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Karen Curnock

In the Chalke Valley benefice there are three churches dedicated to St John the Baptist whose birth is celebrated on 24 June: Berwick St John, Ebbesbourne Wake and Bishopstone, and so this month they celebrate their patronal festivals.

In the gospel of Luke we read that Zechariah, a priest and the father of John the Baptist, was struck dumb when he doubted the message of the angel Gabriel that his ageing wife, Elizabeth, was to bear a son who would grow up to turn many people to God. But eight days after the child's birth, when they came to circumcise and to name him, Zechariah's voice returned as he spoke words of praise and thanksgiving to God. Today we recall those words whenever we say what we now call the Benedictus, "Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, for he has come to his people and set them free . . ." (Luke 1 vv68-79).

In a world that sometimes seems dominated by violence, injustice and darkness, that prayer ends with words that never fail to lift my spirit and turn my heart to God:

*In the tender compassion of our God,
The dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
And to guide our feet into the way of peace.*

The life of each and every saint can inspire us to follow his or her example. As Christians we are all called to be saints – even though we all fail most of the time! At the centre of all their lives is a heart turned towards God and a life that reflects the light of God in the world and draws others to follow. So as we celebrate the patronal festivals of our respective churches, this month or later in the year, let us pray that they may all show God's compassion and light in the world. ✚

Church Services

Sunday 6 June Trinity 1	8.00 am	Holy Communion	BCP	GS	Nunton
	9.30 am	Parish Communion	ASBB	SW	Britford
	11.00 am	Parish Communion	ASBB	GS	Coombe
	11.00 am	Morning Service		WC/JW	Odstock
	6.00 pm	Evensong	BCP	WC	Homington
Sunday 13 June Trinity 2	8.00 am	Holy Communion	BCP	GS	Homington
	9.30 am	Parish Communion (JC)	ASBA	WC	Nunton
	11.00 am	Family Service		RR	Coombe
	11.00 am	Matins	BCP	WC	Charlton
Sunday 20 June Trinity 3	9.30 am	Matins	BCP	AT	Homington
	9.30 am	Parish Communion (JC)	ASBA	GS	Odstock
	11.00 am	Parish Communion	BCP	KC	Coombe
	11.00 am	Matins	BCP	GS	Britford
	6.00 pm	Evensong	BCP	AT	Odstock
Sunday 27 June Trinity 4	8.00 am	Holy Communion	BCP	GS	Homington
	9.30 am	Parish Communion	ASBA	GS	Charlton
	11.00 am	Matins	BCP	GS/WC	Coombe
	11.00 am	Matins	BCP	JW	Nunton
	3.00 pm	Afternoon Service		WC	Homington
Sunday 4 July Trinity 5	8.00 am	Holy Communion	BCP	WC	Nunton
	9.30 am	Patronal Parish Communion	ASBB	GS	Britford
	11.00 am	Parish Communion	ASBB	WC	Coombe
	11.00 am	Morning Service		GS	Odstock
	6.00 pm	Evensong	BCP	GS	Homington

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

From the Editor

This month's edition has been sponsored by a generous and anonymous reader from Britford; thank you very much. 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 July issue is Friday 18 June - late copy cannot, I'm afraid, be accepted.

WI

Angela Moules

Mrs Sue Bourne, President, welcomed members and one guest at the meeting on 10 May. Six members were attending the Downland Group meeting on 10 May. Our Institute is giving a First Aid Kit to the Barker Room.

Eleven members spent a very happy day visiting Denman College recently.

The next meeting is our Summer Garden Party, to be held at 2 pm on 14 June in Nunton House by kind invitation of Mr & Mrs Joynt. Please bring gifts for the raffle, plant stall or "bring and buy" stall, and a plate of food.

There will be a ballot for four people to attend the trip to the Houses of Parliament.

Possible future events include a lunch at the "Tech", and maybe a visit to Highgrove House in 2000.

Resolutions for the IGM at the Albert Hall on 2 June were discussed. The subjects included the decline in the agricultural industry, screening for ovarian cancer (Bart's Hospital is researching this), genetically modified food with a five year moratorium, women's human rights and the world wide violation widespread among incarcerated refugees.

The flower of the month was won by Miss Betty Marks with a beautiful Canary Bird rose.

News from the Vicarage

Graham Southgate 01722 330628

Those of you who supported our Lent Project this year - the campaign of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge (SPCK) in providing Christian books to prisoners - will be pleased to know that the nine

parishes have raised £1657.88. So thank you to all those who contributed.

In September the Diocese will be visited by the Archbishops' Springboard Team, their aim being to "bring encouragement and refreshment for the ministry of both Clergy and Laity, and offer something of challenge and vision". Meetings have already been arranged with clergy and the Parochial Church Council, but there is also an open day on Saturday 25 September in the Cathedral and The Close, Salisbury. In addition to worship in the Cathedral, there will also be twenty workshops available, with titles such as "Presenting the Christian faith to young people", "Making new disciples among the elderly" and "Good news in the countryside?" There is also a children's workshop for those whose parents are attending one of the others. Please contact me for further details.

From the Registers

Confirmation

On Friday 21 May, by the Bishop of Salisbury at Tisbury:

Timothy Charles Newman

Adam Timothy Willis Newman

both of the Parish of Odstock with Nunton and Bodenham.

Holy Days in June

3 June Thanksgiving for Holy Communion (Corpus Christi) 8 am Holy Communion at Nunton.

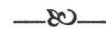
11 June Barnabas the Apostle 8 am Holy Communion at Nunton.

