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Lent – Discipline or Not – That is the Question?

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The month of March encompasses 31 days of the season of Lent which began on Ash Wednesday 17 February and is marked by Mothering Sunday (or Refreshment Sunday) on 14 March, Passion Sunday on 21 March, Palm Sunday on 28 March and culminates in the glorious Resurrection on Easter Day, 4 April.

Lent – the season of the Christian Year when, in remembrance of Our Lord's forty days and forty nights in the wilderness we accept some particular discipline – discipline of preparation for Holy Week and Easter – a discipline of real and genuine effort towards our own spiritual growth. And as we observe this Lenten season let us ask ourselves what discipline our Lord would have

us observe – what discipline He himself would lay upon us. And that is quite simply summed up and laid down in Our Lord's words before He set out for the last time for Jerusalem – "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself, take up the cross and follow me".

The Church through the ages has not been too far wrong when it has suggested that in this special period of Lent we should seek to become more conscious of God's purpose, by giving more thought to God, and prayer, by seeking to learn more about religion and practising it ourselves more diligently, by spending more time in meditation and Bible reading, by denying ourselves common luxuries or entertainments, by observing some Lenten giving – by making – quite simply – some self sacrifice for Christ's sake. Now this can be very hard if we set our standards high enough at the start. Yet, to do so is to know how worthwhile it is to be, in some small measure, worthy of the name – Christian. †

Church Services

Sunday 7 March 3rd of Lent	8.00 am	Holy Communion	BCP	WC	Nunton
	9.30 am	Parish Communion	ASBB	GS	Britford
	11.00 am	Parish Communion	ASBB	GS	Coombe
	11.00 am	Matins	BCP	WC	Odstock
	6.00 pm	Evensong	BCP	GS	Homington
Sunday 14 March 4th of Lent Mothering Sunday	8.00 am	Holy Communion	BCP	WC	Homington
	9.30 am	Parish Communion (JC)	ASBA	GS	Nunton
	11.00 am	Family Service		GS	Coombe
	11.00 am	Matins	BCP	AT	Charlton
	3.00 pm	Family Service		GS	Nunton
Sunday 21 March 5th of Lent Passion Sunday	9.30 am	Matins	BCP	JW	Homington
	9.30 am	Parish Communion (JC)	ASBA	GS	Odstock
	9.30 am	Parish Communion	ASBA	WC	Charlton
	11.00 am	Parish Communion	BCP	KC	Coombe
	11.00 am	Matins	BCP	WC	Britford
	6.00 pm	St Mary's Patronal	BCP	GS/SW	Odstock
Sunday 28 March Palm Sunday	8.00 am	Holy Communion	BCP	GS	Homington
	9.30 am	Parish Communion	ASBA	GS	Charlton
	11.00 am	Matins	BCP	GS	Coombe
	11.00 am	Matins	BCP	AT	Nunton
	3.00 pm	Afternoon Service		JW/CW	Homington
Sunday 4 April Easter Day	8.00 am	Holy Communion	BCP	GS	Nunton
	9.30 am	Parish Communion	ASBB	WC	Britford
	9.30 am	Parish Communion	ASBA	GS	Charlton
	11.00 am	Parish Communion	ASBB	WC	Coombe
	11.00 am	Family Communion	ASBA	GS	Odstock
	6.00 pm	Parish Communion	BCP	WC	Homington

GS = Graham Southgate, WC = Westley Cole, SW = Sydney Willcox, KC = Karen Curnock, AT = Annabel Tier, RR = Roger Redding, TS = Terry Sankey, JW = John Watson, CW = Clare Watson.

From the Editor

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News from the Vicarage

Graham Southgate 01722 330628

Our Lent Project this year is to support the campaign of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge (SPCK) in providing Christian books to prisoners. Quite a lot of you have collected Lent boxes from me but if you haven't and would like to support the project in this way then please give me a ring. There is to be a Lent Lunch and Tombola in support of the project in Odstock School Hall on Saturday 13 March, beginning at 12.30 p.m. — please contact Madeleine Baker if you would like to donate prizes for the tombola.

You may recall that last year each of the nine parishes in the Chalke Valley Benefice voted to admit the baptised children of church-going families to Holy Communion before Confirmation. In response to this a course of preparation has started in the Parish of Odstock with Nunton and Bodenham. It is led by Adrian Taylor and Jo Marvally and I gather that the children are enjoying it. At the end of this month the children and their parents will be discussing with me whether or not they are to be admitted to Holy Communion on Easter Day. So please remember them in your prayers.

