

News and Notes

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Church of England Services

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Sunday 18th May Easter 5	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	GS GS WC WC
Sunday 25th May Easter 6	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am 11.00 am	Holy Communion BCP Parish Communion Morning Service Matins BCP	Homington Charlton Odstock Coombe	GS WC WC GS
Sunday 1st June	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	

GS = The Reverend Dr Graham Southgate, WC = The Reverend Westley Cole, Mr Philip Morris (Ordinand)

CHALKE VALLEY PRESERVATION SOCIETY

Annual General Meeting

Will be held at the Manor House,
Alvediston

On June 8th at 3.00 pm

Garden open and tea

All members and friends welcome

Please come and support our work to
protect the character and beauty of the
Ebble Valley

For membership details - ring 01722 329275

From the Editor

This month's edition has been sponsored by the Chalke Valley Preservation Society. We send them our thanks and best wishes for a fine afternoon on 8th June.

If there are any budding new editors out there, itching to have a go at editing this newsletter, perhaps you would like to get in touch with me. After editing *News & Notes* for nine years, I think it's time to hand over to fresh new blood!

If you have editorial items for inclusion in *News & Notes*, please send them to me, Clare Penny, Azalea Cottage, Chapel Lane, Charlton All Saints, Salisbury SP5 4HF, telephone 01725 512869, email clare@azalea.demon.co.uk 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 next edition is Friday 23rd May.

March winds and April showers bring forth May flowers ...?

Karen Curnock

At the time of writing (just before Easter), there were no March winds and, so far, no April showers. This month will tell what effect such unseasonable weather has had on the May flowers. In fact we were in the middle of a heat wave and going around in shorts and t-shirts. It was

hotter than in the Canaries and, with such unpredictability, one begins to wonder just where we are and where we are headed.

The church's year however comes around in an eternal cycle of seasons where we know what's going on and where we're headed. May this year is still the season of Easter when we celebrate Christ risen from the grave. Death is transformed into new life; this life, whatever happens to us, is not finally overcome by man's inhumanity to man, by suffering or by anything that this world can throw at us by way of natural disasters.

But do I detect a hint of scepticism as you read this? What about, you may ask, the conflict in Iraq and elsewhere in the world that caused many innocent deaths; what about famine; what about crushing poverty?

This small article cannot possibly articulate a theology of suffering nor explain the problem of evil. God though, doesn't promise us a rose garden. But what God does promise is that He is there with us in the suffering. He died on the cross because of man's (and woman's), rejection, weakness, mockery, fear, prejudice and jealousy. Christ on the cross shared our suffering and shares it still. When we suffer, God is there with us and we can rejoice in faith, knowing that suffering and death are not the last word on our lives. God is always drawing us on into a deeper relationship with Him, one where we can know His love and care for us in all the circumstances of our lives. Whether we are in the depths of suffering or on top of the world, God is always there with us, rejoicing with us or weeping tears with us, drawing us to Himself and wanting us to know that our lives will find their final fulfilment and purpose in Him.

The weather may be unpredictable but God's love is steadfast and true to the end.

News From The Vicarage

Graham Southgate (01722) 330628

I'm sure that like me, you would like to thank those who, even as I write this, are working hard to decorate our churches for Easter.

Just before Easter I was asked a couple of times why it is that the date of this Christian Festival changes, whereas that of Christmas does not. The reason is that Easter needs to be celebrated on the Sunday following the Jewish Festival of Passover (when Jesus shared the Last Supper with his disciples), and that celebration (17th April this year) is determined according to the date of a new moon. If you are really keen to know more (and pretty good at maths!) then you could look up the Table to find Easter Day in your Book of Common Prayer. This method should work until the year 2199.

Additional Holy Days In May

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| 1 May | Saints Philip and James, Apostles | Holy Communion at 8 am in Nunton. |
| 14 May | Saint Matthias the Apostle | Holy Communion at 8 am in Nunton. |

The **Rogation Days** fall on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, the 26, 27 and 28 May.

