Ebble Pre-school mobile, Odstock School
Mobile Library	Alternate Fridays: Village Hut, Charlton 10.00 - 10.15 am Alternate Tuesdays: Brookmead, Britford 10.35 am, Post Office, Bodenham 10.55 am Radnor Arms, Nunton 11.10 am Crossroads, Odstock 11.35 am

For Your Diary

10 May	Nunton, Odstock & Bodenham Annual Parish Meeting, Radnor Hall
21 May	Charlton Garden Society, Charlton Church Hall 7.30 pm
6 June	Britford Parish Council AGM, Britford Memorial Hall 7.00 pm
30 June	Grand Charlton Barbecue
3 July	Young Musicians' Concert, Charlton Church Hall 6.30 pm
14 July	Odstock, Nunton & Bodenham Fete