

True Witnesses

May 1998

Throughout the Easter Season and up to Pentecost, during this month of May, the Church remembers and celebrates the lives of many witnesses to Christian faith. First there are the apostles, Philip and James, followed by Matthias. There is Athanasius who was Bishop of Alexandria and Teacher (373). Then we have Julian of Norwich, spiritual writer and mystic (c1417). There are two Archbishops of Canterbury, Augustine, the first Archbishop (605) and Dunstan who is also remembered as restorer of monastic life (988), as well as the Venerable Bede, priest, monk at Jarrow, scholar and historian (735). Among others we also have John and Charles Wesley, founders of the Methodists, evangelists and hymn writers (1791 and 1788).

Our Christian faith is based on the witness of the first followers of Jesus to their experience of the risen Lord on that first Easter morning and in the days following. And over the past two thousand years there have been countless men and women who have witnessed to the same faith and shared their learning, their experience, their wisdom and their spirituality with others. We are part of a long tradition and our own faith and understanding can be helped by knowing about the experience and faith of those who have gone before.

Julian of Norwich, for example, wrote her '*Revelations of Divine Love*' in which she relates various visions which she received in May 1373. She was in bed, her mother was there and Julian thought she was dying. Among other things, Julian saw a hand holding a walnut which she likens to God and his world. "God made it, God loves it, God keeps it". The emphasis in Julian's visions is on a compassionate God who loves us and in whom no wrath is found. "When we fall he holds us lovingly, and graciously and swiftly raises us". Many came to Julian for spiritual advice and since her book has become more widely known, thousands have gained much help from her. She is not simply a mystical and devotional writer who brings comfort and strength, but also a theologian who has important things to say.

There's no room to write more here, but if you would like an introduction to Julian of Norwich then I can recommend '*Julian - Woman of our Day*' published in 1985 by Darton, Longman & Todd. The book is a collection of articles by different writers who bring the depths of Julian's spirituality to all who want to learn more about this remarkable woman.

Karen Curnock

Church Services

Sunday 3 May	8.00 am	Holy Communion	BCP	GS	Nunton
Easter 4	9.30 am	Parish Communion	ASBB	TS	Britford
	11.00 am	Matins	BCP	WC	Odstock
	11.00 am	Parish Communion	ASBB	GS	Coombe
	6.00 pm	Evensong	BCP	GS	Homington
Sunday 10 May	8.00 am	Holy Communion	BCP	GS	Homington
Easter 5	9.30 am	Parish Communion (JC)	ASBA	RR	Nunton
	11.00 am	Matins	BCP	WC	Charlton
	11.00 am	Family Service		RR/GS	Coombe
Sunday 17 May	9.30 am	Parish Communion (JC)	ASBA	GS	Odstock
Rogation Sunday	9.30 am	Matins	BCP	TS	Charlton
	9.30 am	Matins	BCP	WC	Homington
	11.00 am	Parish Communion	BCP	TS	Coombe
	11.00 am	Rogation Service		GS	Britford
Sunday 24 May	8.00 am	Holy Communion	BCP	GS	Homington
Whit Sunday	9.30 am	Parish Communion	ASBA	GS	Charlton
	11.00 am	Matins	BCP	KC	Nunton
	11.00 am	Matins	BCP	GS	Coombe
Sunday 31 May	10.00 am	Holy Communion	ASBA	GS/TS	Coombe
Pentecost					

From the Editor

This month's edition has been funded by Dr Swayne of Nunton, and as always we send our thanks to her. 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 June issue is Friday 22 May.

The Lent Project

The Lent Project raised over £3700 for Sight Savers at events held throughout the Chalke Valley Team from Charlton All Saints to Berwick St John. This is a magnificent effort and very grateful thanks go to those hard working people who organised events and to all the people who contributed so generously.

700th Anniversary of All Saints, Broad Chalke

Easter weekend was the first of a series of celebrations of the 700th Anniversary of All Saints, Broad Chalke. On Maundy Thursday there was a dramatic presentation of the events of Holy Week and Easter performed by the Ebble Players in a new play especially written by Dennis Gates. On Saturday there was an excellent concert given by the De Vaux Quartet with Jane Littlemore on clarinet and the Europa String Choir. Easter Sunday saw the church packed for a Parish Communion and Renewal of Baptism Vows. Canon David Slater, Vicar of the Close, gave a challenging sermon and Eve Warner-Howard, Diocesan Children's Adviser, ran an exciting children's church in the village hall. In common with other churches in the Team, the church was beautifully decorated. All present were given a colourful booklet on the history of All Saints, the product of the 700 Committee under the chairmanship of Gwen Hitchings. The historical research was done by Robert Stallard and there are some most interesting facts about the development of team ministry. To quote, "Even a thousand years ago we were part of a team ministry, certainly from Britford and Charlton in the east as far west as Bowerchalke and Alvediston, though it is likely that Berwick was administered from the Abbey at Shaftesbury." Grateful thanks go to all who helped to make this a memorable weekend.

WI

April 20. Mrs Bourne, our President, welcomed members and one guest. Our last scrabble match against Amesbury resulted in a draw, in spite of the fact that we were one player short! Mrs Julia Joynt will be our WI representative at the Radnor Hall AGM. The next meeting on 11 May will be a discussion on the resolutions for the IGM at Brighton. Next month there will be a draw for the Denman College Bursary, and members will vote for the Summer Outing venue.

We have agreed to sponsor our villages' monthly *News & Notes* for one month, cost £32.50.

