

News & Notes

Odstock, Nunton, Bodenham,
Britford & Charlton All Saints

From the Study of Roger Redding

March 1997

While on my Study Tour of Israel, we stopped off at the ancient city of Jericho. The modern town is very much Arab. It was built on an oasis with palms and gardens.

To the east you can see the Jordan Valley; to the west, at the back of the town, is the Mount of Temptation and the Wilderness where Jesus went for his long fast of forty days.

Where John baptised Jesus can be seen in the east. This is also where it is believed that Joshua crossed the Jordan to take the promised land. Jesus on his way to the wilderness must have bypassed Jericho. The Holy Spirit, we are told, drove him into the wilderness.

After times of great blessing, the Spirit often gives us a wilderness experience - a time of spiritual testing. The wilderness can be a time of self examination of total dependence on God.

As we enter Lent with Christ, let us learn to put our trust for the future totally in his hands.

Amen

Church Services

Sunday 2 March	9.30 am	Parish Communion	ASB	Britford
	10.00 am	Matins	BCP	Odstock
Sunday 9 March	9.30 am	Parish Communion	ASB	Nunton
Mothering Sunday	10.00 am	Mothering Sunday Service	BCP	Charlton
Sunday 16 March	9.30 am	Parish Communion (Junior Church)	ASB	Odstock
	9.30 am	Morning Prayer	BCP	Britford
Sunday 23 March	10.00 am	Matins	BCP	Nunton
Palm Sunday	10.00 am	Parish Communion	ASB	Charlton
Thursday 27 March	~~7.00 pm~~	Holy Communion	ASB	Charlton
Maundy Thursday	7.30			
Friday 28 March	2.00 pm	Good Friday Service		Odstock
Good Friday				
Sunday 30 March	9.30 am	Parish Communion	ASB	Nunton
Easter Sunday	9.30 am	Parish Communion	ASB	Britford
	10.00 am	Parish Communion	ASB	Charlton
Sunday 6 April	9.30 am	Parish Communion (Junior Church)	ASB	Odstock
St Mary's Patronal	9.30 am	Parish Communion	ASB	Britford
Fridays	7.00 pm	Short Evening Prayers		Nunton

If anyone would like a lift to any of the services in any of the villages, please telephone Debby Underhill on 01722 329769.

Two copies of Lent prayers will be placed at the back of Odstock Church over Lent, for anyone wishing to use them.

Joint PCC Meeting

The Team Rector would like all PCC members of Nunton, Odstock, Britford and Charlton All Saints to meet in the Barker Room on Friday 7 March at 7.30 pm. The prime business will be:

Times and Patterns of Worship.

Arrangements for the Team Vicar's Installation.

From the Editor

This month's edition of *News & Notes* has been paid for with a donation of £50 by an Odstock reader, and we are all extremely grateful to her for her generosity. Our newsletter is no longer part-funded by our PCCs, but relies solely on sponsorship and donations (however small) from the readers. Following a rise in photocopying costs last month, the amount we need to find each month is £50. In return for your money, we offer the sponsor some advertising/acknowledgement (if required) on the front page of our newsletter. If anyone is interested, please contact Neil Guttridge, *News & Notes* Treasurer, on 01725 511468 or at Court-Hay, Lower Road, Charlton All Saints, SP5 4HQ. Editorial items for inclusion in *News & Notes* should be sent to Clare Penny at Azalea Cottage, Chapel Lane, Charlton All Saints, SP5 4HF or telephone on 01725 512869. 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 of *News & Notes* is Friday 21 March.

WI

At the meeting on Monday 10 February, members were asked to give ideas on places to visit for the outing in July. The Isle of Wight and Marlborough have been suggested. The scrabble afternoon meetings are proving very popular and are enjoyed by all those who attend. The guest speaker, Biddy Carr from Downton WI, gave a fascinating talk entitled "Island on the Edge of the World" and then went on to show slides of the islands of St Hildas. Herta, the largest and only inhabited of the islands, was abandoned in 1930. The army now have a post there, and the National Trust for Scotland, who have owned the Islands since 1954, send voluntary working parties to restore the village on Herta. It was one of these parties that Biddy Carr joined. The AGM will be on Monday 10 March.

