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I Give . . .

Janet Roe (Mothers Union)

I give you the quiet of the hilltop, the vision of the smiling world that opens out below; the green fields that stretch far away until they touch the sky.

I give you the thrill of the heights, where a man can think no mean thing and the calm of the hidden places where little children seek and find the kingdom of heaven.

I give you the yearning and craving that makes life sweet. I give you the time of waiting and the time of fulfilment. I give you the spirit that good fortune does not mar and ill fortune does not break.

I give you the calm that looks upon the world and will not be discomforted. I give you the heart that does not quail, the faith that does not fail in the Valley of the Shadow.

I give you the power to believe in the everlasting spirit of the world. I give you the promise that the ignoble things shall be destroyed, that all that came from God shall return to God; that little children yet shall see the Dawn that no man knows.

Wow!

I first read this quite a number of years ago in a book of poems and prayers produced by the Mothers Union in Norwich and it moved me then. It still does.

How incredible that our God promises all this and in exchange wants only our love and faithfulness. Even if we backslide He gives us as many chances as we need to return to Him.

How could we fail to love such a Father?

Church Services

Sunday 1 September Trinity 14	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	WC	Nunton
	9.30 am	Parish Communion	DH	Britford
	11.00 am	Parish Communion	DH	Coombe
	6.00 pm	Evensong (BCP)	GS	Homington
Sunday 8 September Trinity 15	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	GS	Homington
	9.30 am	Parish Communion (JC)	GS	Odstock
	11.00 am	Parish Communion	WC	Coombe
	11.00 am	Matins (BCP)	GS	Charlton
Sunday 15 September Trinity 16	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	GS	Britford
	9.30 am	Parish Communion	GS	Nunton
	9.30 am	Harvest Festival Morning Service (All Age)	WC	Homington
	11.00 am	Harvest Festival Family Service	GS	Coombe
Sunday 22 September Trinity 17	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	GS	Homington
	9.30 am	Harvest Festival Parish Communion	DH	Charlton
	11.00 am	Matins (BCP)	WC	Coombe
	11.00 am	Morning Service (All Age)	GS	Odstock
Sunday 29 September Ss Michael & All Angels	10.00 am	Patronal Festival Parish Communion	GS/WC	Coombe
Sunday 6 October Trinity 19	9.30 am	Harvest Festival Parish Communion		Britford
	11.00 am	Parish Communion		Coombe
	6.00 pm	Evensong (BCP)		Homington
	6.00 pm	Harvest Festival Evensong (BCP)		Nunton

GS = Rev Dr Graham Southgate, WC = Rev Westley Cole, JK = Rt Rev John Kirkham,
DH = Rev Canon David Henley

From the Editor

This month's issue has been paid for by Freda Davies in memory of her husband Penry. Thank you, Mrs Tiggywinkle, and thank you also to all those kind souls who have responded so generously to my plea for money! The monthly photocopying cost for *News & Notes* is £40 for a 4 side issue. 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 October issue is Friday 20 September.

News From The Vicarage

Graham Southgate (01722) 330628)

Looking out from the Vicarage it is quiet clear the harvest is underway: last week there was the sight of the combine harvester crossing and re-crossing the field above Longford Farmhouse, and this week the same field has been ploughed in preparation for next year's crop. Not an unusual sight for those of us fortunate enough to live in the countryside, but a timely reminder that the agricultural year continues relentlessly and that there is always much activity behind the peaceful rural scenery. The traditional opportunity for our communities to come together in thanksgiving for the harvest is the Harvest Festival, and this year is no exception. Charlton All Saints begins the celebrations this year with a Harvest Festival on Sunday 22nd September led by our new Team Rector Canon David Henley, Britford and Nunton follow with services on 6th October - you'll find more detail elsewhere in *News and Notes*, together with information about the Harvest Suppers.

Over the last thirty years, the Diocese of Salisbury has been privileged to develop a strong link with the Episcopal Church in Sudan, and there is to be a Study Day for those who want to know more about this link on Saturday 12th October at Shaftesbury School. The principal speaker is to be Mr Alan Goulty CMG, who is the UK's Special Envoy to the Sudan. Please contact me if you would like more information.

