

Personal Thanksgiving

September 1998

Can I crave indulgence of these columns to thank everyone involved with my recent incarceration in Salisbury District Hospital? First of all, to my consultant Dr Anthony Warley without whom my sojourn in hospital would have been considerably longer and also much more painful, and also to Dr Claire Watson whose watchful eyes from the outset of my illness did much to reassure me.

Secondly, to the multitude of visitors who not only sent me "get well" cards and bouquets but who also beat a well worn path to my bedside to help while away many an hour in what would have been without them an extremely boring stay in my incapacitated and semi-paralysed state, where even the switching on and off of a CD player or tape recorder had to be performed by someone else. A neighbour in the next bed said he had never seen so many visitors in all his stays in hospital.

Thirdly to everyone involved in the feeding rota who so willingly assisted the hospital staff in ensuring that I at least received the sustenance needed daily to keep me going, and with this I must couple those who provided transport for Patsy, not only to do the same but also to visit me at other times. But most of all I must thank everyone for their prayers, and for the prayers of the Cathedral staff and congregation, and of the Benedictine Monks of Elmore Abbey, which I feel strongly made me a "minor miracle" when I walked out of the hospital after 24 days "inside".

The Feast of St James, Saturday 25 July - what a wonderful day of celebration - the day when David, Lord Bishop of Salisbury, did admit and ordain me into the Holy Order of Priesthood at the Parish Church of St Michael and All Angels, Coombe Bissett. I would like to take this opportunity of thanking everyone who has supported me so magnificently, not only since Bishop Peter accepted me as an ordinand in April 1997, but over the past ten years, both in word, letter and prayer.

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Church Services

Sunday 6 September	8.00 am	Holy Communion	BCP	GS	Nunton
Trinity 13	9.30 am	Parish Communion	ASBB	GS	Britford
	11.00 am	Matins	BCP	GS	Odstock
	11.00 am	Parish Communion	ASBB	WC	Coombe
	6.00 pm	Evensong	BCP	WC	Homington
Sunday 13 September	8.00 am	Holy Communion	BCP	GS	Homington
Trinity 14	9.30 am	Parish Communion (JC)	ASBA	GS	Nunton
	11.00 am	Matins	BCP	GS	Charlton
	11.00 am	Family Service		RR	Coombe
Sunday 20 September	9.30 am	Parish Communion (JC)	ASBA	WC	Odstock
Trinity 15	9.30 am	Harvest Festival of Thanksgiving		GS	Charlton
	9.30 am	Matins	BCP	JW	Homington
	11.00 am	Parish Communion	BCP	TS	Coombe
	3.00 pm	Harvest Festival		GS	Britford
Sunday 27 September	8.00 am	Holy Communion	BCP	GS	Homington
Trinity 16	9.30 am	Parish Communion	ASBA	GS	Charlton
	11.00 am	Matins	BCP	GS	Coombe
	6.00 pm	Harvest Festival		GS	Nunton

GS = Graham Southgate, WC = Westley Cole, SHW = Sydney Willcox, KC = Karen Curnock, AT = Annabel Tier, RR = Roger Redding, TS = Terry Sankey, JW = John Watson. If anyone would like a lift to any of the services, please telephone Debby Underhill on 01722 329769.

I would also like to thank all those who worked so hard and long to make the Ordination Service such a moving and memorable event, and especially David Brockway and the Choir of St Francis, Salisbury, for their wonderful lead in the choral parts of the service. My special thanks to Tony Landale and Roden Parry for making their homes available for the Clergy and Choir to robe.

I would also like to thank all those who laboured so valiantly preparing the marvellous reception at the Village Hall after the service. But most of all I would like to thank each and every one of you who attended the service and supported me by your presence. When I was ordained Deacon, I spoke of my efforts over the past 29 years to be a Servant of the Community, and those words were vividly brought to mind in an Ordination Card I received from Dom Kenneth, Oblate Master of the Benedictine Monastery at Elmore Abbey:

What are thou, O Priest?

