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Holy Day – Holiday

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If you had lived in medieval times, do you know that you would have had more holidays than we do now? People then didn't have a fortnight off and go to the seaside in summer. Instead the Church celebrated more saints' days as festivals, and that meant that everyone - even the humblest peasants - had a half day or a whole day off to go to church and then spend the rest of the time celebrating in other ways. These Holy Days give us our modern word holiday.

Such celebrations still happen in many places in continental Europe, and whole communities go out onto the streets. Last year I went to Malta and could have attended a celebration every evening, if there hadn't been other things to do. There were processions, specially made sweets, dancing, spectacular fireworks (home made, of course!), lovingly decorated churches, and FUN - beginning and ending with services in the parish church. We're not much given to this sort of rejoicing in England (despite there usually being at least two opportunities every month), and for many years the Church was seen to frown upon such activity. A pity really, since such celebration is as good for the soul as the daily round of worship and prayer on the ordinary days between the Holy Days. †

Church Services

Sunday 1 August	8.00 am	Holy Communion	GS	Nunton
Trinity 9 (Lammas)	9.30 am	Parish Communion	GS	Britford
	11.00 am	Parish Communion	GS	Coombe
	11.00 am	Morning Service	RR	Odstock
	6.00 pm	Evensong	SW	Homington
Sunday 8 August	8.00 am	Holy Communion	GS	Homington
Trinity 10	9.30 am	Parish Communion	TS	Nunton
	11.00 am	Family Service	GS	Coombe
	11.00 am	Matins	TS	Charlton
Sunday 15 August	9.30 am	Matins Patronal Festival	AT	Homington
Blessed Virgin Mary	9.30 am	Parish Communion	GS	Odstock
	11.00 am	Parish Communion	WC	Coombe
	11.00 am	Matins	GS	Britford
	6.00 pm	Evensong	WC	Odstock
Sunday 22 August	8.00 am	Holy Communion	WC	Homington
Trinity 12	9.30 am	Parish Communion	GS	Charlton
	11.00 am	Matins	WC	Coombe
	11.00 am	Matins	GS	Nunton
	3.00 pm	Afternoon Service	GS	Homington
Sunday 29 August	10.00 am	Parish Communion	GS/AT	Coombe
Trinity 13				

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

News From The Vicarage

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So, have you attended the new Morning Service in Odstock yet? If not then why not come along at 11 am on 1 August when we shall be remembering the ancient English festival of Lammas. This is an occasion when - traditionally - the first of the wheat harvest is brought along to church to thank God for the start of another harvest. Lammas is always celebrated on the first day of August which, I am told, is often too early for the wheat to be ready (despite modern varieties maturing earlier than medieval ones would have done). The discrepancy is probably due to the removal from the calendar of very nearly half a month, when the United Kingdom changed from the Julian to the Gregorian Calendar in 1752.

The month of August has five Sundays which means that on 29 August there is just one church service in each of the three areas of the Chalke Valley Benefice. This time it is Coombe Bissett's turn to host the service in the eastern part of the valley, when there will be a Parish Communion at 10 am.

Looking forward to September, the annual Great Cycle Ride is fast approaching. It is arranged by the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust to enable them to continue their work of the conservation of churches (they gave a grant towards the re-roofing of the Parish Church in Charlton All Saints, for example). Half of whatever is raised goes towards their general fund and half of what each individual cyclist raises is donated to the church of their choice - so this can be a very useful way of supporting the work of your local church. In addition, there are various prizes available as an extra incentive. Please contact me if you would like further details.

From the Editor

Our newsletter has been paid for by an anonymous donor in Odstock this month, and as ever, we are very grateful to her. The monthly production cost of *News & Notes* is now £32.50. If anyone would like to sponsor an issue, you will receive not only our grateful thanks, but also an advertisement for yourself, your business or a charity of your choice on the front page. Editorial items for inclusion in *News & Notes* should be sent to Clare Penny at Azalea Cottage, Chapel Lane, Charlton All Saints, SP5 4HF, telephone 01725 512869 or email clare@azalea.demon.co.uk. Monetary donations should be sent to Neil Guttridge, *News & Notes* Treasurer, on 01725 511468 or at Court-Hay, Lower Road, Charlton All Saints, SP5 4HQ. Notices of charity and non-profit making events are inserted free, but all other advertisements are charged at £2 per 30 words, or £20 for 12 insertions. The deadline for the September issue is Monday 16 August.

From the Registers

Holy Baptism

- On Sunday 20 June: Laurence John Chandler (at Odstock)
On Sunday 4 July: Rosina Ellie Henderson (at Odstock)
Oliver Anthony Hale Rudd (at Britford)
Jeremy Pleydell-Bouverie (at Britford)
On Sunday 11 July: Benjamin William Knight (at Britford)

Burials

- On Monday 12 July: Alison Mary Ashworth (at Charlton All Saints)

Holy Days In August

- 6 Transfiguration of our Lord 8 a.m. Holy Communion at Nunton.
24 Bartholomew the Apostle 8 a.m. Holy Communion at Nunton.

WI

Judy Barke

July has been a very busy month for WI members. Our stalls at the Fete, held on a glorious afternoon, were well supplied with cakes, produce, fruit and plants, and a total of just over £500 was raised from these stalls alone. Many thanks to everyone who gave contributions for the stalls, in particular cakes, which the WI was running for the first time.

At the July meeting, Mrs Chris Thornton gave an amusing account of her visit as delegate to the IGM in the Albert Hall. The Garden Party in June had been a great success and Mr & Mrs Harry Joynt were thanks again for their hospitality.

A First Aid Kit has been given to the Barker Room, Nunton by the WI.

Mrs Robina Hattersley gave a fascinating, illustrated talk on Feeding the 400 in Mettupalayam, Southern India. The flower of the month was won by Mrs Patti English with a gorgeous golden yellow rose. The Summer Outing to Jane Austen's house at Chawton and Gilbert White's house at Selbourne was enormously enjoyed by everyone. Members were joined by a number of guests and a few brave husbands.

The next meeting is on 13 September, followed by a ploughman's lunch.

Fete Jumble Sale

Muriel

A big thank you to everyone who helped with the Jumble Sale on Saturday 3 July. We took £204.

Skips

There will be a skip for rubbish, situated as before at the Britford Depot, Lower Road, Britford, in the first week of August from Monday 2 August.

The rubbish skip for Nunton and Odstock will be in the usual place for the second half of August.

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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. No Junior Church in August.
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 Monday, 8.00 pm, contact Adrian Taylor on 01722 325862
Mobile Library	Alternate Fridays (13 & 27 August): Village Hut, Charlton 9.45 am Alternate Tuesdays (10 & 24 August): 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

7 August	Church Working Party, St Mary's Odstock 10 am
11 September	Great Bicycle Ride

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