The Summer Garden Party on 8 June will be at Nunton House, by kind invitation of Mr & Mrs Joynt.

Our speaker was Mrs Williams. She gave us a fascinating insight into the Japanese way of life, their food, homes, customs, gardens etc. She and her husband spent 5 weeks with their daughter who was living and working in Japan. Mrs Joan Dixon won the Flower of the Month competition with a magnificent oxlip.
Angela Moules

Salisbury Conservative Association

The Annual General Meeting of the Odstock, Nunton, Bodenham and Britford Branch of the Salisbury Conservative Association will be held in the Barker Room, Nunton on Friday 8 May at 6.00 pm. Mr Robert Key MP and Mr Julian Johnson, County Councillor will be present. All members welcome.

The annual Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday 6 June at Melstock, Nunton by kind permission of Mrs Sue Bourne. Stalls will include Bring & Buy, Nearly New Clothes, Plants as well as the usual Derby Draw. Do come and bring your friends. Everyone welcome.
Judy Barke

Fete 1998

Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham Fete

2.00 pm Saturday 11 July

See Dates for your Diary for other events

Somethings old, somethings new, something blue (the sky hopefully) are planned for 98 to raise much needed funds for village causes, but as usual we desperately need your help ie:

ODSTOCK	We need at least two committee members from Odstock to keep equal village representation.
GARDENERS	Please take some extra cuttings, plant extra seeds for sale of Fete Day, the plant stall always sells out quickly.
SPRING CLEANING	Don't throw anything useful away, we can sell it at the Jumble Sale on 4 July or Gift stall on Fete Day.
NEW IDEAS	Fresh ideas for raising funds gratefully received.
VOLUNTEERS	Offers of help desperately needed no matter how small.

Please contact Sonya Sandford or 01722 411506 or Cliff Whitley on 01722 321226.

Grace Barker

Rodney, Heather and their families would like to thank everyone who kindly donated to SSAFA in memory of their mother. The sum amounted to £562.72. Heather Tutt

Radnor Hall AGM

The Radnor Hall AGM will be held on Monday 18 May at 7.30 pm in the Hall. Come and find out what is happening. All welcome. If you would like to book the Hall for your event, please ring Maxine Macey on 01722 329760.

In Aid of Leukaemia Research

The South American Event - Bodenham - 21 March 1998

The Nationwide Trust Account opened for the project on 16 February 1998. The last entry on 25 March was £1220.50.

Income	£	The only chargeable expenses:£	
Tickets	351.00	Wine drunk	64.00
Auction	524.00	Hire of Hall	25.00
Raffle	156.00	Heating	7.50
Postcards	10.40	Total expenditure	96.50
Hot Dogs	16.00		
Wine (top up)	30.00	Expenses given in kind: Cheese, Biscuits,	
Donations	133.10	Cheese, Orange Juice, Sausages and Rolls.	
Total income	1220.50		

The sale of Rupert Attlee's book "The Trail to Titicaca" goes to finance his lecture fee and expenses and promotes awareness of the affliction of Leukaemia internationally.

The total benefit to the Leukaemia Research Fund from the Bodenham Project is £1,124.00

The Chairman of the Salisbury Area for the LRF, Dick Low, thanks all who supported this project.

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Unreserved apologies for under crediting Peter Ford (N&N April edition) for his auctioneering skills - see account details above for the auction results. JD

Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham Village Fete - Grand Draw

Tickets for the Grand Draw will soon be distributed for sale throughout Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham and will also be sold at the Fete on 11 July. If you feel able to sell some tickets please contact Susie Jenkins in Bodenham (329748), Gill Smedley in Odstock (329488) or Adrian Taylor in Nunton (325862). We shall also need draw prizes and will be delighted to receive any that you are able to donate.

Adrian Taylor

New Premises for Wiltshire Red Cross

To help fund services we rely on income raised during Red Cross Week, 3-9 May 1998. Thank you to all our collectors and donors. If you have a couple of hours to spare and would like to help by collecting for us, or indeed if you would like more information on any of our services, please telephone us. Our new telephone number is 01380 730131.

Change of Meeting Time for Southwark Pensioners

The meeting to arrange a programme for the annual visit of the Southwark Pensioners (19 - 23 June) on 14 May has been changed from 7.30 pm to 2.30 pm at Debby Underhill's house (Longford Farmhouse). In June, we hope to welcome 10-12 men and women with two helpers and a driver. Any offers of help or suggestions for things to do would be very welcome. Enquiries to Carole Stratton on 01722 329720.

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

3-9 May Red Cross week
8 May Conservation Association AGM, Barker Room 6.00 pm
14 May Southwark Pensioners' meeting, Longford Farmhouse 2.30 pm
18 May Radnor Hall AGM, Radnor Hall, 7.30 pm
6 June Conservation Association Coffee Morning, Melstock
8 June WI Summer Garden Party, Nunton House
19-23 June Southwark Pensioners' visit
2 July Fete - Clay shoot - Nunton
4 July Fete Jumble Sale - Radnor Hall
10 July Peter Pod and the Peas - Nunton 7.30 pm
11 July FETE DAY - 2.00 pm

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 (8 & 22 May): Village Hut, Charlton 9.45 am
Alternate Tuesdays (12 & 26 May): Brookmead, Britford 10.10 am
Post Office, Bodenham 10.30 am Radnor Arms, Nunton 10.45 am Crossroads, Odstock 11.15 am