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Holidays

Terry Sankey

Just got away; holidays started, sit down and say goodbye to all the stress! That's when your mind gets into overdrive! All those things left undone come flooding back into consciousness! What have I forgotten? It is alright, I say to myself, as I clutch the tickets and passports. Sunshine here we come.

Life is a journey. Relaxation and rest; entertainment and exploration; happiness and laughter are a God given gift to be enjoyed and feasted on.

But in the business of our journey we are called to (and I quote) "Serve Christ in one another, and love as he first loved us".

There will be times when worship and Church will be entertainment, exploration and a feasting of happiness, but at times it should be uncomfortable, challenging and transforming as we are called by God to present ourselves eager and ready for service. Working to transfer our world into the just, fair and life giving community that is God's will for his people. Then, one day, hopefully, when the secrets of our hearts and minds are being judged, God might say "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your rest!"

So happy holidays, enjoy the rest and be refreshed for service and don't forget your passport or ticket! You will need it at the border!

Church Services

Sunday 5 August Trinity 8	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	WC	Nunton
	9.30 am	Parish Communion	WC	Britford
	11.00 am	Parish Communion	WC	Coombe
	6.00 pm	Evensong (BCP)	GS	Homington
Sunday 12 August Trinity 9	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	WC	Homington
	9.30 am	Patronal Festival Parish Communion	GS	Odstock
	11.00 am	Family Service	GS	Coombe
	11.00 am	Matins (BCP)	WC	Charlton
Sunday 19 August Trinity 10	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	SW	Britford
	9.30 am	Parish Communion	WC	Nunton
	9.30 am	Patronal Festival Morning Service	SW	Homington
	11.00 am	Parish Communion (BCP)	WC	Coombe
Sunday 26 August Trinity 11	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	WC	Homington
	9.30 am	Parish Communion	GS	Charlton
	11.00 am	Matins (BCP)	WC	Coombe
	11.00 am	Morning Service	GS	Odstock
Sunday 2 September Trinity 12	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	WC	Nunton
	9.30 am	Parish Communion	GS	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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News From The Vicarage

Graham Southgate (01722 330628)

During this year, the Church of England is celebrating the 300th anniversary of the founding of its oldest missionary organisation, The United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel (USPG). In 1701 The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel (SPG) was founded to 'minister to Her Majesty's subjects in plantations, colonies and factories beyond the seas' including native peoples, slaves and settlers. In 1858 the Universities Mission to Central Africa (UMCA) was founded as a result of David Livingstone's sermon to Cambridge University, 'I beg to direct your attention to Africa.' UMCA was committed to 'end the slave trade there, by commerce and Christianity.' In 1877 the Cambridge Mission to Delhi (CMD) was founded to initiate an educational mission to engage in dialogue with India's religious traditions. In 1965 the SPG and UMCA merged to form the USPG, which CMD was to join in 1968.

Today, USPG has over 100 missionaries serving in five continents. Through its programmes, the Society ensures a global exchange of people, ideas and experience; it funds hospitals, schools, theological colleges, prisons and children's homes in partnership with the worldwide church; and it remains committed to helping Christians learn from one another while providing further education for church and community leaders.

In celebration of this tercentenary, a special service is to be arranged for the parishes of our Chalke deanery. It is to take place on Wednesday 5th September 2001 in Saint Andrew's Church, Nunton beginning at 7.30 pm. The preacher at that service is to be our Area Mission Adviser, the Reverend Helen Griffiss.

Finally, there are five Sundays in September, which means that on the 30th there is just one service in the four parishes of our eastern group. This time it is

Britford's turn to host us for a Parish Communion* beginning at 10 am.

Holy Days In August

- 6 Transfiguration of our Lord, 8.00 am Holy Communion at Nunton.
- 15 The Blessed Virgin Mary, 8.00 am Holy Communion at Homington.
- 24 Saint Bartholomew, Apostle, 8.00 am Holy Communion at Coombe Bissett.

From The Registers

Holy Baptism

On 22 July Charlton All Saints:
Anna Marie Bray.

