

News and Notes

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New Starts

For many, September is all about “new starts” – children and grandchildren changing schools, going to university, children leaving home, partners retiring, all sorts of changes that we face during our lives.

For many, the excitement and preparations, the worry and expectation (and sometimes the fact that we don’t know what to expect) are the first steps on an adventure that just goes on getting better and better. We meet new people, our horizons are broadened and we never look back with regret (with affection, yes, but not with a need to revisit the past).

Sometimes the initial excitement wears off after a few months and we are back to just plodding along – often quite happily. Not exciting, but not boring either. The new start may not be all that we wanted from it, but on the whole, everything is quite acceptable.

But sometimes the change has been an absolute disaster and we are faced with a set of problems made worse by being in a new situation and we regret what we have left behind and wish we could go back. What do we do then?

Well, personally, I don’t think that it is any good pretending that everything is OK and “if I don’t think about it, it will all just go away” (I’ve tried that and it doesn’t work!) We need courage to face up to things – is the situation as bad as we think or are we being unrealistic in our expectations? Are people really being unfriendly or are we expecting too much too soon? Are things really at a standstill or do we expect changes to happen too quickly? Is our enthusiasm just too overbearing for others?

After asking these questions and answering them honestly, what do we do if everything is still a disaster and we know that we have made a mistake? What should we always do when in need of guidance?

Pray....pray....and pray again.....and listen to the answers...(that’s the difficult bit).

“The Lord himself will lead you. He will not fail you or abandon you, so do not lose courage or be afraid.” Deuteronomy 31 v8

Church of England Services

Sunday 7th September Trinity 12	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion Parish Communion Evensong (BCP)	Nunton Britford Coombe Homington	WC DH WC WC
Sunday 14th September Holy Cross	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am 11.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion (JC) Family Service Harvest Festival Morning Service	Homington Odstock Coombe Charlton	WC DH WC DH
Sunday 21st September Matthew	8.00 am 9.30 am 9.30 am 11.00 am	Holy Communion BCP Parish Communion (JC) Morning Service Parish Communion BCP	Britford Nunton Homington Coombe	WC DH/AB WC WC
Sunday 28th September Trinity 15	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am 11.00 am	Holy Communion BCP Parish Communion Morning Service Patronal Festival Matins BCP	Homington Charlton Odstock Coombe	WC WC AdT DH
DH = The Revd Canon David Henley, WC = The Revd Westley Cole, AdT = Mr Adrian Taylor AB = Mr Alan Beale				

From the Editor

This is my last issue as editor, and I should like to say thank you to our band of willing helpers who have lightened my load over the last 9 years. In particular, I would like to thank Jackie for photocopying News & Notes every month, Neil for handling the money, a string of Charltonians for doing the job of stapling (currently Liz), and for the various distributors around the villages. You have all helped me enormously, and I really couldn't have done it without you all!

From now on, Adrian Taylor will be taking over as editor. His telephone number is 01722 325862, and his email address is vcmtaylor@msn.com. Monetary donations should be sent to our Treasurer, Neil Guttridge, Court-Hay, Lower Road, Charlton All Saints, Salisbury SP5 4HQ, telephone 01725 511468. The deadline for the October edition is Friday 19th September.

Holy Matrimony

At Wilton on 2nd August: Capt Nicholas E G Wilby 9/12L of Nunton and Alison Louise Clark.

Holy Days In September

29th St Michael and All Angels Coombe Bissett, which will be celebrated with Holy Communion beginning at 8 am.

Graham Southgate's Farewell Party

Denis Blake

On the brilliantly sunny evening of 1st August, about 30 people gathered in the church hall of Charlton All Saints to drink a glass or five of wine, eat merrily of the wonderful display of goodies organised by Pam Cox and, by the way, to bid our own little parish goodbye to our Vicar. We were able to present him with two of his favourite roses all ready in containers, Maiden's Blush and Queen of Denmark, and a very substantial cheque so that he could buy masses more bare-rooted roses at the proper time of year after he had prepared the ground at Bratton - mulch, manure and all that. It was grand that the huge card accompanying the gift was signed by all those who had contributed. It was a great evening and we hope Graham will remember us all the time he is planting, dead-heading, spraying and so forth in the future!