29 May **Ascension Day** Holy Communion at 9.30 am in Coombe Bissett.

31 May **Visit of Mary to Elizabeth** Holy Communion at 8 am in Nunton.

WI

Diane Wait

Mrs Jill Johnson (Vice President) presided over the April 14th meeting in the absence of Mrs Julia Joynt (President). She was delighted to welcome members and two guests, Mrs Bobbi Barber, who has recently moved to Nunton and Mrs Delia Witt. It was also nice to see Mrs Angela Moules back after a long absence due to a broken wrist. Jill thanked Mrs Joy Saunders for the lovely yellow and white flower arrangement which graced the President's table and Mrs Pat Reeves read the prayer. The meeting got under way with reports from Mrs Margaret Barrow (Treasurer) and Mrs Jean Van Hagen (Secretary) who read out the correspondence. She mentioned that the scrabble team had enjoyed success in their two matches against Laverstock and were due to play four more matches, which I believe are scheduled to take place all in one day! Good luck to all those taking part - this sounds like a tough assignment to me! Joy updated us on the theatre outings and Miss Judith Johnson presented her suggestions for consideration for the July Summer outing. The choices are Sherborne Castle, Kingston Lacy, Petworth House or Broadlands. A final decision will be made at the next meeting. We were extremely sorry to learn that Judith is due to return to hospital for a complete hip replacement and we send her all our very best wishes for a speedy and complete recovery. Come back soon Judith we will miss you. Mrs Ruth Hoar enjoyed success in the flower of the month contest with her beautiful deep crimson Easter Pasque flower.

Jill then discussed several forthcoming events, including the important Downland Group Meeting on May 19th when we will be providing the teas for the occasion and a number of volunteers have agreed to help on the day. The Summer Garden Party on June 9th will be held in Mrs Sue Bourne's lovely garden at "Melstock" and the Summer Fete is on July 12th at Nunton when WI members will run the three popular produce, cake and plant stalls as usual.

After the coffee break Jill welcomed Dr David Haycroft who had come to talk to us about Fuchsias. Over the last 25 years he has become quite an authority on the subject and now runs his own back garden fuchsia nursery. He has enjoyed great success in flower shows and travels all over the country to exhibit his blooms and also to give talks, including addressing many WIs. Apparently fuchsias originated from South America and New Zealand and there are currently over 2000 varieties in existence worldwide. David, with the help of his beautiful slides, explained which varieties are the most suitable for our gardens and patios. In practical terms he showed us how to take cuttings, what compost to use

and many other tips to help with their growth and survival. I think we all gained a great deal of knowledge on the subject and his talk was much appreciated by everyone present. He was happy to enter into a question and answer session and a number of us then purchased a selection of young plants with which to enhance our gardens. Hopefully our new found knowledge will bring great success - I am sure it won't be for the want of trying!

The meeting on May 12th is at 10 am in the Radnor Hall when the topic will be the Resolutions meeting which took place on April 30th at Laverstock. Joy Saunders, Rita Hobbs and Sheila May will be reporting on the three Resolutions discussed at that meeting.

Finally, our thoughts and prayers are with Mrs Jackie Feltham and her husband Ken, whose son Patrick died recently after a long illness at the very young age of 35.

