

News and Notes

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Church of England Services

Sunday 2nd February Presentation of Christ	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	Holy Communion BCP Parish Communion Parish Communion Evensong BCP	Nunton Britford Coombe Homington	WC GS GS DH
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Wednesday 5 March Ash Wednesday	12.00 noon 7.30 pm	Holy Communion Parish Communion with Imposition of Ashes	Broad Chalke Coombe	
DH = The Reverend Canon David Henley, GS = The Reverend Dr Graham Southgate, WC = The Reverend Westley Cole, SE = Mrs Shirley Evans				

From the Editor

This month's edition has been sponsored jointly by the Chalke Valley Team Council and Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham Parish Council. Many thanks to you! If you have editorial items for inclusion in *News & Notes*, please send them to me, Clare Penny, Azalea Cottage, Chapel Lane, Charlton All Saints, Salisbury SP5 4HF, telephone 01725 512869, email clare@azalea.demon.co.uk Monetary donations should be sent to our Treasurer, Neil Guttridge, Court-Hay, Lower Road, Charlton All Saints, Salisbury SP5 4HQ, telephone 01725 511468. The deadline for the next edition is 21st February.

News From The Vicarage

Graham Southgate (01722) 330628

Candlemas, which falls on Sunday 2nd February, brings to a conclusion our celebrations of Christmas 2002 — after that we must begin to think about Lent and Easter. Shrove Tuesday doesn't come around until 4th March this year, so our traditional services

for the beginning of Lent are on the 5th: in Broad Chalke at noon and in the evening at Coombe Bissett (with the imposition of ashes to remind us of our own mortality).

According to what is now our usual pattern, there will be a Lent course entitled *New World, Old Faith*. This will take the form of five sessions supported by taped contributions from a number of nationally known Christians of different denominations. The feedback I have received over the past few years has been so good that the course has been adopted across the whole benefice this year. You will find further details elsewhere in *News and Notes*.

This year the Chalke Valley Team Council had decided to support the Mothers' Union appeal to provide new caravans for their *Away from it all holidays*, which provide a little bit of R&R for those who would otherwise not be able to afford it. This project is being co-ordinated by Broad Chalke's Janet Roe, who will be providing more information. In the

meantime, please let me know of any ideas you have to support this project.

If you are interested in history and would also like to listen to the new Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams, then why not book the evenings of 5th, 8th, 12th, and 15th May in your diaries? Dr Williams will be giving a series of lectures entitled *The Quest for Church History* in Salisbury Cathedral, each beginning at 7 pm. I have more details if you are interested.

Finally, we shall be coming together as a benefice on the weekend of 22nd - 23rd March — further details are provided by our Team Rector David Henley. Since there are five Sundays in March this will allow us to observe Mothering Sunday within our own parishes.

The Church of England and its Annual Meetings

Graham Southgate 01722 330628

We shall soon be in the season of our churches' Annual Meetings, when you have a chance to co-operate directly with the wider Church through the election of Churchwardens and your own Parochial Church Council. If you wish to participate, then you must ensure that your name is entered on your parish's Church Electoral Roll (which was completely renewed last year) — you should check this with your own Electoral Roll Officer.

The first of our meetings is the *Annual Meeting of Parishioners*, which takes place to enable the election of Churchwardens — the electorate being everybody whose name is on the Church Electoral Roll *or* who is a resident of the ecclesiastical parish with their name on the Parliamentary Register of Electors. **Please remember** that due to a recent change in the law, I am not allowed to accept oral nominations for the post of Churchwarden — nomination forms are available from your current Churchwardens or PCC Secretaries and **must** be received by me **before** the start of the meeting. The second meeting is the *Annual Parochial Church Meeting*, and the electorate is solely the members of the Church Electoral Roll.

The details of the Meetings in the three ecclesiastical parishes are as follows (with the name of the relevant Electoral Roll Officer in brackets):

Odstock with Nunton and Bodenham

Tuesday 18th March in the Barker Room at 7.30 pm (Peter Jenkins 01722 329748).

Britford

Thursday 3rd April in the Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm (Rod Shipsey 01722 335096).

Charlton All Saints

Thursday 10th April in the Parish Church at 7.30 pm. (Peter Cox 01722 329709).