Appointment of New Team Vicar

David Henley

Officially, nothing could happen until after Graham Southgate's departure. A committee has already met to produce the draft Parish Profile and job description and this will be approved by the Team Council on 2nd September. An advertisement will then appear in the Church Times on 19th September. The plan is to interview in November. A successful candidate may then need to give their previous parish 3 months notice.

Chalke Valley Team Administrator

David Henley

Following Peter Hornsby's article in July and the meeting of the Team Council, it has been agreed to set up a part-time lay post of Team Administrator, as recommended in previous reports. The post will be 15 hours per week, operating from a Team Office at Knapp Farmhouse. David and Gwen Hitchings have very kindly donated what was their office, which is on the main road out of Broad Chalke towards Fifield Bavant. Office furniture and a computer have been donated and a telephone fitted. Half the salary and office running costs are being met by regular anonymous gifts and the nine PCCs are being asked to share the rest on an "ability to pay" basis.

The office will usually be manned, but there will be occasions when the Administrator will be out and about the parishes. Office hours initially will be: Wednesday 10am - 4pm, Thursday and Friday 1pm - 4pm. The Administrator will also have a further 3 hours to cover evening meetings around the valley. The assistance is for the whole team - churchwardens and treasurers as well as clergy - and personally I believe it will be a great help to free us up to get on with the job of mission and pastoral care.

Several excellent candidates applied for the job and after a series of interviews I am delighted to appoint Mrs Janet Roe (already editor of Chalke Talk). Janet will start in September and if you have not yet met her, I am sure you soon will. One person cannot do everything (certainly not on 15 hours per week), but a major role is supporting and working with volunteers up and down the valley. This will require flexibility as we discover how to use her and other people's time and energy most effectively.

Thank you to everyone who has made this valuable initiative possible.

Office Address (from Wednesday 10th September):
Chalke Valley Team Office, Knapp Farmhouse,
Broad Chalke SP5 5HH Tel 01722 781112

Cwm Garw Welsh Male Voice Choir

From Pontycymer near Bridgend, Glamorgan, Wales

St Lawrence's Church, Downton

Saturday 1st November at 7.00 pm

Save money and secure a seat by booking in advance at special rates of £5, OAPs and children £4. Door price £6 with no concessions

*Tickets from Chris Pitts, 8 Green Lane, Downton
SP5 3SY 01725 510646; Mike Hooper 01725
511467; Bob Plasket 01725 511258; Karl Jung
01425 655724. Cheques crossed and payable to
Downton Band please.*

Nunton Church and Churchyard Cleaning and Maintenance Days

Harry Joynt & Adrian Taylor - Churchwardens

Having missed out on our usual spring or early summer cleaning day this year, we are planning two dates in September, so as to give a choice:

Saturday 20th September 10.00 am to noon

Saturday 27th September 10.00 am to noon

All fit and willing regular and occasional churchgoers – and all ages – welcome to lend a hand. The more the merrier and some please bring a bucket and cloth.

Charlton Garden Society

Barbara Box

Forthcoming attractions at the Garden Society, at Charlton Church Hall from 7.30 pm include:

29th September – Maggie McDonald “Green Sustainable Growth”

27th October – Barbara Lass “Friends and Foe”

24th November – Discussion on seeds to grow for seedling swap next year, and Rebecca Midgeley “Compost and Compost Bins”

Odstock, Nunton, and Bodenham Harvest Festival

Sunday 12th October

HARVEST FESTIVAL Service WITH A DIFFERENCE – 6 pm ODSOCK CHURCH

Followed by

HARVEST SUPPER IN THE RADNOR HALL, BODENHAM AT 7.15 pm

Tickets cost £5 to include a glass of wine. Children under 12 years £3. Tickets for supper from Debby Underhill 01722 329769 or Harry Joynt 01722 329782

Any profit will be donated to chosen charities by the church

PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT US AND HAVE AN ENJOYABLE EVENING

Britford Coffee Morning

A coffee morning is to be held at Coote Cottage, Church Lane, Britford on Saturday 20th September from 10.30 am to 12 noon.