Communities in Action

Does your community need help with developing and maintaining services, do residents have transport problems, have you got good ideas and need a grant to get things moving? Community First may be able to help. Come along to Dinton Village Hall on Wednesday 18th June from 1.30 – 3.00 pm

- Displays by community projects
- Advice for local councils
- All about Village Halls
- Community Transport in Action
- Credit Unions
- Support for community initiatives and services
- Link Good Neighbour Schemes
- Access to grants
- Sustain the Plain

For more details please ring 01380 722475 or email reception@communityfirst.org.uk

PUBLIC NOTICE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF

THE CHALKE VALLEY LINK

SCHEME

This will be held at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 21st May 2003 in the Village Hall, Bowerchalke. As a registered charity serving the communities in the Chalke Valley by the provision of voluntary care and transport services, the Scheme Members, (management, volunteers and users) are invited to attend as are members of the public who express an interest in the work of the Scheme. Members of the public who wish to attend should notify the Scheme Secretary, Bruce Allcorn, at "Rockash", Flamstone St, Bishopstone, SP5 4BZ, Tel 01722 780351. Nominations to seek election to the Management Committee should be submitted to reach the Secretary by Monday, 5th May 2003.

The Grand Annual Charlton All Saints Barbecue

Saturday 5th July at 6 pm

at Charlton Courtyard

Spit Roast and usual refreshments

Raffle and Skittles

Fun for all the family!

*Tickets on sale from Barbara Box on
01725 510758 by 28th June*

**Adults £6, Children under 14 £3,
Children under 5 free**

Salisbury Conservative Association - Ebble Valley Branch

Judy Barke

The Annual Conservative Derby Day Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday 7th June 2003 at Melstock, Nunton by kind permission of Mrs Sue Bourne at 10.00 am. There will be the usual Bring and Buy, Nearly New, Derby Sweepstake, Plant Sale and Raffle. Everyone is welcome.

Wanted!

Does anyone have a single wardrobe which they would be prepared to lend to the Radnor Hall Players for use as a stage prop? If so, could you please contact Peter Docherty on 01722 325155 or Harry Joynt on 01722 329782. It doesn't matter how scruffy it is!

Odstock Primary School News

With the lovely weather we have been having recently, the infant class went on a walk through the village looking at the daffodils and other signs of spring.

Some of the junior children will be taking part in the annual Salisbury schools' mini-marathon. This is held in May in Laverstock and training will begin after Easter.

Recently the juniors were invited to take part in a truancy competition, to design a poster encouraging children to come to school. One of our pupils was selected as a runner up and his poster will be displayed with the other winning entries.

Playground Grant

We have been successful in a bid to the Lords Taverners and have been allocated some money to install playground equipment on the old mobile site. This will consist of a low level wooden trail including a clatter bridge and balance beams. We hope to use the balance of the money to put in a higher level climbing frame.

Library Project

We are in the process of trying to upgrade our library, especially in respect of non-fiction books. If you would like to help us achieve our goal, please telephone the school office on 01722 329701 for further details. It is our aim on completion of the project to offer to lend books to any primary-aged child within the local villages from our new learning resource centre.

PFA Events

We recently held a Beetle Drive at school. This was well attended and great fun. Ages ranged from 5 to 60+.

Our next event is the annual Plant and Cake Sale. This will be on 23rd May from 2.30 pm at the school. All are welcome to come along and stock up on plants for the summer at bargain prices and take home some delicious cakes. If you would like to donate any plants or cakes, just bring them along on the day.

Tokens

Please continue to let us have any Walkers Books for Schools Tokens, Nestle Box Top tokens or Persil stars. We are collecting them all and your support is greatly appreciated.

Team Clergy Moves

Kate Rosslyn Smith

The last month has seen the announcements of new appointments for both Revd Dr Graham Southgate and Revd Canon Karen Curnock. Both have been offered the post of Vicar in groups of village parishes in this Diocese. We congratulate them both but are going to miss them here.

After six years as Team Vicar here in the Chalke Valley Team, Graham has been offered and has accepted the post of Vicar of Bratton, Edington and Imber, Erlestoke and Coulston in the Devizes Deanery on the north side of Salisbury Plain. He will have four villages, four churches, four PCCs, and will live in Bratton.

He will be instituted in his new parishes on Thursday 11th September, and his last Sunday with us will be the 10th August. More details about his farewell services will follow in due course.