In September there are five Sundays, which means that on 29th September there will be just one service for the four parishes at this end of the Chalke Valley. This time we shall be joining the congregation of Saint Michael and All Angels in Coombe Bissett as they celebrate their Patronal Festival - the service will be a Parish Communion beginning at 10 am.

From the Registers

Holy Matrimony

At Britford on 10th August:

Benjamin Robert Underhill and Carole Arvieu

Burial

At Britford on 25th July:

Daphne Chaplain (cremated remains)

Penry Davies

The funeral of Penry Davies took place at Charlton All Saints Church on Monday 5th August.

Freda and Tiny would like to thank everyone in the village for their kind messages and cards of sympathy, and also for the donations made to Naomi House Children's Hospice.

Please accept this as a personal thank you.

Holy Days In September

14th Holy Cross Day Holy Communion at 10 am in Nunton.

21st Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist Holy Communion at 10 am in Nunton.

Britford Church Blitz Day

Daphne Scamell, Churchwarden

The next BLITZ day is on Saturday 14th September from 10 am until late afternoon. Please come at a time convenient to you. Please bring your own gardening tools and/or mowers. Coffee and biscuits will be provided throughout the day. Ring 01722 334858 if you want further information.

Britford Harvest Supper

Saturday 5th October in the Memorial Hall at 7.00 for 7.30 pm. Numbers in the Hall are now restricted - so first come - first served! Tickets £8.50. Please ring Rod Shipsey on 01722 335096.

Charlton Harvest Supper

Charlton All Saints Harvest Supper will be held on Saturday September 21st at 6.30 for 7.00 pm in the Church Hall. Tickets cost £6 for adults, and £3 for children over 5, from Pam Cox on 01722 329709 by Thursday 19th September.

Odstock Parish Council

Richard Parsons, Parish Clerk

The next meeting of Odstock Parish Council is scheduled for Wednesday 4th September in the Radnor Hall. The Agenda will be posted on the notice boards and at www.sp5.org/odstock/opc no later than 31st August. Also displayed is the full notice of the Parish Council Audit for y/e 31st March 2002. The accounts and all related documents are available for inspection, by appointment, between Monday 2nd and Saturday 21st September.



If you are interested in joining in on the Great Cycle Ride then please contact Pippa Warley on 01722 322541 after 6 o'clock. There are booklets and stickers as well if you would like.

Charlton's Jubilee Celebrations

Your worst enemy will be apathy. Those were very nearly the first syllables of comment I received about a year ago. It seems very nearly impossible that in a few weeks, time it will be a year since I had the temerity to suggest that the community in which we live should have a meeting at which to decide if Charlton All Saints was going to do anything to mark The Queen's Golden Jubilee and if so, what we should do. Those of you who came to meeting in the Nave of the church on the 15th October may dimly remember what happened.

It became clear that it was the wish of the village to have a celebration along the lines of a Street Party and volunteers to form a committee were asked to make themselves known. A minor miracle occurred - the volunteer committee consisted of young people, two in their twenties and one just in his thirties (I could be doing him an injustice here!) and with only two members who were even alive in 1952 let alone who could remember the Coronation in 1953. The omens could hardly have been better.

What finally happened is something which all of Charlton will recall with pleasure for a very long time - virtually the entire community, many of whom had never met each other before or had never taken part in a village "do", had a first-class party. In fact, we had TWO parties!

There is one aspect of the 3rd June to which only I can attest, and that is the generosity of the village. You may remember that we set out to have as good a day as we could afford, using only the voluntary donations we would have received; no money was to change hands on the day and no tickets would be sold; no profit would be made - it was not a fund-raising exercise. Any change at the end of the whole thing would go to one of the Queen's nominated charities.