Burials

On 2 July at Britford:
Dorothy Florence Gwinnett Ladbury.
On 6 July at Nunton:
Beverley Joseph Stephens (cremated remains).

WI

Diane Wait

On Monday 9th July members and guests, including special guest Mrs Joan Johns from Sarum WI, were welcomed to the Radnor Hall by Mrs Sue Bourne (President). The very pretty mauve, pink and white flower arrangement on the President's table was created by Mrs Isabel Stone. The minutes and details of future interesting events were read out by Mrs Jean Van Hagen (Secretary), and Mrs Julia Joynt (Treasurer) was delighted to report on the outstanding success of the recent garden party. Sue then told us that the scrabble team had played well in the finals and were placed seventh overall. She also mentioned that she and Jean had thoroughly enjoyed their recent weekend courses at Denman College. Mrs Pat Reeves was delighted to win flower of the month competition with a gorgeous yellow *Fremontia* (California Glory).

Details of the Promotional Meeting on Monday 10th September were discussed, and following a Ploughman's lunch, Mrs Doreen Osmond has kindly arranged for members and guests to attend a cookery demonstration in the Studio at Waitrose superstore.

Mrs Joan Johns read out a statement concerning the recent Resolutions Meeting held in Cardiff. The voting on the resolutions was not so clear cut this year. but she did say that there had been a 99% majority vote in favour of HM Government being asked to carry out a thorough and urgent investigation into the recent foot and mouth crisis. I understand that this was an extra item added to the Resolutions agenda.

We had a wonderful guest speaker in Mr Ian Newman, who spoke at length about his many years as an undertaker. His talk was both very amusing, with some wonderful anecdotes, but also there was a

lot of pathos in his words as well. He was very skilful in handling what many of us consider to be a very sensitive subject, and after prolonged applause Mrs Judy Barke gave Mr Newman a very appreciative vote of thanks.

Lady Radnor kindly agreed to open the Nunton Fete on Saturday July 14, and despite frequent showers, the event was well attended. Our own particular stalls, which included a cake stall, produce and plant stall sold out very quickly and many thanks must go to those who worked so hard before and on the day itself. It is quite a feat getting everything together to sell on the stalls, and next year we are hoping that we will have even more delicious cakes etc as they do sell out very quickly.

On Monday 16 July we had our annual outing, and this year we visited Montacute House and Barrington Court in Somerset. The coach was full and we were very pleased to welcome a number of guests, including members from other WIs. It was a very friendly atmosphere and yet again we were very lucky with the weather. The sun shone most of the day and consequently showed the beautiful gardens of both houses to their best advantage. I think everyone had a memorable day and many thanks to Mrs Joy Saunders and Miss Judith Johnson who worked hard to make it a success.

There will not be a meeting in August and the next meeting is on September 10 an 10am in the Radnor Hall. At this meeting we hope to welcome potential new members and rest assured you will receive a very warm welcome. For any further help or information please contact either Mrs Sue Bourne on 01722 329734 or Mrs Jean Van Hagen on 01722 338803.

Finally, on a personal note may I please say a huge thank you to Mrs Margaret Barrow who did the catering for my recent birthday party at the Radnor Hall. It was a great success and the food was excellent. I really could not have done without her expertise and her wonderful team of helpers. Many thanks also to Mrs Vi Bath for my lovely birthday cake and the gorgeous flower arrangements created by Mrs Judy Barke, Mrs Isabel Stone and Mrs Jennifer Cowan. Thank you all so much for making it such a memorable birthday for me.

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Odstock Primary School News - July

Another school year draws to a close and it has been one that has seen a few changes within our school. Mr Paul Niblett, the Headteacher of the school for many years has now left and a new head, Mrs Ann Bernard, will join the school in September. Plans are underway for a new extension to the school to be built during the winter. This will provide a new infant classroom and new entrance point for the school.

We have twelve new children joining the school in September, the majority of whom are reception age. This is the largest intake for many years and reflects the school's growing popularity within the community.