Karen has been Diocesan secretary at Church House in Salisbury which has occupied ever more of her time however she has given us help and support as a NSM Assistant Curate throughout this team from her home in Broad Chalke. She will be instituted as Vicar of the villages of Cerne Abbas, Buckland Newton, Godmanstone and Minterne Magna in Dorset on Monday 7th July. Her last day in the office in Salisbury is 13th June.

Any More For Confirmation

The Bishop of Ramsbury is coming to take a Deanery Confirmation service at 11 am on Saturday 12th July. Separate preparation for adults and young people is beginning now – if you would like to find out more please contact one of the clergy.

“The Life of Christ” 24th June 2003

A wonderful enactment of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Join us for an “Oberammergau in England” at the beautiful Wintershall estate near Guildford. We move around with the disciples and watch the familiar Bible stories unfolding before our eyes. We eat the bread on the hillside at the ‘feeding of the 5,000’, go with the crowds as Jesus rides into Jerusalem and watch Peter swimming to the shore of the lake to meet the risen Christ.

This is a play in 3 acts. (Bring a picnic and a rug or folding chair.) The performance starts at 10.00 am and the day ends at 4.00 pm.

We plan to fill about 5 cars and enjoy the day out together. Tickets are £12.00. Please contact The Rev’d Kate Rosslyn Smith 01747 871605 or Kate Woolven 01722 718513 for more details. 19 tickets...7 gone already!

Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham Village Fête - Grand Draw

Adrian Taylor

Tickets for the Grand Draw will soon be distributed and if you are able to sell some please contact Adrian Taylor (01722 325862), Gill Smedley (01722 329488) or Susie Jenkins (01722 329748). They will also be sold at the Fête on Saturday, 12th July and the draw will take place at the end of that afternoon. As usual, we also need prizes and shall be grateful for any you are able to donate. Many thanks.

Christian Aid Week: 11th - 17th May

Adrian Taylor

I am organising the Christian Aid envelope collection for Odstock, Nunton, Bodenham, Britford and Charlton All Saints. If you feel able to help by collecting in any of those villages during the week beginning 11th May, please call me on 01722 325862. For those who kindly make a donation, please note that if you are a tax payer you can increase the value of your gift by filling in the form which you will find on the back of the envelope. Many thanks.

Odstock Parish Council

Richard Parsons

The Annual Parish Council meeting will be at 7.30 pm on Tuesday, 13th May in the Radnor Hall. As many of you will know, Dr Sherwood Elcock and Mr Robert Underhill are standing down from the PC and three new candidates have put their names forward for the Parish Council elections on 1st May.

All too often the turnout at elections is disappointing. One can only hope that electors in Bodenham, Nunton and Odstock will take the trouble to find out about each candidate and make full use of the democratic process. Notices of the poll are displayed prominently in the villages and at www.sp5.org/odstock/opc/. Please ensure that the elected members of the PC, who will make their Declarations of Acceptance of Office on 13th May, are clearly mandated to act on your behalf.

Facilities are in place at www.TheSilentMajority.info to enable an online debate about local issues, if required.

Nicholas Walker

with

The Chaldon Consort

Quintet for piano and wind K452 **Mozart**

Sonata in F sharp Opus 78 **Beethoven**

Two nocturnes Opus 48 **Chopin**

Sextet for piano and wind **Poulenc**

St. John's Church, Tisbury

Saturday 10th May at 7.30 pm

In aid of Alabaré Christian Care Centres

Tickets £7 (concessions £4.50) including
wine/soft drinks

from

Alabaré Christian Care Centres

33 Brown Street, SALISBURY. SP1 2AS

*(cheques payable to Alabaré Christian Care Centres,
please enclose SAE)*

Sarum Theological Lectures 2003

The Most Reverend Rowan Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury, is giving this year's lectures in Salisbury Cathedral on four evenings in early May at 7 pm. The title is 'The Quest for the Historical Church' and the lectures are as follows:

Monday 5 th May	Why does the past matter?
Thursday 8 th May	Learning from the Early Church
Monday 12 th May	Learning from the Reformation
Thursday 15 th May	History, authority and certainty

Tickets available from Sarum College Bookshop or by post (Sarum College, 19 The Close, Salisbury, SP1 2EE – please send SAE) Cost £4 per lecture or £15 for the series.