Not from thyself, for of nothing wast thou made

Not for thyself, but set between Man and God.

Not to thyself, but to the Church, the Bride

Not thine own art thou, but slave of mankind.

Not thyself are thou, but Servant of God.

What art thou then, O Priest?

Nought, yet All (Attributed to St Norbert)

Westley Cole

From the Editor

This month's edition has been funded by an anonymous reader from Britford - very many thanks to you. 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 October issue is Friday 18 September.

Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham Harvest Supper

On Sunday 27 September at 7.30 pm in the Radnor Hall after the Harvest Festival in Nunton Church at 6.00 pm. Supper tickets £5 for adults including a glass wine, £3.50 for children including squash, from Debby Underhill on 01722 329769 or Bodenham Post Office.

Charlton Harvest Supper

The Harvest Supper at Charlton will be on Saturday 19 September at 7.00 for 7.30 pm in the Church Hall. Please contact Pam and Peter Cox on 01722 329709 or Clare Penny on 01725 512869 by Thursday 17 September (at the latest) to book your place. Please pay for tickets at the door - £4.50 for adults, £2.00 for under 12s. Our Harvest Festival service is on Sunday 20 September. All donations of flowers, produce and greenery to decorate the church will be gratefully accepted. Please bring them to the church by 10.00 am on Saturday 19 September.

Radnor Hall Jumble Sale

On Saturday 10 October at 2.00 pm at the Radnor Hall. We need your jumble! Please ring Debby Underhill on 01722 329769 if you need it collecting or leave at the Radnor Hall. Thank you.

Charlton All Saints Garden Society

A delightful evening was enjoyed by all on 29 June, when the Society members were invited to Witherington Cottage by Rob and Jane Combes. They have worked hard in their garden in the short time they have been in the village, making it very pretty. Thank you both very much. Our next meeting will be at 7.30 pm on Monday 28 September in the Charlton Church Hall. Mrs Anne Martin will be speaking on the Fascination of Herbs. Non-members welcome.

SEE WILTSHIRE'S LOVELY CHURCHES

Join the Great Bicycle Ride



as cyclist or sponsor
Any age. Any distance
Exhilarating-Interesting — and FUN

Saturday 12th September 1998

between 10.00 am & 6.00 pm
£400 IN CASH PRIZES

Details and sponsorship
forms from your local
organiser

The Rev'd Dr G Southgate
The Vicarage
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Salisbury
SP5 4HP
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Business Link - your first call when starting in business

Business Link is the national network of local partnerships between the business community and government providing the simplest route for small and medium-sized businesses to the best information and advice. Currently Business Link S Wilts is targeting the Rural Development Area in South Wiltshire with its service.

Do you have a business idea that you want to make a reality? Business Link South Wiltshire based in Bedwin Street, Salisbury offers free 'start-up' advice to any individual looking to become their own boss. Whatever your business idea they can help. Their trained counsellors have a wealth of experience and can act as a sounding board and explore the possibilities with you. Practical help can also be given on marketing, banking, premises, employing others, tax advice and much, much more. One to one counselling sessions are held in-house lasting an hour each Wednesday and Friday. Two sessions can be booked free of charge.

They also offer a Start-Up Business Course held over two and a half days - "PATHWAY TO PROFIT" which brings like minded people starting out as their own boss together. Collectively and on a one to one basis the Business Link team will walk and talk you through the pitfalls and practicalities of starting up. Contact: Emma Plummer at Business Link South Wiltshire on 01722 411052.

We Need Your Views

Wiltshire Red Cross is now delivering services from its new Headquarters in Gains Lane, Devizes. We are currently undertaking an "Unmet Needs" survey, which, when complete will help us identify service requirements. Have you, a friend or member of your family tried to find help and been unable to do so? If so, please tell us about it because we may be able to fill that gap. Please write to us at the address below. We now operate a Duty Officer scheme so if you need our help in out of office hours, telephone us on 01380 730131. The message will tell you what to do.