24 June Birth of John the Baptist 8 am Holy Communion at Nunton.

29 June Peter and Paul, Apostles 8 am Holy Communion at Britford.

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Festival of Flowers

At St Mary's Church, Odstock

and

Odstock Manor Gardens Open

Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 June

11 am to 5 pm both days

£2.50 combined entrance fee

Refreshments will be available in the Manor Gardens
at extra charge

Many thanks to all who helped with the Jumble Sale in
aid of the Flower Festival; £183 was raised

Local Election Results

Joan Mackenzie

At the recent Salisbury District Council election, Mrs Margaret Peach, Conservative candidate, was elected for Charlton All Saints (Downton) with 477 votes. Mrs Peach wishes to thank all the Conservative Charlton electorate who voted for her.

Coffee Morning

There will be a coffee morning on Saturday 3 July from 10.00 am to 12.30 at Coote Cottage, Lower Road, Britford. Entrance £1.00 to include coffee and biscuits. Stalls. All proceeds will go to the Wessex Children's Heart Circle, which is the part of Southampton General Hospital that deals with our children and babies who have serious heart complaints.

Diabetic Association Barbecue

Bernard Stubbs is holding a barbecue in his garden at 2 Nunton Farm Cottages, Nunton on 19 June in aid of the British Diabetic Association. Tickets are £5.00 for adults, children free. Prizes for the tombola and plants for the plant stall would be very welcome. Please telephone for tickets: 01722 330006.

For Sale

167 Insulation Blocks, size 62 cms long x 10 cms high x 21 cms wide. £90 for the lot, ono, or would split. Contact "Milford", Lower Road, Charlton All Saints, telephone 01725 510497.

Britford Parish Council

Judith Sturdy, Parish Clerk

The Annual General Meeting of Britford Parish will be held at the Britford Memorial Hall on the High Road on 9 June at 7.00 pm. No outside speaker has been organised this year. Any comments and ideas for celebrating the Millennium will be welcome.

Thanks

Simon and Peter Martin from Nunton Farm would like to thank all who supported them during the recent planning applications.

Christian Aid

Adrian Taylor

The Christian Aid envelope collection throughout our five villages has raised just over £450, a slightly higher figure than last year. I would like to thank those who so kindly gave their time collecting and all those who so generously put money in the envelopes. We can be sure that the money collected will be used wisely where it is much needed.

Ebble Community Pre-School

We are pleased to announce that the pre-school will start in Odstock Primary School Monday to Thursday 9.15 - 11.45 am for children 2yrs 9mths - 5yrs £3 a session. We are looking for a sensitive Playleader with a recognised pre-school qualification who can plan to meet the children's individual needs around the desirable learning outcomes with lots of play and fun. We also need an energetic Play Assistant to help.

For more details and application forms contact Debby Underhill tel 01722 329769 or Sue Landon tel 01725 513223 closing date for applications Friday 11 June.

Salisbury and South Wilts Agricultural Show

Sunday 20 June at Whiteparish, for a relaxed day out

See Cattle, Sheep, Llamas, Horses, Ponies, Donkeys, Poultry, Pigs, Goats

Watch working Vintage Tractors & Machinery

Shop at Trade & Craft Stands

Listen to the Downton Band

Free parking ~ Refreshments

Adults £4.00, School age children £1.00, Under 5s free

Charlton Garden Society

Barbara Box

On 19 April, Mr David Stone, head gardener at Mottisfont Abbey, very kindly gave up an evening to talk to us about the rose garden and its history. He brought with him slides of beautiful roses and stayed to answer our questions on the care of roses.

Our next meeting is on Friday 2 July at Longstock Water Garden, Andover, followed by supper at a local inn. Details to follow.

Fête 1999 - Help Required Please

All our events take a great deal of effort to organise. Volunteers, donations, prizes urgently required please. Contact Cliff Whitley on 01722 321226.

Peter Pod and the Peas

Tickets now on sale for *Friday 9 July*
Contact Cliff Whitley on 01722 321226

Live Soul Band

Saturday Night 10 July

Eight piece band, playing all your favourite classics
Hits from the 60s, 70s and 80s
Lively band who will create a real atmosphere
Free entry for all the family

Contact Numbers

Team Rector	Canon Sydney Willcox, The Rectory, Broad Chalke 01722 780262 (Day off - Mon)
Team Vicar	Revd Roger Redding, Vicarage, Ebbesbourne Wake 01722 780408 (Day off - Mon)
Team Vicar	Revd Dr Graham Southgate, Nunton Vicarage 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

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
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 Tuesday, 8.00 pm, contact Adrian Taylor on 01722 325862
Mobile Library	Alternate Fridays (4 & 18 June): Village Hut, Charlton 9.45 am Alternate Tuesdays (1, 15, 29 June): 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

5 June	Conservative Association Coffee Morning, Melstock, Nunton 10.30 am
7 June	Millennium Revue meeting, Barker Room 7.30 pm
9 June	Britford Parish Council AGM, Memorial Hall, Britford 7.00 pm
19 June	Diabetic Association Barbecue, 2 Nunton Cottages, Nunton
19/20 June	Flower Festival in Odstock Church 11 am - 5 pm
19/20 June	Odstock Manor Gardens Open 11 am - 5 pm
20 June	Salisbury and South Wilts Agricultural Show, Whiteparish
2 July	Charlton Garden Society, Longstock Water Garden
3 July	Wessex Children's Heart Circle Coffee Morning, Coote Cottage, Britford 10 am

Odstock, Nunton & Bodenham Fête Events:

1 July	Clay pigeon shoot
2 July	Skittles at the Radnor Arms
3 July	Jumble sale at the Radnor Hall
9 July	Peter Pod and the Peas in the Marquee
10 July	Fête Afternoon
10 July	Raft Race
10 July	Family Entertainment in the Marquee