Lent Course 2003

New World, Old Faith produced by York Courses

David Henley

York Lent courses have been produced since 1997 and are now used by an estimated 30,000 to 40,000 people of all denominations each year. They are committed to honest exploration, sharing and deepening of faith. This year's course looks at how we live our Christian faith in the light of a rapidly changing world. There are 5 weekly sessions. Each session consists of a 15 minute audio tape with contributions from a panel of well known Christians followed by discussion based on a course booklet with sets of questions for each week.

The five sessions are entitled:

- Brave New World
- Environment and Ethics
- Church and Family in Crisis
- One World – Many Faiths
- Spirituality and Superstition

Meetings begin in the week commencing Monday 10th March and finish before Palm Sunday, 13th April. We hope to offer a range of venues in Church, Halls and homes across the whole Chalke Valley Team, with a range of days of the week and times of the day.

Monday evenings beginning at 7.30 pm on 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st March, and 7th April at The Vicarage, Nunton (contact Graham Southgate on 01722 330628);

Wednesday afternoons beginning at 3 pm on 12th, 19th, 26th March, 2nd and 9th April at Brines Cottage, Homington Road, Coombe Bissett (contact Helen Baynes on 01722 718395).

Each person taking part ideally should have a copy of the course booklet (cost £2.50). Please contact me if you would like one.

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Diane Wait

The first meeting of 2003, held on 13th January in the Radnor Hall, was well attended and members received a warm greeting from Mrs Julia Joynt (President). She was also delighted to welcome Mrs Hazel Docherty to the meeting. Mrs Sue Bourne read out the prayer and Julia thanked Mrs Pam Trubshaw for her very artistic arrangement of cyclamen blooms and variegated foliage which looked very attractive on the President's table. Julia opened the meeting with a special mention of Miss Judith Johnson and Mrs Daphne White, who have recently suffered very nasty falls and are currently recovering from hip operations. Members were very concerned for them and we all sent them good wishes for their speedy recovery from their ordeals. Mrs Vi Bath was also

given a warm welcome back following her recent operation. Mrs Jean Van Hagen (Secretary) read out the correspondence, with the main item being the forthcoming Resolutions meeting due to be held at Laverstock Village Hall on the 28th March. Sue Bourne was delighted to report that the scrabble team had won their last match very convincingly and hope to do just as well in future contests. She also won flower of the month with a lovely iris reticulata. Mrs Joy Saunders reported that the pantomime had been great fun and we are all looking forward to the new season of plays at the Playhouse. Thank you Joy for making all the bookings for these events and securing such good seats!

Following a nice relaxing coffee break, Mrs Gillian Nolan presented a very interesting talk about the history and origins of the Salisbury City Almshouses and others in the surrounding areas. Apparently they date back as far as the 1370s when the benefactors were generally monarchs and landed gentry. However, Trinity Hospital, the last of Salisbury's medieval almshouses, was founded as an act of penance by Agnes Bottenham. Originally they were constructed around a courtyard and normally incorporated a Chapel, which the residents were expected to attend – sometimes three or four times a day! Gillian showed slides depicting many of the splendid buildings in Salisbury and Winchester, which have undergone major refurbishment to provide first rate and practical accommodation for tenants. In recent years over 80 new almshouses have been built and in 1997 a 22 flat extra-care almshouse was opened. Mrs Doreen Osmond thanked her profusely for providing such an interesting and informative presentation and Gillian then answered a number of questions from members.

The next meeting will be held on 10th February at 10.00 am in the Radnor Hall, when our guest speaker will be Mr John Notman, who is Chairman of Salisbury Natural History Society. His talk is entitled "The South Coast from Barton to the Bill". This is bound to prove very interesting and entertaining for members and we hope to attract lots of visitors on this occasion. Please come and listen to the talk and also enjoy meeting a very friendly and welcoming group of ladies.

Odstock Primary School News

Towards the end of last term, we took the junior class on a trip to InTech near Winchester. This is an interactive science venue which all the children enjoyed exploring, and learning about how things work and move.

The whole school also went to Salisbury College to watch their theatre company's version of "Alice". We were treated to an exclusive show and the children had the chance to talk to some of the characters during the interval, which was fun.

The Book Fair was well supported and a valuable £85 was raised for school funds. Thank you to everyone who came along.

On the last Monday of term, all the children sat down to a cooked Christmas lunch, to which we also invited adults who had given their time and commitment to the school over the past year, as a way of saying a big thank you. The meal was provided by the Yew Tree Inn and our special thanks go to Sheila Reed for all her hard work in cooking the food and making sure it got to us piping hot and ready to serve.