During the summer term the school has been involved in the K'nex Building Challenge held at South Wilts and although our team did not win, the children involved had a great time. Our Year 6 pupils have been involved in the Junior Good Citizen day at the Fire Station and they came away with a good report. Some of the junior children took part in the Environment Day held in conjunction with Salisbury District Council and the whole school went on an educational day trip to Poole in July. Our junior children entered national writing and poetry competitions and the whole school is involved in a chrysanthemum growing competition, to be judged in September. The term was rounded off with our annual sports evening.

Thank you to anyone who helped collect Tesco computer vouchers and Walkers Books for Schools vouchers. These are always gratefully received and have enabled the school to get much needed books and resources.

We recently held a jumble sale at the school in conjunction with the church and each raised just over £80. Some of you may have noticed the paper recycling bin in the school car park. We have just been notified that our school is currently running equal third in the "Most Kgs per Pupil" category. The competition runs from January to December so we are well on the way to earning the school a cash prize. Please keep up the good work and carry on using it for all white paper, including junk mail and newspapers. Thank you.

Pass it on Stewardship Campaign

The campaign took place during May and June. We are very pleased with the positive replies from many of the parishioners. Thanks to all who replied and we will be in touch very soon.

The next BLITZ day is on Saturday 8th September from 10am onwards until late afternoon. Could we ask, if you are coming, to bring any gardening tools for cutting, digging, sawing and chopping etc.

If you have any queries please ring any member of the PCC who should be able to help. Thank you again.

Junior Church

Please note that there is no Junior Church in August. The next one will be held on 9th September.

Concert by Forres Sandle Manor School

On Tuesday, 3rd July, some 35 girls and boys from Forres Sandle Manor School in Fordingbridge came to give a concert in the church hall at Charlton All Saints. To everyone's delighted surprise this event was much better attended than had been expected, given the time of year, the day of the week and the time in the school term (i.e. very nearly at the end and in the middle of all sorts of exams!). It's true that many members of the audience were the parents of those performers who are Day Children at FSM but even so it was wonderful to find that we had "standing room only" when the programme began.

David Andrews, the Director of Music, and his assistant, Robert Harvey, as well as their part-time peripatetic colleagues are to be congratulated on what they have helped their pupils to achieve. A varied programme of full orchestra, string quartet, brass group, jazz group, instrumental and vocal solos gave us a wonderful evening with the westering sun blazing in through Charlton's William Morris west window as a bonus.

What was almost incredible was that the oldest performer in the concert was not yet 14 years old! It is not every day that you can put together a concert given by children who had not rehearsed together for over a fortnight, who had been on adventure training the previous week, who had been in London all the preceding day and who had spent the afternoon of the concert itself having their school Sports Day and Swimming Gala.

Several of the musicians had been in Birmingham on the Sunday winning medals and high placings in the National Finals of the Prep. School Athletics Championships! Nine of the players had also won academic scholarships and several music awards as well. Not frequently does one get to hear a virtuoso euphonium solo, designed for the Associated Board's Grade 8 (the highest), played by two girls as a duet (both on their own euphonium - ie two instruments) and then managing to sound as one player. AND THEY HAD NOT REHEARSED THIS! The sheer professionalism, musicianship and technique of the boys and girls was, especially to those in the audience who did not know what they were in for, breathtaking. We don't often get a solo soprano, accompanied on our organ, of Panis Angelicus and we certainly do not every day hear original, home-made jazz from keyboard, drum-kit, bass guitar with

vocals and alto saxophone with vocals. Many of the items did not even need an adult as conductor.

It would be lovely if these children, or their successors as next year's Year 8 pupils, could come again before too long. Harvest Supper, perhaps?

The school sent their children to us for no cost at all and so the retiring collection of £149.32 (I think) went straight to the grateful hands of our Honorary Treasurer.

We are all of us deeply grateful to the children themselves, to their Headmaster, Dick Moore, and to all those who gave us such a memorable evening.

