

News and Notes

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Church of England Services

Sunday 2nd March 1 before Lent	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	DH DH WC GS
Wednesday 5 March Ash Wednesday	12.00 noon 7.30 pm	Holy Communion Parish Communion with Imposition of Ashes	Broad Chalke Coombe	
Sunday 9th March Lent 1	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am 11.00 am	Holy Communion BCP Parish Communion (JC) Matins BCP Matins BCP	Homington Odstock Coombe Charlton	WC GS GS WC
Sunday 16th March Lent 2	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 WC GS GS
Sunday 23rd March Lent 3	10.30 am 6.00 pm	Parish Communion Evensong	Broad Chalke Britford	DH/AJ GS/HS
Sunday 30th March Mothering Sunday Lent 4	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am 11.00 am	Holy Communion BCP Parish Communion Morning Service Family Service	Homington Charlton Odstock Coombe	WC GS GS WC
DH = The Reverend Canon David Henley, GS = The Reverend Dr Graham Southgate, WC = The Reverend Westley Cole, HS = The Reverend Humphrey Southern, Rural Dean of Chalke, AJ = The Venerable Alan Jeans, Archdeacon of Sarum				

From the Editor

This month's edition has been sponsored by the Chalke Valley Team Council and several smaller donations. Many thanks to you! 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 21st March.

Holy Matrimony

On 8th February in Sydney Australia:
Judy Ryan and Giles James Bourne

Lent Course – New World, Old Faith

A course in five parts and at three venues:

Monday evenings beginning at 7.30 pm on 10, 17, 24, 31 March, and 7 April at The Vicarage, Nunton (contact Graham Southgate on 01722 330628).

Wednesday afternoons beginning at 3 pm on 12, 19, 26 March, 2 and 9 April at Brines Cottage, Homington Road, Coombe Bissett (contact Helen Baynes on 01722 718395).

Thursday evenings beginning at 7.30 pm on 13, 20, 27, 3 and 10 April at Bridge Farm, Lower Road, Britford (the first meeting will include a meal, so please contact Norma Hunt on 01722 332376 who will take your 'booking').

The five sessions are entitled *Brave New World?*; *Environment and Ethics*; *Church and Family in Crisis?*; *One World — Many Faiths*; and *Spirituality and Superstition*.

These sessions will be accompanied by taped contributions from the Most Reverend and Right Honourable Dr Rowan Williams (Archbishop of Canterbury, Anglican), the Most Reverend and Right Honourable Dr David Hope (Archbishop of York, Anglican), the Reverend David Coffey (Baptist), Dr Pauline Webb (Methodist), the Reverend Joel Edwards (Pentecostal), and the Reverend Dr John Polkinghorne (Anglican).

There is a booklet (costing £2.50) to accompany the Lent Course. To reserve a copy, please contact the leader of the group you plan to attend.

CHURCH'S ANNUAL MEETINGS

Britford

Tuesday 1st April in the Memorial Hall at
7.30 pm

Charlton All Saints

Thursday 10th April in the Parish Church at
7.30 pm

WI

Diane Wait

We were all given a warm welcome to the February meeting by Mrs Julia Joynt (President). She thanked Mrs Carolyn Mayall for her very attractive floral arrangement of mixed pink, white and mauve flowers and Mrs Jean Martin then read out the prayer. Julia opened the meeting with a brief chat about some questionnaires on osteoporosis which she has asked five members to complete. The aim is to find out as much as possible about the disease and the resulting information should prove very useful. She also mentioned the possibility of us becoming involved in a Community Challenge and has asked members for their ideas on how to provide help to the local community.

Mrs Jean Van Hagen (Secretary) discussed two forthcoming visits. One is to Hampton Court Palace and Gardens on 7th April and the other is to Bletchley Park on 28th June. She also reminded members about the AGM Countdown Meeting on 30th April in Laverstock Village Hall when the 2003 Resolutions will be discussed. It is hoped that a number of members will attend as we have also been asked to help serve coffees at the meeting. Jean also reported that the scrabble team is doing exceptionally well with another convincing win under their belts. Well done ladies – keep it up! Mrs Margaret Barrow (Treasurer) read out the accounts and also reported that the current skittles team are really enjoying their matches – not so many notches under their belts yet! Mrs Joy Saunders updated us on the theatre bookings for the Playhouse (I can report that a big crowd of us particularly enjoyed seeing “Communicating Doors” by Alan Ayckbourn, which was a humorous and superbly acted play). Mrs Jackie Feltham then gave a brief but amusing summary describing the wonderful time she and Mrs Doreen Smith had when they participated in a cookery course at Denman College recently. Julia read out a letter of thanks from Doreen, who had obviously had a wow of a time.

Mrs Angela Moules once again enjoyed success in the flower of the month competition with a beautiful deep blue pansy.