There are quite a lot of new residents in the village and it will be an opportunity for us all to get to know one another (and one another's children).

There will be a plant stall (contributions welcome).

Entry £2.00 per person, children free. Proceeds to St Peter's Church.

Flood Warning Exhibition

On Wednesday 24th September from 4 – 6 pm there will be a flood warning exhibition trailer parked on the Green in Britford.

St Peter's Blitz Day

Britford Church Blitz Day on Saturday 13th September at any time to suit yourself. Please bring your own tools to help tidy the churchyard. Dusters and polish will be provided for inside. Coffee and cold drinks will be available. All help is most gratefully received.

Salisbury Hospice Care Trust

There will be a Secondhand Books and Pictures Sale in the front entrance hall of Salisbury District Hospital on 9th September from 9 am – 3 pm. There will be plenty of bargains!

Wanted: Books by the author Lucy Walker, stories of the Australian Outback. Quality items of bric-a-brac or unwanted gifts are always need by the Hospice for fundraising. Contact Daphne Scamell on 01722 334858.

A Celebration of Wholeness and Healing

will be held in Salisbury Cathedral on Saturday 18th October, 10.00 am – 4.30 pm (service at 3.00 pm). There will be morning workshops.

Ace of Hearts Jumble Sale

The Jumble Sale held at the Radnor Hall on Wed 23rd July was a great success. A final total of £620 has now been given to the Ace of Hearts Appeal.

The organisers would like to thank all those who contributed: the Radnor Hall committee, everyone who gave donations and items for the Raffle, Nearly New, Gifts and Jumble. A big thank you also to everyone who helped so willingly on the day, sorting, selling and clearing up afterwards, and all those who queued up in the rain to buy.

Many thanks to you all.

Hazel's Guided Autumn Visits

Saturday 27 th September	Oxford
Saturday 18 th October	Windsor and Eton
Saturday 8 th November	British Museum & City of London

Travel in comfort in a mini coach leaving 08.00 and returning at about 18.00.

For further information contact:

Hazel Docherty, Manor Cottage, Odstock, SP5 4JA
Telephone 01722 325155
Email Hazeldoc@btopenworld.com

Odstock Nunton and Bodenham Fete Committee 2003

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The above meeting will take place at 7.30 pm on Monday 22nd September at the Radnor Hall. The Committee would welcome your comments on this year's event and any suggestions you might have for next year.

Charlton Harvest Supper

Charlton All Saints Harvest Supper will be held on Saturday 13th September at 7 for 7.30 pm in the Church Hall. Adults £6, children over 5 £3. Tickets from Pam Cox on 01722 329709 by 10th September please.

Lay Pastoral Assistants Is this the place for you?

Kate Rosslyn Smith

What is an LPA? A 'Long Purple Aphid' – no, but we could do with them being as numerous as aphids! LPAs visit people in their homes and also in hospital. They are there after the doctor has visited, friendly faces around the door and people who can take initiative. They are eyes and ears for the clergy, often knowing before we do where there is a need. Some LPAs keep in touch with families who have had their babies baptised, thus giving them ongoing contact with the church. A few take communion to people in their homes and others stay alongside those who have been bereaved.

On the evening of 4th November we are holding a meeting for all serving LPAs and those who might like to be trained in this Deanery. If you are interested, please speak to one of the clergy or you can phone me 01747 871605. LPAs receive training in the form of 15 sessions in blocks of 5 over a nine month period which ends with a service of licensing by the Archdeacon. If you feel that this is a way forward for you within the church – get in touch!

LPA Hospital Visiting

There is now a rota of LPA (Lay Pastoral Assistants) who will visit local people who are in hospital on Thursdays, 2 – 4 pm. If you know of a patient in Odstock who would like a visit from "the church", please contact your vicar before the Wednesday morning clergy meeting – or contact the Team Office (01722 781112).

The Radnor Hall

CAR BOOT SALE

The final sale for this year will be held on Sunday 14th September at 12.00 noon.

Please contact Brian Clake on 01722 340261 with any donations for a cake stall.

Collection for Romania

Alicia Head is collecting children's cloths and shoes to send out to Romania, where there is still a great need for such things. If you have anything to donate, please leave them, neatly bagged, in church and telephone Janet Roe (01725 519242) to let her know that they are there for collection – you can use your local church or All Saints in Broad Chalke. This collection is for September only.

