

March 1998

By the time this edition of *News & Notes* is printed I will have attended the conference on Children and Communion.

The conference has been organised by the Young Sarum Team at the request of the Bishop of Salisbury. It will explore the theology, liturgy and practicalities of children receiving communion before confirmation. For many of us who have worked in the field of developing child spirituality, this is a welcome step. It should be remembered that the Jewish Passover, from which our Eucharist evolved, is to this day an all age festival with children being actively involved.

We are the only orthodox church in Christendom which denies our "young" this means of building faith.

14 March will see the second in our series of all age worship training days. The day will be entitled, "Palms, Nails and Moving Stones". We will be exploring in depth the Feast of Passover and how it relates to the Eucharist. We will be able to see how it is very much a children's feast and how important it is that we should pass on the story of the New Covenant by sign and symbol.

You will all, both young and not so young, be very welcome to join us for this exciting day together. I will gladly supply details of the day.

Roger Redding

Church Services

Sunday 1 March	8.00 am	Holy Communion	BCP	GS	Nunton
	9.30 am	Parish Communion	ASBB	GS	Britford
	11.00 am	Matins	BCP	WC	Odstock
	11.00 am	Parish Communion	ASBB	GS	Coombe
	6.00 pm	Evensong	BCP	WC	Homington
Sunday 8 March	8.00 am	Holy Communion	BCP	GS	Homington
	9.30 am	Parish Communion (JC)	ASBA	GS/WC	Nunton
	11.00 am	Family Service		RR	Coombe
	11.00 am	Matins	BCP	GS	Charlton
Sunday 15 March	9.30 am	Parish Communion (JC)	ASBA	SW	Odstock
	9.30 am	Parish Communion	ASBA	GS	Charlton
	9.30 am	Matins	BCP	WC	Homington
	11.00 am	Parish Communion	BCP	SW	Coombe
	11.00 am	Matins	BCP	WC	Britford
Sunday 22 March Mothering Sunday	8.00 am	Holy Communion	BCP	GS	Homington
	9.30 am	Parish Communion	ASBA	GS	Charlton
	11.00 am	Family Service		GS	Nunton
	11.00 am	Matins	BCP	AT	Coombe
Sunday 29 March	10.30 am	Parish Communion with the Bishop of Ramsbury	ASBA	GS/WC	Odstock
GS = Graham Southgate, WC = Westley Cole, SW = Sydney Willcox, KC = Karen Curnock, AT = Annabel Tier, RR = Roger Redding. If anyone would like a lift to any of the services, please telephone Debby Underhill on 01722 329769.					

From the Editor

This month's edition has been funded by several smaller gifts from generous readers. Donations of any size are very welcome and very much appreciated. Following new arrangements for the photocopying of *News & Notes*, the monthly production cost has been reduced to £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. What a bargain! 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 ClarePenny@aol.com. 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 April issue is Friday 20 March.

News from the Vicarage

This month has five Sundays so there is to be an Eastern Group Eucharist, this time at St Mary's, Odstock on 29 March beginning at 10.30 am. The Bishop of Ramsbury will be in attendance — his last visit to the Benefice before his retirement in April — and he will be joining us afterwards for a buffet-style lunch at the Radnor Hall, Bodenham. It has been suggested that we make a presentation to the Bishop — if you would like to contribute then please give any donations to one of your Churchwardens.

During Lent a number of parishes in the Chalke Valley are supporting the work of *Sight Savers International*, a charity working mainly in Southern Asia, Africa and the Caribbean to give people the gift of sight. Some of their work is to enable older people to undergo operations for the removal of cataracts or to provide programmes for the education and rehabilitation of those permanently blind. But 80% of their work goes towards preventing or curing eye problems which would lead to blindness if left untreated. The PCC of Odstock with Nunton and Bodenham have decided to support the project, and I suspect that the other councils will follow suit. One suggestion is that each household might have a "jar of grace" into which coins may be placed at each meal. I would be pleased to hear of anything else being arranged to support this valuable work — be bold!