The children had a mince pie making afternoon that went well, if a little messy. Parents, relatives and friends were on hand to help with supervision. The cooked mince pies were then served with the refreshments during the performance of the school play the next day.

We held our annual Christmas play in the Radnor Hall and the children put on two performances, one in the afternoon and one in the evening. The junior class did a Roald Dahl version of Red Riding Hood and the Four Little Pigs, whilst the infants did a traditional nativity play. Both performances were well supported by parents, friends and villagers. Raffles were held and a leaving collection went to the charity Shelter.

So far this term we have had the RSPB into the infant class. They spent the morning with the children, showing slides and talking to them about birds. A local artist also came into the infant class to help the children make bugs out of willow, which all the children thoroughly enjoyed.

The school is now able to offer a variety of after school clubs, which include art and craft, brass tuition, football, recorders and a computer club. The majority of these clubs are available at no cost to the children, as we have been successful in a bid for a County Council run Lottery funding scheme, which gives the school an Out of School Hours Learning Grant.

Recycling – Paper Bins

Your support for this recycling project is greatly appreciated and we are currently running second in the most kgs per pupil section. Last year we came third. We have been advised that Christmas cards are not able to be placed into our bins due to a tightening up of the regulations. However, you can use the bins for white paper, newspapers, catalogues and junk mail – no window or brown envelopes please.

Walkers "Books for Schools" Tokens

These tokens are starting to appear in the Sun and News of the World newspapers and shortly on crisp packets. Please save them and drop them into school. This year our priority is going to be building up our

library resources and this scheme helps us to obtain much needed books.

Charlton All Saints Garden Society

Debby Underhill

On Monday 24th February, Vincent Mears will be talking about seed propagation at 7.30 pm in Charlton Church Hall. DO come and share or pick up some good ideas. Raffle prizes needed for the raffle! There are refreshments available after the talk. For more details this time ring Debby Underhill 01722 329769. Next time: Seedling Swap on Monday 28th April. See the results!

Blayz in Concert at City Hall

Saturday 26th April at 8 pm

Rock & Roll band playing 60's music

Dance floor

£10 per ticket

In aid of Salisbury Diabetic Children's Fund

Tickets available from Ottakars Bookshop, Sue Goodridge on 01722 335004 or Bernard Stubbs on 01722 330006

London Marathon

Bernard Stubbs

I am running my 11th London Marathon on 13th April 2003 to support my daughter, Hannah, who is running for the first time. We hope to raise funds for Victa (Visually Impaired Children Taking Action) a charity that helps blind and partially sighted children. If you feel you could sponsor this good cause, we would both be very grateful. With thanks. Telephone (01722) 330006.

Gordon Brown's Christmas Gift

Teddy Penn

Everyone aged 60 or more can give between £100 and £256 to charity this Christmas and every penny will come from the Chancellor.

Generally the winter fuel payment goes to everybody aged 60 or more. The payment is £200 for each household. The money is paid regardless of income, is not taxed and does not affect entitlement to means-tested benefits. Anyone who already receives a state retirement pension should receive the payment automatically but this leaves out men between 60 and 64 and some older women who have no state pension entitlement. Such people will have to claim from the Work and Pensions Department.

Many of those eligible for the payment are still working and there may be others who have no need for this extra.

This is a golden opportunity to help older people who are in need, which is the purpose of the payment, living in Salisbury District. **It will not cost you a penny.** Charities are able, in addition, to recover tax at standard rate.

Please send a donation to Age Concern Salisbury District at 21 Brown Street, Salisbury SP1 2AS. The Information and Advice team there will also help with claims for payment.

Welcome to a New Member of the Clergy Team

David Henley

We are pleased to announce that the Revd Kate Rosslyn-Smith will be joining the Chalke Valley Team as a part-time non-Stipendiary Assistant Curate in March.

In the two and a half years since her Ordination, Kate has served as curate-in-training in the Nadder Valley Team Ministry. Before Ordination and during her training she has had strong links with churches and groups in the Chalke Valley Benefice, and she and Terence are well known to many in our parishes. They will continue to live in Tisbury. She will continue to have responsibilities in the deanery as a whole for Lay Pastoral Assistants, but she will be a very valuable addition to our Team and we much look forward to welcoming her.