Rita Hobbs

Lost Property: In Britford Church

One navy/bottle green wool scarf, one check cap, one spectacle case, one black umbrella, a child's long-handled spade and a child's drumstick. All these items are on the bench inside the door awaiting their owners to collect.

Daphne Scamell

Britford Carol Concert

Letters of thanks have been sent from the PCC to Mr Richard Sampson and his son Jonathan in appreciation of the wonderful concert and for their cheque for £216.60 to the church fund.

The Cheese House, Britford - soon to commence three bedrooms for short term residential care, requires reliable domestic help, 5 hours daily (9.00 am to 2.00 pm) Monday to Friday. Telephone Anna Wright on 01722 339558.

Salisbury Conservative Association

The Annual General Meeting of the Odstock, Nunton, Bodenham and Britford Branch will be held on Friday 21 March at 6.30 pm in the Barker Room, Nunton. Mr Robert Key, our Member of Parliament, and Mr Julian Johnson, our County Councillor, will address the meeting. It is hoped that as many members as possible will attend the meeting in view of the forthcoming general election.

Judy Barke

Easter Lilies

Please will anyone wishing to donate a lily (or lilies) for the altar at St Andrew's Church in memory of a loved one, contact Grace Barker, 2 Ebbleside Villas (telephone 01722 335209) as soon as possible.

'Connections' by Roacar (Private Hire)

Door to door travel to airports, docks and ferries at affordable prices

Get connected now, ring 01725 511876 or 0374 440953

Evan Roach, Windrush, Slab Lane, Woodfalls

Spring/Jumble Sale

on 8 March at 2 pm at Britford School

Jumble * Bric-a-brac * Betterwear * Cake stall * Refreshments

Entrance 20p

If you have any items to donate, please contact Mary Onstenk on 01722 322643 to arrange collection.
All proceeds to Britford School funds.

Charlton Garden Society

The January meeting of the Charlton All Saints Garden Society as treated to a fascinating talk on pruning by Mr Vincent Meers. However, some of us left the meeting feeling that our gardens were going to be about 2½ to 3 feet high by the time we'd finished! Our next meeting will be at 7.30 pm on Monday 24 March at Charlton Church Hall. We shall be ordering seeds and plants from catalogues, some of them at discounted prices. New members welcome.

Barbara Box

Britford C of E Primary School and Nursery Vouchers

When you receive your Nursery Vouchers from this April, don't forget you can use them in our school as well as in an accredited pre-school or nursery organisation.

The County's admission procedure now means that we can have just one in-take during the academic year, namely in the September term. So if your child has his or her 4th birthday between 1 April and 31 August 1997, he or she can start in our school every afternoon from September 1997 and from the January 1998 term, can attend full-time.

Children who have their 5th birthday between 1 September 1997 and 31 March 1998 can start full-time from September 1997 with a few "getting to know you" sessions during the preceding Summer term.

We are a small school who care very much about providing a happy and friendly environment for all our children to thrive academically and socially. If you are parents of children from the age of 2 upwards, please give Mrs Weeks, the Head Teacher, a ring on 01722 327292 to find out more about what we can offer.

SOS from Wiltshire Red Cross

Last year during our national Flag Week, Wiltshire Branch raised £40,000. This enabled us to help a lot of people in the county by our Community Services, delivered by our trained volunteers. There are many vulnerable people in the county who depend on us to help them in times of crisis and the monies raised in Flag Week enables us to support such people.

We have a great number of supporters who help us each year in Flag Week who collect either house-to-house or help with our street collections. We are indebted to all of these people who work hard and make an extremely valuable contribution to our work. However, we are always in need of new collectors. If after reading this you feel you can spare just a couple of hours during our Flag Week, which this year is 4 - 10 May, please contact your local Red Cross Centre on 01722 334127.