After the coffee break Mr John Notman from the Salisbury Natural History Society (he was Chairman for four years, but is now Vice Chairman) thoroughly entertained us with an enthralling talk about the stunning coastline from Barton on Sea to Portland Bill. He showed a spectacular selection of beautiful slides depicting many rare flowers and plants, including several different species of orchids. Also included were many rare birds, butterflies, fossils, snakes and a picture of a gorgeous red squirrel. Sadly these can now only be found on Brownsea Island and the Isle of Wight. John showed us slides of three castles, including the very ancient Corfe Castle and some amazing pictures of the famous cliffs at Lulworth Cove and Durdle Door. Unfortunately the cliffs along the coast are rapidly eroding and there is a lot of work being carried out to try and halt the progress of the sea. It has taken John 15 years to build up his photographic portfolio and believe it or not, he knows the names of all the plants, birds, butterflies etc without any reference to notes. Everyone enjoyed listening to him immensely and Mrs Judy Barke gave him a very gracious vote of thanks. A number of questions were fired at him, which he was only too happy to answer.

The next meeting is the Annual General Meeting which will be held on Monday 10th March in the Radnor Hall at 10 am. Mrs Liz Barr, who is a WI Adviser, is coming along to help run this meeting when members will be asked to vote for the officers. Julia has asked if anyone would be interested in joining the committee as there will probably be three places to fill. It should be an interesting meeting and once again guests will be very welcome.

Easter Lilies

Diane Fray

If anyone would like to give a donation towards the cost of Easter Lilies in Nunton Church, in memory of a loved one or friend, would they kindly get in touch with Diane Fray, Macaria Cottage, Nunton, telephone 01722 329753 before 22nd March.

The Last Day of Spring

Gill Smedley, Churchwarden, St Mary's, Odstock

Saturday 29th March has been earmarked for Spring Cleaning Odstock Church. Please join us, and come as soon as possible after 10 am, armed with cloths, cleaners, polish and lots of elbow grease. You'll be sure of a warm welcome.

If you can't make that morning, but still want to help with this annual clean, please ring Gill Smedley on 01722 329488 to arrange an alternative date.

LENT PROJECT — AWAY FROM IT ALL HOLIDAYS

Lent Lunch

The Vicarage, Nunton

Saturday 12th April

12.30 until 2 pm

Donations for a Draw will also be gratefully
received.

Fairtrade Fortnight

This year, Fairtrade Fortnight (3-16 March) focuses on the improved “taste” of Fairtrade products and people are being encouraged to “trust your taste”. Although 25% of people are now aware of the meaning of the Fairtrade brand and sales are increasing year on year, the sad fact is only 5% of people buy Fairtrade products regularly.

Why not celebrate Fairtrade Fortnight and help promote the great taste of Fairtrade products in your area? The Fairtrade Foundation has lots of ideas and action packs waiting to be posted to you, bursting with fliers, posters, badges, tea and coffee samples, coasters and more. You can contact them directly at The Fairtrade Foundation, Suite 204, 16 Baldwin's Gardens, London EC1N 7RJ telephone 020 7440 7676 email fortnight@fairtrade.org.uk website www.fairtrade.org.uk

Odstock Primary School News

Junior Class News

During January, two members of the Sarum Chamber Orchestra led a workshop for the juniors followed by an afternoon concert in the City Hall. Five pupils attended an evening performance by the Sarum Chamber Orchestra during which they sang with pupils from other Wiltshire schools.

The Road Safety Officer visited and led the juniors on a walk to reinforce their learning.

They have been covering the topic of rivers over the past months and they all went on a field trip to our local river to carry out some investigations.

Infant Class News

The infant class had a morning investigating sculpture in nature with local artist Olivia Keith who helped them make clay and willow insects.

On a visit to Westwood St Thomas School, the art teacher talked to the children about the sculptures in their grounds and two students then showed them around the various exhibits and the art department.

School News

Phil Groombridge from Wildlife Rescue visited school to demonstrate his work to the children. He brought a pole cat and a barn owl which he used to explain aspects of their lives and habitat.

Some of the children took part in a competition run by Alabaré Christian Care to design a home for a homeless person. Two of the infants won prizes, one was a family tour of Southampton Football Stadium and the other a ticket to Longleat. The prizes were presented during a special assembly.

During half term Mrs Marsh will be participating in a Teacher's study visit to the Gambia as part of our global citizenship programme. We have obtained funding from the British Council to establish a link with a primary school in Gunjur. One of the teachers will be visiting us in July. Our after school programme continues with clubs in football, brass, recorders, art and craft, French and ICT.

PFA News

We held a Family Winter Party on 31st January which was great fun and valuable funds were raised for the school. One of our parents and governors kindly arranged for Jonathan the Jester to come along and provide the entertainment in the form of stilt walking, juggling and organising games.