Learning to Live with Cancer

An 8 Week Education and Support Programme for Patients, Relatives, Friends and Carers.

The course covers a range of topics including: The human body and cancer, different types of treatment, diet and nutrition, complementary therapies and support and resources in the community.

For further information, please contact Nikki Campbell-Jones 01722 336262 ext 2939, nikki.campbell-jones@salisbury.nhs.uk ; or Angela Barrett 01722 322726, practice.nurse@gp-j83052.nhs.uk

The Radnor Hall Players

?? A November Show ??

Harry Joynt has offered to direct a show this year. I would be happy to support Harry by taking on production of the show.

We would be keen to meet anyone who would like to contribute in any way – we will need players of course, as well as back stage and front of house helpers. Suggestions for suitable scripts would also be very welcome at his stage.

If you would like to find out more then why not come along to the Barker Room at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 24th September.

Brian Clake Tel 01722 340261

"Too Many Cooks"

Having a lunch or dinner party, but would prefer not to cook? Then give me a call.

I will create a menu to suit you and the occasion (formal or informal) and even help serve the meal if required, leaving you to enjoy your own party (maximum number catered for is ten).

Puddings are a speciality of mine and if that's your only requirement, I can provide these for far greater numbers of guests!

Amanda Lyles 01725 513530

Regular Events

- WI Second Monday of the month, 10.00 am Radnor Hall, Bodenham
- Junior Church To co-incide with 9.30 am service 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 Wednesday 9.30 – 11.30 am, Radnor Hall, Bodenham, contact Suzie Orchiton on 01722 502026
- Mobile Library Alternate Wednesdays (10th & 24th): Brookmead, Britford 10.00 – 10.20 am
Village Hut, Charlton 10.30 – 10.45 am, Radnor Arms, Nunton 11.00 – 11.20 am

Dates for Your Diary

- 6 September A Concert at St Mary's Church, Alvediston, 7.00 pm. Richard Seal will be at the organ, with several local young musicians. Tickets £7 (£3 for under 16s) from Post Offices in Broad Chalke, Bowerchalke and Ludwell
- 9 September Secondhand Book Sale, front entrance hall Salisbury District Hospital 9.00 am – 3.00 pm
- 13 September Britford Church Cleaning day
- 13 September Charlton Harvest Supper, Charlton Church Hall 7 for 7.30 pm
- 14 September Car Boot Sale, 12.00 noon
- 20 September Nunton Church Cleaning 10.00 am – noon
- 20 September Britford Coffee Morning, Coote Cottage 10.30 am - noon
- 22 September Nunton, Odstock & Bodenham Fete Committee AGM, 7.30 pm Radnor Hall
- 24 September Flood warning exhibition, Britford Green 4.00 pm – 6.00 pm
- 24 September Radnor Hall Players meeting, 7.30 pm Barker Room
- 27 September Nunton Church Cleaning 10.00 am – noon
- 29 September Charlton Garden Society meeting, Charlton Church Hall 7.30 pm
- 1 October Door to door collection in Charlton, from 6 pm
- 4 October Charlton Autumn Fair, Charlton Church Hall 2.00 pm
- 12 October Odstock, Nunton & Bodenham Harvest Festival & Supper, Odstock Church 6.00 pm
- 18 October Celebration of Wholeness & Healing, Salisbury Cathedral, 10.00 am – 4.30 pm
- 1 November Cwm Garw Welsh Male Voice Choir, St Lawrence's Church Downton 7.00 pm
- 4 November LPA meeting

Charlton Autumn Fair

Saturday 4th October

2.00 pm

Charlton Church Hall

Books, White Elephant, Plants and Produce, Children's Corner, Bottles, Cakes, Refreshments

If you'd like to join in by running a stall, pricing the goodies beforehand, or baking a cake, then give me, Clare Penny, a ring on 01725 512869. There will be a door-to-door collection in Charlton on the evening of Wednesday 1st October from 6.00 pm, so if you're clearing out the loft or the garage, put some things aside, and we'll come and take them away for you!

All proceeds to our Church