A reminder that there is to be a training day entitled *Palms, Nails and Moving Stones* to help us prepare for Holy Week and Easter. The date is Saturday 14 March — please phone my fellow Team Vicar Roger Redding if you want further details (01722 780408). In addition there is also an All Age Roadshow on Friday 20 March

at 6.30 pm led Jim Bailey, a national children's evangelist. The venue for both of these events is Coombe Bissett Village Hall. Graham Southgate

Lent Project Fund-Raising Events

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| Tuesday 10 March | Hunger Lunch from 12 noon at Broad Chalke Village Hall, organised by the Chalke Valley Ladies Fellowship |
| Saturday 28 March | Hunger Lunch from 12.30 at Bishopstone Village Hall |
| Friday 3 April | Supper Party from 7.30 pm organised by David & Gwen Hitchings (01722 780322) and Michael & Janet Roe (01725 519242). Tickets £12. Book early to avoid disappointment. |

A series of Bible Studies looking at St Luke's Gospel

At the home of Clare & John Watson: Wingsfield, Homington at 7.45 pm on Thursdays

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| 5 March | Jesus' Preparation for Ministry |
| 12 March | Ministry in Galilee |
| 19 March | Discipleship |
| 26 March | Parables and Healings |
| 2 April | The Kingdom of God |
| 9 April | Jesus in Jerusalem |
| 16 April | Road to Emmaus |

Please contact Clare Watson (718280) or Graham Southgate (330628) if you would like to come, so that they have some idea of numbers.

Holy Days in March

19th — St Joseph — 8.00 am Holy Communion at Nunton.

25th — The Annunciation to the Blessed Virgin Mary — 8.00 am Holy Communion at Homington.

From the Registers

Burials

On Monday 26 January at Nunton:
Kathleen Mortimer (cremated remains).

On Wednesday 28 January at Nunton:
Leonard Percy Male (cremated remains).

On Monday 9 February at Charlton All Saints:
Hilda Lucy Wort (funeral).

Grace Barker

Rodney, Heather and their families would like to thank everyone for the letters and cards sent to them, following the sad loss of their mother, Grace. Thanks also to everyone who attended the service at Nunton Church and to the flower ladies who decorated the church so beautifully.

Hilda Wort

Many people in Charlton All Saints will have fond memories of Hilda who died on Saturday 2 February.

Born in the village, she lived here until ill health made her move to a nursing home about two years ago. She loved the village, especially the church. For many years she sang in the choir until she was the only one left. She went on to be Church Warden for many years.

The family would like to thank all her friends who attended the funeral, sent messages of sympathy and floral tributes.

Two messages on the flowers seem to me to be appropriate. One simply said "Home again" and other "They have a new choir in heaven". Hilda is laid to rest next to her beloved husband Phil. Peter Cox

Easter Lilies - Nunton

If anyone wishes to give a donation towards the cost of Easter Lilies in Nunton church, in memory of a friend or relative, would they please contact Judy Barke, The Old Rectory, Nunton, tel 01722 324910 before the end of March.

Easter Lilies - Odstock

The Easter Parish Communion service will be held at Odstock Church at 9.30 am. Those wishing to make a contribution to the purchase of Easter Lilies in memory of relations or friends, please contact Barbara Taunton at The Croft, Odstock, by Monday 27 March.

WI

The meeting on 9 February was chaired by our President, Mrs Sue Bourne. We now have 31 members, and the skittles team - some of whom had *never* played before - came in second and third - well done to all!

The April meeting will be on Monday 20 as Monday 13 is Easter Bank Holiday.

Mrs Jo Pearson will attend our AGM on 9 March and the meeting will be chaired by Mrs Jill Johnson, Vice President.

Our speaker was the Hon Mrs Lindsay Brook who went to live in Belfast as her husband was Minister for Northern Ireland. We were given a fascinating and detailed account of her work, involving various aspects of life there and she urged members to spend a holiday - far from Belfast and its troubles - to enjoy the beautiful countryside with its lakes, mountains and flowers, and we were told the strange legend of MacGillycuddy's Reeks, on the mountains of Kerry.

Mrs Doreen Smith won the flower of the month competition with a lovely *Garrya Elliptica*.

Angela Moules

In Aid of the Leukaemia Research Fund

Lecture with exquisite slides to be given by
Rupert Attlee author of
"The Trail to Titicaca"

An incredible 6,408 miles journey through Chile, Argentina & Bolivia by three inexperienced cyclists.

Saturday 21 March in The Radnor Hall, Bodenham
Doors open 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm

Tickets £4.50 to include refreshment available at the beginning of March from Bodenham Post Office, Percy Prior's music shop 5 Catherine Street Salisbury & Sutton's music shop.