To help fund services, we rely on voluntary income. Some event dates for your diary:

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| 13 September | Celebrity Cricket match at South Wiltshire Cricket Ground, Skew Bridge, Salisbury |
| 23/4 October | Christmas Fair, Dauntsey's School, West Lavington, Devizes |
| 6 December | Christmas Music with supper, Kington Manor, Kington St Michael, Chippenham. |

For further information about these events or to write about services, contact us at: Red Cross House, Gains Lane, Devizes, Wiltshire SN10 1QU.

Contact Numbers

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Team Vicar Revd Roger Redding, Vicarage, Ebbesbourne Wake 01722 780408 (Day off - Mon)
Team Vicar Revd Dr Graham Southgate, Nunton Vicarage, Nunton 01722 330628 (Day off - Fri)
Churchwardens Nunton - Harry Joynt 01722 329782 Odstock - Peter Martin 01722 329743
Charlton - Peter Cox 01722 329709 Britford - Daphne Scamell 01722 334858

Dates for your Diary

12 September Great Bicycle Ride, 10.00 am
13 September Red Cross Celebrity Cricket match, Skew Bridge, Salisbury
19 September Charlton Harvest Supper, 7.00 pm Charlton Church Hall
27 September Nunton, Odstock and Bodenham Harvest Supper, 7.30 pm Radnor Hall
28 September Charlton Garden Society meeting, Church Hall 7.30 pm
30 September Charlton door-to-door collection for Autumn Sale, from 6.00 pm
3 October Charlton Autumn Sale, Church Hall 2.00 pm
23/4 October Red Cross Christmas Fair, Dauntsey's School, West Lavington
10 October Radnor Hall Jumble Sale, 2.00 pm
6 December Red Cross Christmas supper, Kington Manor

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
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 (11 & 25 September): Village Hut, Charlton 9.45 am
Alternate Tuesdays (1, 15 & 29 September): Brookmead, Britford 10.10 am
Post Office, Bodenham 10.30 am Radnor Arms, Nunton 10.45 am
Crossroads, Odstock 11.15 am

❀ Charlton Autumn Sale ❀ Saturday 3 October 1998 Charlton Church Hall

Cakes ❀ Produce and Plants ❀ White Elephant ❀ Books ❀ Bottles
Teas ❀ Guess the Weight of the Cake ❀ Raffle

If you have any raffle prizes, bottles, cakes, jams, chutneys, garden produce, unwanted plants, books, white elephants, or some spare time to donate, please contact Clare Penny on 01725 512869. Collection can be arranged from any of the villages, and there will be a door-to-door collection in Charlton on the evening of Wednesday 30 September.

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ODSTOCK, NUNTON AND BODENHAM FETE COMMITTEE

FETE 1998

The accounts are not quite finalised but it would appear that this years profits will be a few pounds over £5,000.

Whilst this is over £500 down on last year it is still a very satisfying result given the appalling weather we suffered on Saturday and Sunday which eventually resulted in the marquee being blown over despite the valiant efforts of numerous people on Sunday morning!

The sponsorship by E W Pinchbecks the local SEAT dealers was what saved this years fete from becoming a financial disaster and our thanks must go out to them.

A very big thank you goes out to all those who helped at the various events and stalls and who supported us over the two weeks. The number of helpers is steadily growing each year but we need many more people to enable us to break the elusive £6,000 profit barrier.

The fete events are not intended to be solely profit making, they are also designed to be community building and it was pleasing to see such a cross section of people of all ages all pulling together this year.

We made money, we made new acquaintances, we got very wet! We had a good time, we have events which many envy and are trying to copy. Fete 1998 was therefore a total success - well done everyone.

For more details phone 321226 or to come to the AGM in October.

THE FETE COMMITTEE

