

News & Notes

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Three in One

Syd Willcox

No, I have not got my dates mixed and this title does not refer to Trinity Sunday, but to Easter Sunday 2000 - 23 April, because this Easter we in England will be commemorating three people.

First of all we remember St George, our Patron Saint, whose Feast Day this is. We know very little about St George except that he was a brave soldier who lived in the 4th century and that he died a martyr's death at Lydda, near Jerusalem. Many legends grew up around him and it was the influence of the Crusaders that led to him becoming England's Patron Saint.

Secondly we remember William Shakespeare, our National Bard, who died on this day, three days before his 52nd birthday. He was recently voted "Man of the Millennium" by listeners to Radio 4's Today programme. In his comparatively short life he wrote 38 plays and scores of poems. Many were full

of wit and humour and pithy phrases that have become part of our national depository of knowledge. In his skills as a dramatist, he was a man before his time, in his use of rapidly changing short scenes which in our own age have been incorporated into film and television techniques.

But the person we most remember is Jesus, whose victory over death and sin we celebrate on this day. Jesus wielded no sword as did St George and, although the pen is said to be "mightier than the sword", Jesus did not leave one written word behind him. And yet his gospel (good news) is still preached and printed today all over the world and his power has done more to shape the course of history than any military might or any literary, philosophical or political movement. This, I am sure, is due to the unique events of that first Easter Day, when a man who appeared to have been totally crushed, returned to bring new life and new power to his followers.

A Joyful Easter to you all.

Church Services

Sunday 2 April Lent 4	8.00 am	Holy Communion	WC	Nunton
	9.30 am	Parish Communion	WC	Britford
	11.00 am	Mothering Sunday Family Service	GS	Coombe
	3.00 pm	Mothering Sunday Family Service	GS	Nunton
	6.00 pm	Evensong	KC	Homington
Sunday 9 April Lent 5	8.00 am	Holy Communion	WC	Homington
	9.30 am	Parish Communion (JC)	GS	Odstock
	11.00 am	Parish Communion	WC	Coombe
	11.00 am	Matins	GS	Charlton
Sunday 16 April Palm Sunday	9.30 am	Matins	GS	Homington
	9.30 am	Parish Communion (JC)	WC	Nunton
	11.00 am	Parish Communion	WC	Coombe
	3.00 pm	Afternoon Service	GS	Britford
Maundy Thursday 20 April	7.30 pm	Parish Communion	GS	Charlton
Friday 21 April Good Friday	12.00 noon	Devotional Service	GS	Coombe
	12.00 noon	Devotional Service	WC	Britford
	2.00 pm	The Liturgy	WC	Odstock
Sunday 23 April Easter Day	8.00 am	Holy Communion	GS	Homington
	9.30 am	Parish Communion	WC	Charlton
	9.30 am	Parish Communion	GS	Britford
	11.00 am	Parish Communion	GS	Coombe
	11.00 am	Family Communion	WC	Nunton
Sunday 30 April Easter 2	10.00 am	Parish Communion	WC/GS	Britford
Sunday 7 May Easter 3	8.00 am	Holy Communion	GS	Nunton
	9.30 am	Parish Communion	WC	Britford
	11.00 am	Parish Communion	WC	Coombe
	6.00 pm	Evensong	GS	Homington

From the Editor

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News from the Vicarage

Graham Southgate (01722) 330628

Firstly, a reminder that our lent project is HOPE AND HOMES FOR CHILDREN. This charity is based near Salisbury and was started by Colonel Mark Cook after his return from service in Bosnia. The most innocent victims in any war are children and very often their suffering is greater than that of any others because they often lose both homes and parents. Mark was so distressed by the plight of the children he encountered in Bosnia that he left the Army and set up this charity to provide homes and care for such children. Lent boxes are still available from me if you would like to contribute to the work of this organisation. Alternatively, you may wish to attend a Lent Lunch at the Vicarage in Nunton on Saturday 8 April, from 12 noon until 2 pm.

Secondly, you still have two chances left to attend one of our churches' Annual Meetings:

at The Memorial Hall, Britford on 5th April
at the Barker Room, Nunton on 10th April

Finally, there are five Sundays in April and it is Britford's turn to host the group service. This will be a Parish Communion, beginning at 10 am.

Britford Millennium Weekend - 24/25 June

Rod Shipsey

We had a very good response from villagers to our first meeting when it was agreed that a Barn Dance and Spit Roast would be held on the evening of Saturday 24 June. On the afternoon of Sunday 25 June, a Village Tea Party will be held for villagers and their families only.

Both of these events will take place on the Village Green by kind permission of Mr & Mrs Mike Chaplain. More details will be announced in the near future.

Additional Holy Days in April

20 *Maundy Thursday* 7.30 pm Parish Communion at Charlton All Saints

21 *Good Friday* 12.00 Service of the First Hour at Britford.

2.00 pm The Liturgy of the Last Hour (with Holy Communion) at Odstock.

N.B. this year Saint George's day is transferred to 2 May.

From the Registers

Burials

At Charlton All Saints:

Kathleen and James Duckworth (cremated remains) on 29 January 2000

Mary Evelyn Kenchington (cremated remains) on 6 March 2000

At Britford:

Alfred Henry Mogg on 13 March 2000

Britford Cleaning Day

The PCC is holding another Cleaning Day at St Peter's Church, Britford on 29 April from 10 am onwards. Anyone wanting to help please come along - if possible with your own tools.

Britford Plant Sale

On Saturday 6 May there will be a Plant Sale in Britford Village Hall from 1.30 pm - 4.30 pm. There will be other stalls - bric-a-brac, books etc, and coffee and tea will be available. Contributions to the sale would be most welcome. For further information, please phone 01722 334858.