Radnor Hall News

Debby Underhill, Secretary

The Hall is looking very smart with the new kitchen, furniture and lighting. The ceiling is going to be painted and we would like to resurface the drive and enlarge it to accommodate more cars. We would also like a new light moveable stage, so we have planned some fund-raising activities:

Sunday 12th August Car boot Sale 2.00 pm Nunton Football Field. Donations of cakes to Alan Ambrose, Ebbles Villa's, Nunton.

Saturday 15th September 7.30 pm Dance featuring Brian Moon and the Satellites in the Radnor Hall. Bar and Food available. Tickets £6 from Radnor Hall Tel 01722 329760

Thurs 29th, Fri 30th November and Sat 1st December Village Pantomime A Harry Joynt Special! More details later.

To make a Bookings for the Hall ring Shirley Norris 01722 329760

Odstock Nunton & Bodenham Fete

Keith Wilby (Secretary Fete Committee)

The Fete Committee would like to thank all those who contributed to the fete on 14 July. The fete account is yet to be finalised, but it is most likely that we have made in excess of £4,000. The success of our fete each year is due mainly to the great deal of support received from many people who man the stalls, help prepare the field, donate prizes and gifts, sell dance and raffle tickets and numerous other activities. To all who helped this year, please accept this note of appreciation from the Fete Committee.

FETE 2002 Next year the Fete will be held on Saturday 13 July 2002. Please note the date now!

FETE AGM The AGM will be held on Monday 8 October 2001 at 7-30 pm in the Radnor Hall. Attendance open to all and the Committee would welcome comments on the fete this year and proposals or suggestions for FETE 2002.

News from the Parish Council

Sherwood Elcock, 01722 334398

In early July, the Council lengthsman carried out 2 days of general maintenance work around the village. Not a lot, but every bit helps. They will be available to the Parish 3 or 4 times annually. The councillors will compile a list of minor works that are required and will be grateful for any suggestions.

Work on upgrading the recreation field at Odstock is agreed and we are waiting for the contractors. There may have to be a delay to allow the contractors for the Council House maintenance work to use the site for storage while they complete their work on homes in Shepherds Close.

The Council had a stall at the Fete and invited comments from the public on their plans for developing the recreation field at Nunton. We received some very helpful advice, particularly from children who were invited to select items of playground equipment. We cannot please everybody of course but feedback was generally positive and when finances become available as a result of the development of the Old Dairy Site we expect to be able to proceed with these plans and to have a children's playground ready for use by next summer.

The next Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 5th September at The Radnor Hall. You are very welcome to join us.

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Charlton All Saints Garden Society

Barbara Box

Clare and Jon Penny took their courage in both hands and invited the Garden Society to supper in their garden. Everyone had as much fun as their children exploring the nooks, crannies and dens that Clare and Jon have opened up. Certain influence was brought to bear keeping the weather chilly but dry. Thank you both very much.

Next meeting Monday 24th September 7.30 pm Charlton Church Hall: Dave Manston will talk on sweet peas. I believe he is a well known expert. Please come along - you need not be a member.

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 (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 Wed 9.30 - 11.30 am, Radnor Hall, Bodenham Contact at Suzie Orchiton 01722 502026
Mobile Library	Alternate Fridays (10 & 24 August): Village Hut, Charlton 10.00 - 10.15 am Alternate Tuesdays (14 & 28 August): Brookmead, Britford 11.00 am; Radnor Arms, Nunton 11.20 am; Crossroads, Odstock 11.45 am

For Your Diary

12 August	Car Boot Sale, 2.00 pm Nunton Football Field
5 September	Odstock Parish Council meeting, Radnor Hall
8 September	Britford Church and Churchyard Work Day 10 am to 3 pm
15 September	Dance at Radnor Hall, 7.30 pm
22 September	Charlton Harvest Supper
24 September	Charlton Garden Society meeting, 7.30 pm Charlton Church Hall
8 October	Fete AGM, 7.30 pm Radnor Hall
13 October	Charlton Autumn Fair, 2.00 pm Charlton Church Hall
30 November/1 Dec	Radnor Hall Show