Due to the generosity of so many parishioners in Charlton All Saints work is to begin this month on re-roofing parts of the chancel, vestry and organ loft. This does mean rather a lot of disruption within the building but services will continue.

Next month is the season of the Annual Meetings of Parishioners (to elect Churchwardens) and the Annual Parochial Church Meetings (when reports are presented and the new Parochial Church Council is elected). Although you can attend and vote at the first meeting simply by having your name on the Parliamentary

Electoral Roll, voting at the second meeting is restricted to those who are on the Church Electoral Roll. If you would like to check the latter you should contact your parish's Electoral Roll Officer: Rod Shipsey (Britford), Peter Cox (Charlton All Saints) or Peter Jenkins (Odstock with Nunton and Bodenham). Details of the meeting themselves will be in the next issue of *News and Notes*. †

From the Registers

Burials

On Monday 1 February at Britford: Josephine Frances Lamb (cremated remains).

On Monday 15 February at Nunton: Dorcas Mary May (cremated remains).

Holy Days in March

19 Mar - Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary — 8 am Holy Communion at Nunton.

25 Mar - The Annunciation to the Blessed Virgin Mary — 8 am Holy Communion at Odstock. This is Odstock's Patronal Festival and will also be celebrated on Sunday 21 March, when the preacher at Evensong will be our Team Rector, the Reverend Canon Syd Willcox.

WI

Angela Moules

Mrs Sue Bourne welcomed members at the meeting on 8 February. The Christmas meeting had been a great success, enjoyed by all, and a profit of £127.98 was raised from the raffle, bring and buy, and sale of mince pies.

The Scrabble team lost their first match, but there are 3 more to be played. The Skittles social evening at Downton — with supper — was very successful. The Summer Outing in July is to be decided at the AGM. The Ashburton Handbell Ringers have been booked for the Summer Garden Party, to be held, by kind invitation of Mr & Mrs Joynt, in Nunton House garden. £25.00 has been sent to the hospital unit at the New Forest Owl Sanctuary. Our VCO in March will be Mrs Jenny Tont. The Agenda Conference resolutions will be discussed at the May meeting.

Mrs Madeline Baker of Odstock (01722 329374) is planning an outing to Hampton Court on 22 May. Please contact her if you would like to go. If anybody has any ideas for a Millennium project, please bring them to the next meeting. Mrs Sue Bourne won the Flower of the Month with a pale pink rhododendron.

Mrs Barbara Slater gave an hilarious talk called "Gathering No Moss" with stories of 23 moves in 29 years.

Millennium Revue

Harry Joynt - Producer

At the Radnor Hall Bodenham on 26 & 27 November

The Radnor Hall Players will be staging another of their noted extravaganzas this year and we intend to make this a rather special affair to mark the end of the century and to look forward to the new.

The programme will include music hall songs, dance and melodrama, plus a short Restoration comedy, a contribution by children, and we hope a sketch or two portraying the future.

While our Pantos and Revues have been mainly Odstock/Nunton/Bodenham ventures, we would very much welcome more participation by the people of Britford and Charlton – particularly if you are aged between 15 and 35! If at all interested, please contact me, Harry Joynt, on 01722 329782.

For those involved, we plan a preliminary meeting in May to review the programme and to assess “who might do what”, and another in mid-September to firm up the programme and rehearsals in October and November. More details in due course in *News and Notes* and by telephone.

For all readers, make a note in your diaries – 26 & 27 November.

SPCK Lent Collecting Boxes

Here is an idea – put 10p or 5p in your box for each meal during Lent, eating a smaller portion than usual. (Keep a pad by the box to make a note if you do not have any change, and add to the total at Easter.)

London Marathon

Dave Cross

Both Mark and Matt Cross of Nunton will be running in this year's London Marathon. Matt has run before in 1995 and Mark in 1997. This year, Matt will be running to raise money for the children's ward (Sarum) at Salisbury District Hospital. We would be most grateful to all who would kindly sponsor him, to help the ward that takes care of our children in our hospital when they are sick. You can contact Matt or me on 01722 332751. Thank you.