Welcome

Welcome to Rosalind Faith Eloise (Rosie) born to Caroline and Andy Cooper of Holly Lodge, Odstock, weighing 6 lbs 14 ozs, a little sister for Edward.

London Marathon

Bernard Stubbs has a place in the London Marathon. He is raising money for Salisbury Diabetic Association. If you want to sponsor him, please ring him on 01722 330006. Many thanks.

Charlton Garden Society

On 26 January, Charlton All Saints Garden Society welcomed many guests to a very interesting talk on garden birds, given by Steven Oakes. Steve and his wife Liz have only recently moved to Charlton All Saints, so we are very grateful that he came to talk to us so soon.

Steve brought some beautiful slides of birds we can expect, and hope, to see in our gardens, as well as tips on how to encourage them. He is able to provide bird food and food containers to anyone who is interested. His address is Milford, Lower Road, Charlton All Saints.

Our next meeting will be on 30 March at 7.30 pm in Charlton Church Hall. The subject will be "Bees". The speaker will be Miss Joan Bassett from Bowerchalke.
Barbara Box

Britford Bus Shelter

The bus shelter on A338 has now been rebuilt, appropriately by the Britford building contractor Mr N P Bedwell. The site was a difficult one, with the constant heavy traffic. Thanks are due to Mr Peter Martin, who kindly made the use of land behind the bus shelter available to facilitate building.

Mr David Chapell very kindly drew up the plans and specification, and Britford is extremely grateful to him for both his time and his expertise.
Judith Study

Britford School Jumble Sale

Saturday 7 March at 2 pm

A Jumble Sale with refreshments in aid of school funds.

If anyone has any jumble to donate, please contact Mary Onstenk on 01722 322643 and she will arrange collection.

Computer Vouchers

Tesco and Sainsbury's are currently giving away computer vouchers when you shop at their stores. Our local schools of Britford and Odstock would be very grateful to receive these, as they can be swapped for much needed computer equipment.

Parents

Are your children aged 5 to 14 years? Do you want to set up a playscheme, Saturday club or after school activity for your children? We can help with grants, training and support. Interested? Want to know more? Contact Paul Dixon/Sarah Taylor, Community First - Play Development, Wyndhams, St Joseph's Place, Devizes, SN10 1DD, tel/fax 01380 724844.

Victim Support Wiltshire

We are now looking for new volunteers in the Swindon and Salisbury areas to help to provide victims and their families with appropriate information and support to help them in dealing with the crime which they have experienced.

All we need is a little of your spare time, training is provided and expenses are re-imbursed to ensure that you are not out of pocket.

Being a victim of a crime can be a traumatising experience. Worries and concerns do not always manifest themselves immediately after the crime. Stress can be caused later when trying to find out information about how the police case is proceeding or how to obtain compensation or returning home alone to your house which has recently been the subject of a burglary.

Victim support Wiltshire currently receive information about a thousand crimes a month either from the police or by self referrals from individual victims.

For further information, or for help if you have been a victim of crime, please telephone Dave, Natalie or Pat on 01380 729476.

Advance Notice

Friday 3 April A Special Event for young people aged 14 to 25 in Charlton All Saints Parish Church at 7.30 pm. The event will be led by the young people of the Charlton Web Youth Church. Come and experience the Web for yourselves and bring a friend.

Contact Numbers

Team Rector Canon Sydney Willcox, The Rectory, Broad Chalke 01722 780262 (Day off - Mon)
Team Vicar Revd Roger Redding, The 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

6 March Womens' World Day of Prayer, service at Broad Chalke Parish Church 2 pm, Speaker Mrs Beryl Beale
7 March Britford School Jumble Sale 2 pm
14 March All Age Worship meeting, Coombe Bissett Village Hall
21 March The Trail to Titicaca, The Radnor Hall 7.00 pm
20-22 March Weekend at Harnhill Healing Centre. Contact Caroline Lamb on 01722 780789 for details.
29 March Group Communion Service at Odstock Church, 10.30 am, attended by Bishop Ramsbury
30 March Charlton Garden Society "Bees" 7.30 pm Charlton Church Hall
3 April Charlton Web Event

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 (13 & 27 Mar): Village Hut, Charlton 9.45 am
Alternate Tuesdays (3 & 17 Mar): Brookmead, Britford 10.10 am
Post Office, Bodenhams 10.30 am
Radnor Arms, Nunton 10.45 am
Crossroads, Odstock 11.15 am