Arthritis Care

Do you have Arthritis? Would you like to be in full control of your life and your arthritis? Why not come along to a Challenging Arthritis Course, an arthritis care self-management programme! This course runs over 6 two and a half-hour sessions once a week and costs £2 per session. The first session is on Wednesday 17 May 2000 at 11 am in the Methodist Church, St Edmund's Church Street, Salisbury. The course leaders, who have arthritis, have participated in one of these courses. They have also attended an intense residential course to enable them to deliver these courses successfully. For more information, please contact Chris on 10980 624993 or Georgina on 01980 633732.

Odstock Easter Lilies

Caroline Cooper is collecting donations towards the cost of Easter lilies to decorate Odstock Church. If you would like to contribute, then please contact Caroline at Holly Lodge, Yew Tree Lane, Odstock.

Wanted

First or second Trombone. Playable, but good looks not essential. Telephone Mick Hill on 01722 335540.

The Journey of a Lifetime

Seven villages come together to celebrate the true meaning of the Millennium with a Journey of a Lifetime in the Tarrant Valley on Sunday 7 May. Special events are taking place in seven of the Tarrant villages including displays, presentations, music, drama, Desert Island Hymns, and Gospel Question Time to mark the birth of Christ 2000 years ago.

Visitors are invited to travel through the picturesque Tarrant Valley, stopping off at the many activities on their way. Enjoy the walk through the beautiful valley, or travel by car or bicycle and take part in this Journey of a Lifetime.

The event has been organised by Jimmy Hamilton-Brown. He said, "I was worrying what the Church would do to celebrate the Millennium. This idea came to me whilst I was asleep, in a dream."

We want to show the connection between the Millennium and the birth of Jesus and give people a deeper understanding of its meaning.

The Journey starts with Creation at the top of the Valley, moving on to the Coming of Jesus in the middle. Towards the end of the Journey, people will find out what churches get up to today.

Everyone is welcome. Refreshments, parking and toilets en route. For further details and programmes, contact Jimmy Hamilton-Brown on 01258 453939.

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News from Odstock School

Paul Niblett

* Many thanks to all the community who have donated tokens from Books for Schools, Maths Equipment, Time Software and Tesco's. We are still collecting these and hope to reach our target of 100 new books, 100 of maths equipment, 20 computer programmes and computer data logging equipment by Easter.

* A special thanks to the Fete Committee whose donation has enabled us to buy 100 new non-fiction books for our library. This is currently being refurbished with new shelving, furniture and carpeting from our 'post OFSTED' grant.

* A plea - our kitchen has recently been redecorated but what would really make the difference is a replacement cooker. The existing one was donated nearly 8 years ago so if you are having a new cooker installed could your old one be of use to your local school?

* The school is very excited about the visit of Alan Wells OBE, Director of the Basic Skills Agency to formally present our Quality Mark. Odstock School is now being used as an example of 'good practice' for other schools in Wiltshire to follow.

London Marathon

Bernard Stubbs

Many of you will know that I have run seven previous London Marathons and had made a decision that I would do no more sponsored marathons. I was very disappointed when I ran into trouble in the 1999 race and needed help from the St John Ambulance team to enable me to finish, albeit in my slowest time. I have, therefore, decided to run one more competitive race, not only to prove to myself that I can achieve a faster time, but also to raise money for the St John Ambulance charity, without whose valuable support I would not have been able to complete the race. I hope to be able to divide the money between the local branch and the London headquarters that organised blood glucose testing stations for diabetics last year for the first time. Please telephone me on 01722 330006 if you would like to sponsor me.

Downton Link

Anne Blake

The Link Coffee Pot opens on 8 May on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays to offer coffee, chat and company from 10.00 am - 12.00 noon at Downton Memorial Hall. Transport is available by telephoning Downton Link on 01725-513807. This new venture needs your support please! We look forward to your company.



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Revd Dr Graham Southgate, Nunton Vicarage 01722 330628 (Day off - Fri)
Nunton - Harry Joynt 01722 329782 Odstock - Peter Martin 01722 329743
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Regular Events

WI

Junior Church

Tiny Tots

Whist Drive

Bingo

Singing Group

Ebble Pre-school

Mobile Library

Second Monday of the month, 10.00 am Barker Room, Nunton
To coincide with 9.30 am services at Nunton or Odstock Churches, held at the Barker Room, contact Adrian Taylor on 01722 325862
Every Wednesday, 2 - 4 pm The Radnor Hall, Bodenham
Every Thursday, 7.30 pm Barker Room, Nunton
Every Friday, 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm The Orchard, Nunton
Every Monday, 8.00 pm, contact Adrian Taylor on 01722 325862
Monday-Thursday 9.00 am - 12.30 contact Sharon Chandler 01722 329719
Alternate Fridays (7 & 21 April): Village Hut, Charlton 9.45 am
Alternate Tuesdays (11 & 25 April): Brookmead, Britford 10.35 am
Post Office, Bodenham 10.55 am Radnor Arms, Nunton 11.10 am
Crossroads, Odstock 11.35 am

Dates for your Diary

8 April

10 April

11 April

29 April

6 May

7 May

24 & 25 June

1 July

8 July

Lent Lunch, Nunton Vicarage 12 noon
Odstock with Nunton & Bodenham PCC Annual Meeting, Barker Room 7.30 pm
Britford PCC Annual Meeting, Britford Village Hall 7.30 pm
Britford Church Cleaning Day from 10.00 am
Britford Plant Sale, Britford Village Hall 1.30 pm - 4.30 pm
Journey of a Lifetime, Tarrant Valley
Britford Millennium Weekend
Charlton Village Barbecue
Nunton, Odstock & Bodenham Fete