Charlton Church Roof

Teddy and Mary Penn

Thanks to the many of you who gave so generously to the Roof Appeal, we are pleased to be able to announce that the repairs to the roof will be started in mid-March, and should be finished by the end of April.

Radnor Hall Jumble Sale

Debby Underhill

The next Jumble Sale will take place on Friday 21 May at the Radnor Hall in aid of Hall funds. Please start saving Jumble and it can be collected nearer the date. Thank you.

Odstock, Nunton & Bodenham Fete

Somethings old, somethings new, something blue (the sky hopefully) are planned for 1999 to raise much needed funds for village causes, but as usual we desperately need your help:

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| Gardeners | Please take some extra cuttings, plant extra seeds for sale on Fete day – the Plant Stall always sells out quickly. |
| Spring Cleaning | Don't throw anything useful away – we can sell it at the Jumble Sale on 3 July or Gift Stall on Fete day. |
| New Ideas | Fresh ideas for raising funds gratefully received. |
| Volunteers | Offers of help desperately needed, no matter how small. |

Please contact **Sonya Sandford** on 01722 411506 or **Cliff Whitley** on 01722 321226.

Secretary Urgently Required by Fete Committee

For approximately one hour per week as Sonya is unfortunately unable to continue after five years of loyal service, for which we are all very grateful. This is a very rewarding position and great fun, involving mainly taking of minutes and letters on behalf of the committee. Please contact Cliff Whitley on 01722 321226.

Odstock Church Appeal Fund

We are planning to have a flower festival in Odstock Church on the weekend of 5 & 6 June. In addition, the gardens of Odstock Manor will be open and light refreshments will be available there. Tickets will be £2.50 for both venues. To finance the flower for the festival, there will be a Jumble Sale at the Radnor Hall on Saturday 24 April at 2.00 pm.

If anyone can help, either with the jumble sale or with the flower festival (time or donations), please contact Mary Boyd Camps on 01722 329712 or Madeline Baker on 01722 329374.

Radnor Arms

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Philip and Tracey Warren, who have taken over the Radnor from Richard and Lesley Penny.

Britford Skip

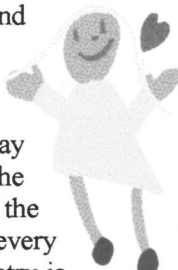
There will be a skip placed near the Britford Depot, as before, from Saturday 6 March for approximately one week.

Britford PCC AGM

The Annual General Meeting of Britford PCC will be held on Tuesday 20 April at Britford Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm. All welcome.

Tiny Tots of Bodenham

The growing parent and toddler group with a difference! Lots of fun for 0-5 years old and their parents. We have many toys and activities for all ages. We have a messy room for play dough, painting, colouring and sticking. For summer, we have an outdoor play area. We are open throughout the holidays. You will find us at the Radnor Hall, Bodenham every Wednesday afternoon from 2-4 pm. Entry is £1. Everybody is made welcome. Hope to see you soon. Any enquiries, please phone Maxine on 01722 329760.



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, Vicarage, Ebbesbourne Wake 01722 780408 (Day off - Mon)
<i>Team Vicar</i>	Revd Dr Graham Southgate, Nunton Vicarage 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

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
Tiny Tots	Every Wednesday, 2 - 4 pm The Radnor Hall, Bodenham
Whist Drive	Every Thursday, 7.30 pm Barker Room, Nunton
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 (12 & 26 March): Village Hut, Charlton 9.45 am Alternate Tuesdays (9 & 23 March): 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

9 March	Supper Evening, Ebbesbourne Village Hall 7.00 pm
13 March	Lent Lunch and Tombola, Odstock School Hall 12.30 pm - 2.30 pm
20 April	Britford PCC AGM, Britford Memorial Hall 7.30 pm
24 April	Jumble Sale in aid of Flower Festival, Radnor Hall 2.00 pm
21 May	Jumble Sale, Radnor Hall 7.00 pm
22 May	Proposed trip to Hampton Court Palace
5&6 June	Flower Festival in Odstock

Odstock, Nunton & Bodenham Fete Events:

1 July	Clay pigeon shoot
2 July	Skittles at the Radnor Arms
3 July	Jumble sale at the Radnor Hall
9 July	Peter Pod and the Peas in the Marquee
10 July	Fete Afternoon
10 July	Raft Race
10 July	Family entertainment in the Marquee