Other

The pumpkin competition raised £270 for the school, thanks to Mr and Mrs Smith. The money will launch our fund raising project for learning resources which we intend to be available to all village children. More details next month.

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

Licensing of Revd Kate Rosslyn Smith

David Henley

Kate will be licensed by the Bishop of Ramsbury at a Communion Service in **Bowerchalke** at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 19th March. Churchwardens are invited to bring their staves and escort the Bishop. A group from the Ebble Chorale will lead the singing, and there will be refreshments in the village hall afterwards. All are welcome.

Charlton All Saints Garden Society

We were given a very informative talk by Vincent Mears on Seed Propagation at our last meeting, which was ably arranged by Debby Underhill in Barbara Box's absence. Next time: Seedling Swap on Monday 28th April at 7.30 pm in Charlton Church Hall. Bring along your spare seedlings, and swap them for something new!

Blayz in Concert at City Hall

Saturday 26th April at 8 pm

Rock & Roll band playing 60's music

Dance floor

£10 per ticket

In aid of Salisbury Diabetic Children's Fund

Tickets available from Ottakars Bookshop, Sue Goodridge on 01722 335004 or Bernard Stubbs on 01722 330006

London Marathon

Bernard Stubbs

I am running my 11th London Marathon on 13th April 2003 to support my daughter, Hannah, who is running for the first time. We hope to raise funds for Victa (Visually Impaired Children Taking Action) a charity that helps blind and partially sighted children. If you feel you could sponsor this good cause, we would both be very grateful. With thanks. Telephone (01722) 330006.

Mid Year Production

Melanie Ferris

We are hoping to stage a theatrical evening at the Radnor Hall in May. I have a one act play in mind, but would welcome anyone who would be prepared to direct a second play. (I have a number of scripts if needed). Please contact me either if you wish to act, direct, or be involved in any way.

Fun guaranteed! Would hope to start rehearsing in April, and will hold a meeting later in March to see who is available.

Please phone either myself on 01722 322280 or Harry Joynt on 01722 329782.

"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 Fridays: Village Hut, Charlton 10.00 – 10.15 am Alternate Tuesdays: Brookmead, Britford 11.00 am; Radnor Arms, Nunton 11.20 am; Crossroads, Odstock 11.45 am

Dates for Your Diary

19 March	Licensing of Revd Kate Rosslyn Smith, 7.30 pm Bowerchalke Church
29 March	Odstock Church Spring Clean, 10.00 am
1 April	Britford Church Annual Meeting, 7.30 pm Memorial Hall
10 April	Charlton All Saints Church Annual Meeting, 7.30 pm Charlton Church Hall
12 April	Lent Lunch, 12.30 pm Vicarage, Nunton
13 April	London Marathon
26 April	Blayz in Concert, City Hall 8.00 pm
28 April	Charlton Garden Society seedling swap, 7.30 pm Charlton Church Hall
10 May	Blitz Day for Britford Churchyard

Chalke Valley Weekend Conference Programme

Sat 22nd March

9.00 am	Village Hall	Coffee & pastries (by Ladies Fellowship)
10.00 am	Church	Welcome and introductions
10.30 - 11.30 am		Choice of workshops
11.30 am	Village Hall	Coffee (by Berwick St John)
12.00 - 1.00pm		Choice of workshops
1.00 pm	Village Hall	Lunch (by Bowerchalke)
2.30 pm		Free afternoon or ramble
5.00 pm	Village Hall	Tea (by Nunton and Odstock)
5.30 pm	Church	Informal Taize style evening worship
6.15 pm	Village Hall	Supper (by Coombe Bissett & Homington)
7.30 pm		Choice of workshops
7.30 pm	Bowerchalke	Meeting for young people
8.30 pm	Church	Finish with sung Compline

Sun 23rd March

8.00 am	Alvediston	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30 am	Broad Chalke	Parish Communion including Baptism and Admission of Children to Holy Communion Preacher: Ven Alan Jeans (Archdeacon of Sarum)
12.30 pm	Village Hall	Family buffet lunch, including entertainment for children
2.00 - 2.30 pm	Church	Short summing up
6.00 pm	Britford	Festival Evensong, led by Sarum Voices Preacher: Revd Humphrey Southern (Rural Dean)

Saturday Workshop Topics

Session 1	Church and Countryside – Farming Today
10.30 am	The Common Worship Communion Service: Part I Prayer and Spirituality Allocation of Energy (Choosing when to give out and when to take in - as Jesus did) – with Mrs Wanda Nash
Session 2	Islam
12.00 noon	The Common Worship Communion Service: Part II Art and Spirituality The Church Working with the Whole Family
Session 3	The Future of the Village Church
7.30 pm	The Christian Healing Ministry What is the Gospel for Today – Questions I've Never Dared to Ask Welcoming Newcomers to the Parish