Kate will be licensed to her new post by the Bishop of Ramsbury at a special service in St John the Baptist Church, Ebbesbourne Wake, at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 19th March. It will be a Communion Service, and the Churchwardens from across the Team will be involved. Everyone will be very welcome, so please make a note of the date in your diary. There will be a rehearsal for the licensing at 4.00 pm on Friday 14th March in Ebbesbourne Wake Church.

Meanwhile please remember Kate and Terence in your prayers as they prepare for this new ministry.

"Too Many Cooks"

Having a lunch or dinner party, but would prefer not to cook? Then give me a call.

I will create a menu to suit you and the occasion (formal or informal) and even help serve the meal if required, leaving you to enjoy your own party (maximum number catered for is ten).

Puddings are a speciality of mine and it that's your only requirement, I can provide these for far greater numbers of guests!

Amanda Lyles 01725 513530

Chalke Valley Team Weekend Conference

22nd - 23rd March 2003 – A Weekend to Remember

David Henley

These are demanding times in which to follow the Christian life. There is plenty to get discouraged about, but also plenty about which to get excited. It is hard being a Christian on your own – this applies to parishes as well as to individuals. Hence the rise of Team Ministries and the emergence of new styles of collaborative working – collaboration between Clergy and lay people, between parishes, and between different denominations.

Our Chalke Valley Team non-residential weekend conference over Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd March aims to explore all the above. It will be held in Broad Chalke using the Church, URC Chapel, the village hall and the school, and is for people the length and breadth of the Chalke Valley Benefice. Its aim is to bring together those of different villages, ages and personal tastes and aspirations. There will be the chance to meet, enjoy good food, and worship together (with a variety of different styles at different services) and join a variety of workshops. Young people will have their own event at Bowerchalke on Saturday evening. Children will have their moment over lunch on Sunday.

Please put the dates in your diary and apply for tickets by returning the attached slip as soon as possible – this will greatly help the planners. Saturday's ticket will cover food and all events on the Saturday. Sunday's ticket largely covers Sunday lunch. Obviously you do not need a ticket to attend any of the services (the more the merrier), and children and young people do not need to buy tickets for their activities. When you are sent your tickets, we will also supply more details for choice of workshops. Meanwhile thank you to all those who have offered help with planning and catering.

See you there!

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I would like to attend the conference. Please provide me with tickets as follows:

Saturday 22nd March Number of tickets (£5.00 each).....

Sunday 23rd March Number of tickets for lunch (£3.00 each - children free).....

I include remittance of £..... (cheques payable to Chalke Valley Benefice Account)

Name.....Telephone.....

Address.....

Please return to Revd Canon David Henley, The Rectory, Newtown, Broad Chalke, SP5 5DS

Chalke Valley Team Weekend Conference Programme

Sat 22 March

9.00 am	Village Hall	Coffee/croissants/pastries
10.00 am	Church	Welcome and introductions
10.30 - 11.30 am		Choice of workshops
11.30 am	Village Hall	Coffee
12.00 - 1.00 pm		Choice of workshops
1.00 pm	Village Hall	Lunch
2.30 pm		Free afternoon or ramble
5.00 pm	Village Hall	Tea
5.30 pm	Church	Informal Taize style evening worship
6.15 pm	Village Hall	Supper
7.30 pm		Choice of workshops
7.30 pm	Bowerchalke	Meeting for young people
8.30 pm	Church	Finish with sung Compline

Sun 23 March

8.00 am	Alvediston	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30 am	Broad Chalke	Parish Communion: Preacher Ven Alan Jeans (Archdeacon of Sarum)
12.30 pm	Village Hall	Family buffet lunch, including entertainment for children
2.00 - 2.30 pm	Church	Short summing up
6.00 pm	Britford	Festival Evensong: Preacher Revd Humphrey Southern (Rural Dean)

Saturday Workshop Topics

Session 1 Prayer and Spirituality

10.30 am	The Church Working with the Whole Family
	The Common Worship Communion Service: Part I
	Allocation of Energy (choosing when to give out and when to take in - as Jesus did)

Session 2 The Healing Ministry

12.00 noon	The Common Worship Communion Service: Part II
	Story telling, Drama and the Family Service
	Art and Spirituality
	Welcoming Newcomers

Session 3 The Future of the Village Church

7.30 pm	Church and Countryside – Farming Today
	Islam
	What is the Gospel for Today – Questions I've Never Dared to Ask