Turning now to warm summer afternoons, the Red Cross Open Gardens programme is now available to those of you who are interested in visiting such events. Please send an SAE to British Red Cross HQ, Red Cross House (G), Semington, Trowbridge BA14 6JW.

Avril Taylor-Webb



Handy/Oddjob Man

Ring MIKE your local handy/oddjob man - any task considered

General maintenance inside & outside - painting - grass cutting -
driving (HGV and PSV licences held) etc

Free estimates - one off or regular contracts - telephone 01722 322677

Downton Secondary School

Breamore Road, Downton

Jumble Sale

Saturday 8 March at 11.00 am

If you have any jumble to donate, pick up can be arranged by calling the School

Charlton Theatre Club

Events for March and April have been selected and are shown under Dates for your Diary. If anyone would like to join us for any of the events, please contact Joanna Matthews on 01725 512262. Suggestions for club events in May or June will be very welcome.

Joanna Matthews

Hunger Lunch

There will be a Hunger Lunch, in aid of Chalke Valley Lent project Link Scheme to help with transport and home care for our community in emergencies, on Saturday 22 March in the Barker Room, Nunton from 12 noon to 1.30 pm. Come and join us for lunch. Soup, bread and cheese - £2.50. Bring and buy donations, please, to Debby Underhill on 01722 329769.

Contact Numbers

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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	Charlton Theatre Club - The Government Inspector
7 March	Joint PCC meeting, Barker Room 7.30 pm
17 March	Charlton Theatre Club - Time and the Conways
8 March	Britford School Spring/Jumble Sale, School 2.00 pm
8 March	Downton Secondary School Jumble Sale, School Hall 11.00 am
15 March	Food Fayre, Broad Chalke Village Hall 10.30 am
21 March	Conservative Association AGM, Barker Room 6.30 pm
22 March	Hunger Lunch, Barker Room, Nunton, 12 - 1.30 pm
24 March	Charlton Gardening Club First Birthday Party, Charlton Church Hall 7.30 pm
3/5 May	Downton Secondary School car parking for the Cuckoo Fair
14 April	Charlton Theatre Club - Travels with my Aunt
11 May	Downton Secondary School Family Car Treasure Hunt, School 3.00 pm
31 May	A La Carte Singers, Charlton Church Hall 7.30 pm
14 June	Downton Secondary School Summer Fun Day and Craft Fair, School 12.00 noon
23 July	Charlton Theatre Club - Riverdance

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, 7.30 pm, contact Adrian Taylor on 01722 325862
Mobile Library	Alternate Fridays (14 & 28 March): Village Hut, Charlton 9.50 am Alternate Tuesdays (4 & 18 March): Brookmead, Britford 9.45 am Post Office, Bodenham 10.05 am, Radnor Arms, Nunton 10.20 am Crossroads, Odstock 10.50 am

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

THURSDAY, 3 JULY	-	CLAY SHOOT
FRIDAY, 4 JULY	-	SKITTLES EVENING
SATURDAY, 5 JULY	-	JUMBLE SALE - RADNOR HALL
FRIDAY, 11 JULY	-	PETER POD & THE PEAS IN THE MARQUEE
SATURDAY, 12 JULY	-	FETE AFTERNOON
	-	CLASSIC CAR & MOTORCYCLE RALLY
	-	RAFT RACE
	-	FREE EVENING DISCO

Help and new ideas urgently required, support your local community, contact:-

Cliff Whitley 01722 321226

Sonya Sandford 01722 411506

Remember all money raised is spent solely in our own community. In 1995/96 we have helped Odstock School, Nunton & Odstock Churches, our Women's Institute, the Radnor Hall, the Orchard, re-roofed the Football Pavilion, etc.

Recently a garden seat has been provided at The Orchard and a donation made towards a seat in memory of Faith Hawley at Bodenham.

Money has been set aside towards a children's playground, which we are hoping to provide in conjunction with the Parish Council.

PLEASE HELP

The success of our community depends on YOU!