I feel sure that Charlton All Saints would like to know that a total of £3,358.98 was given. A grant of £250 was received from the Downton Parish Council and that therefore means that £3,108.98 came from the inhabitants of the village. I don't know if that sum exceeds your wildest dreams but it certainly exceeds mine! Also beyond my most optimistic hope was the comprehensiveness of the village population who came to the various events and meals - as I have said above, virtually the whole village came.

Jonathan Somers, our Chairman, has already thanked all those who worked so hard to make the day the stunning success that it was and so all that I feel I should do is to report that all bills are paid, people whose property went missing have been recompensed, stone plaques are in place at the foot of the trees that were planted and that a final cheque of over £300 will be sent to SSAFA, the Soldiers, Sailors and Airmens' Families Association.

Notwithstanding anything I have said above, thank you, each and every one of you, very, very much - you made a dream into a reality.

An Evening of Light Entertainment

The Chairman and Committee of the Chalke Valley Link Scheme invite you to an evening of light entertainment by performers from Britford to Berwick St John at All Saints Church Broadchalke on Friday 6th September at 7.30 pm. There will be interval drinks and free admission. Please reply to Anna Mynott on 01722 718780.

Charlton All Saints Barbecue

Barbara Box

Well done and many thanks to everyone who contributed and/or attended the Barbecue. Many people worked hard and made the evening a success. Not too many handovers or tired children next day, I hope!

Our combined efforts made a grand total of £86.07. This had been given to the Church to bolster much needed funds.

Charlton All Saints Garden Society

The next meeting is at 7.30 pm on Monday 30th September in the Church Hall. Barbara Last will be talking on "A Fresh Way of Look at Weeds".

Radnor Hall

8th September - Car Boot Sale

12th October - Harvest Supper and Country Dance

28th, 29th and 30th November - Christmas Show

Hall bookings - ring Shirley Norris 01722 329760

New price list in next month's issue of *News & Notes*

Regular Events

WI	Second Monday of the month, 10.00 am Radnor Hall, Bodenham
Junior Church	To coincide with 9.30 am services at Nunton or Odstock Churches (except August), held at the Barker Room, contact Adrian Taylor on 01722 325862
Whist Drive	Every Thursday, 7.30 pm Barker Room, Nunton
Singing Group	Every Monday, 8.00 pm, contact Adrian Taylor on 01722 325862
Tiny Tots	Every Wed 9.30 - 11.30 am, Radnor Hall, Bodenham Contact at Suzie Orchiton 01722 502026
Mobile Library	Alternate Fridays: Village Hut, Charlton 10.00 - 10.15 am Alternate Tuesdays: Brookmead, Britford 11.00 am; Radnor Arms, Nunton 11.20 am; Crossroads, Odstock 11.45 am

For Your Diary

4 September	Odstock Parish Council meeting, Radnor Hall
6 September	Evening of Light Entertainment, All Saints Church, Broadchalke, 7.30 pm
9 September	Britford's Parochial Church Council (PCC) at the Cheese House, 7.30 pm
11 September	Charlton All Saints' PCC in the Parish Church, 7.30 pm
14 September	Britford Church and Churchyard Work Day, beginning at 10 am (contact Daphne Scamell on 334858).
14 September	Wiltshire Historic Churches Great Cycle Ride
17 September	Odstock with Nunton and Bodenham's PCC in the Barker Room, 7.30 pm
21 September	Charlton All Saints Harvest Supper, 6.30 pm Charlton Church Hall.
30 September	Charlton All Saints Garden Society, 7.30 pm Charlton Church Hall
5 October	Britford's Harvest Supper in the Memorial Hall, 7 for 7.30 pm
12 October	Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham's Harvest Supper and Dance in the Radnor Hall
22 October	The Chalke Deanery Synod meets at Tisbury Middle School, 7.30 pm
2 November	Music in Worship workshop, Corfe Mullen

The Radnor Hall Harvest Supper & Country Dancing to the Black Bear Band Licensed Bar

Saturday 12th October
Supper at 7.30 pm
Dancing from 8.30 pm

Tickets £8 (Children under 11 half price)
On sale from 1st September at Bodenham Post Office

Organised by the Radnor Hall Committee