Cut Price Compost Bins!

The Wiltshire Wildlife Trust is launching a cut-price compost bin offer to all Wiltshire residents to encourage them to start composting their vegetable peelings, paper and garden refuse in International Compost Awareness Week, which runs from 27 April to 3 May 2003.

The black recycled plastic 220 litre compost bins cost only £6.00 (normal retail price is £39.95) and come with a free kitchen collector. The offer is part of the Trust's effort to convince Wiltshire people that composting their paper, cardboard, kitchen scraps and

garden refuse can cut the county's waste mountain as well as nourish their gardens.

The scheme is being promoted and funded by Wiltshire's local authorities and the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA).

"Home composting is so easy to do - it is a natural process so you don't need to be green-fingered, and there is a lot of help available from us should you need it," says Rebecca Midgley, Home Composting Officer at the Trust. "It provides you with a small amount of rich, black, crumbly soil for your garden pots and borders so you don't need to spend money on commercial compost and fertilisers."

The average Wiltshire household produces a tonne of rubbish each year (that's heavier than a Mini car). Half of this is made up of cardboard, kitchen scraps and garden clippings that could be composted instead of being tipped into Wiltshire's landfill sites, which will be full in only five years' time.

"Often people worry that they don't produce enough biodegradable rubbish to make composting worth the effort, but you would be amazed at how much your rubbish shrinks even if you just collect tea bags, vegetable peelings and loo rolls. And if you make more compost than you need, you can always offer it to a neighbour," says Rebecca.

The kitchen collector is a small container into which you place your fruit and vegetable peelings, cardboard, scraps of paper and even crushed eggshells to transfer later to the compost bin, offering a clean and hygienic way to get composting.

You can pick up a bin and collector from SCATS Country Store, Churchfields Rd, Salisbury. Or you can ring 0870 844 3005 to arrange a home delivery.

If you would like to find out more about home composting, contact Rebecca at the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust on 01380 725670 ext 266 or e-mail compost@wiltshirewildlife.org

"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

The Radnor Hall Players

present

TWO ONE-ACT COMEDIES

“Red Spy at Night”

“You were Wonderful, Darlings”

and

a TWO COURSE SUPPER

at

The Radnor Hall, Bodenham

on

Friday 30th May and Saturday 31st May

7.30 pm

TICKETS (to include supper) £6.50, from

Pam Trubshaw 01722 323472 and

Bodenham Post Office

On sale from 6th May



Regular Events

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| 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 (7 th & 21 st May): 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

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| 10 May | Blitz Day for Britford Churchyard |
| 10 May | Nicholas Walker with The Chaldon Consort Concert, 7.30 pm St John's Church, Tisbury |
| 21 May | Chalke Valley Link Scheme Annual General Meeting, 7.30 pm Village Hall, Bowerchalke |
| 23 May | Odstock School Plant and Cake Sale, 2.30 pm Odstock School |
| 30 & 31 May | Two One-Act Comedies with Supper, 7.30 pm Radnor Hall |
| 7 June | Conservative Derby Day Coffee Morning, 10.00 am Melstock, Nunton |
| 8 June | Chalke Valley Preservation Society Annual General Meeting, 3 pm Manor House, Alvediston |
| 9 June | WI Summer Garden Party, Melstock, Nunton |
| 18 June | Community First meeting, Dinton Village Hall 1.30 – 3.00 pm |
| 5 July | Charlton All Saints Barbecue, 6 pm Charlton Courtyard |
| 12 July | Nunton, Odstock and Bodenham Fete |