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Harry and Hilda - Saints?!!

Syd Willcox

We don't seem to live in an age of heroes at present. People sometimes complain that there don't seem to be any great leaders around today either in the Church or the State. Why should this be? First of all, heroes don't seem to fit into government by endless committees or focus-groups. Secondly, the media seems determined to find out the weak spots in those who take on the role of leadership. I wonder how John Wesley or Ewart Gladstone would have fared if they had been constantly on the TV screen.

And yet it has been part of the tradition of the Christian Church to honour its heroes and to refer to them as "saints". In this month of November, we begin on the first day of the month by having a festival for all the unknown saints.

But what is a "saint"? One answer maybe a person who has lived a devout and useful life following the example of Jesus. However we must stress that this does not mean that such a person was sinless and perfect. St Paul in writing to the Christians in Corinth refers to them as people "called to be saints". By that he meant a dedicated group of people trying to follow the way of Jesus. But in his second letter to them he reminds them that we who have the spiritual treasure of the Christian Gospel are no better than "common clay pots". In other words, we are all weak human beings but at the same time called by God to experience his glory.

Whenever we approach All Saints tide I think of Harry and Hilda, church members from a former parish.

Harry had been a regular soldier for most of his life, not particularly close to the church, but after the death of his wife, he was asked to take on the post of verger. Harry took up the challenge and studied for the verger's exams and he eventually became more qualified than some Cathedral vergers. More importantly, he gave hours of his time to the care of his church and to welcoming visitors. A question from an unsuspecting visitor would often produce a half-hour long lecture on the history of the church, often embellished by Harry's vivid imagination. However, he was totally committed to his duties and all requirements for worship were always in place and he was present daily with the clergy at 7.30 am for the daily morning prayers.

Hilda was the church cleaner - a simple soul who never complained although she had suffered for years from a cruel husband. She kept the church immaculate and was always encouraging people to join her at worship, and although she was not very literate, she could organise a group of friends to run a coffee morning whenever there was a special appeal for funds.

These "pots of clay" have now finished their pilgrimage on earth, but for me their enthusiastic brightness will be an indelible memory of what it means to be "called to be saints".

May we be given the grace to emulate them.

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The Radnor Hall, Bodenham

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Thursday 23, Friday 24, Saturday 24 November

at

7.30 pm each evening

Tickets £6

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Church Services

Sunday 5 November	8.00 am	Holy Communion	GS	Nunton
4 before Advent	9.30 am	Parish Communion	GS	Britford
	9.30 am	Patronal Festival Parish Communion	WC	Charlton
	11.00 am	Parish Communion	WC	Coombe
	6.00 pm	Evensong	TS	Homington
Sunday 12 November	8.00 am	Holy Communion	WC	Homington
3 before Advent	9.30 am	Parish Communion (JC)	GS	Odstock
Remembrance Sunday	10.55 am	Remembrance Service	GS	Coombe
	10.55 am	Remembrance Service	WC	Charlton
Sunday 19 November	8.00 am	Holy Communion	WC	Britford
2 before Advent	9.30 am	Morning Service	WC	Homington
	9.30 am	Parish Communion (JC)	GS	Nunton
	11.00 am	Parish Communion	GS	Coombe
Sunday 26 November	8.00 am	Holy Communion	GS	Homington
Christ the King	9.30 am	Parish Communion	GS	Charlton
	11.00 am	Morning Service	GS	Odstock
	11.00 am	Matins	SW	Coombe
Sunday 3 December	8.00 am	Holy Communion		Nunton
Advent 1	9.30 am	Parish Communion		Britford
	11.00 am	Parish Communion		Coombe
	6.00 pm	Evensong		Homington

From the Editor

This month's edition has been paid for by The Radnor Hall Players. We thank them and wish them every success with their production at the end of the month. The monthly production cost of *News & Notes* is £32.50. If you would like to sponsor an issue, please get in touch! 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 December issue is Friday 17 November.

Welcome

Welcome to Sue & Nick Rainbow and their sons, Josh (aged 4) and Jack (aged 1½), who have recently moved to Marlott, Nunton.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Sue and Steve Bray of Charlton on the birth of their daughter, Anna Marie, on 11 October, a sister for Gemma. Love and best wishes to all of you.

From the Registers

Holy Baptism

On 14 October at Nunton: Mary Catherine Petherick.

Burials

On 16 October at Nunton: Albert Leslie Piper.

Charlton Harvest Weekend

Pam Cox

Thank you to all who supported and contributed to the Harvest Supper. A pleasant evening was had by all and £223 was raised for church funds.

The harvest gifts from the Sunday service were taken to the Women's Refuge. They also enjoyed the cakes left over from the Autumn Sale. This was much appreciated by them, and they thanked us for remembering them.

Salisbury Diabetic Retinal Screening Fund

Bernard Stubbs

The Salisbury Branch of Diabetics UK is raising money for the above fund. If anyone is willing to buy and/or sell raffle tickets, please contact Bernard Stubbs on 01722 330006. The main prizes are a week's caravan holiday in June worth £220; Advet mountain bike; 3 nights' hotel accommodation for two; Sunday lunch for two; 6 driving lessons at AI Roadcraft, and many more! Tickets cost £1 for a book of five.

WI

Diane Wait

On the afternoon of 4 October, Downton Evening WI brought the Banner and Baton to hand over to Odstock WI. Eight of their members duly arrived at the Barker Room dressed in assorted bin liners etc and looking very much the part for their chosen theme of "Keep Britain Tidy". They had travelled to Nunton in an appropriately decorated pick-up truck and two cars also decorated in the same environmental theme. They handed over the Banner and Baton outside Nunton Church and this short ceremony was followed by a sumptuous tea in the Barker Room.

On 5 October, a group of 13 enthusiastic WI members, all dressed in a variety of colourful gypsy costumes, travelled to Broad Chalke churchyard for their rendezvous. Then led by Mrs Julia Joynt, looking superb on her trusty horse Alice, suitably decorated for the occasion, the merry band of gypsies followed on foot or bicycles and made their way to the village hall, watched by a fascinated audience of school children. On their arrival, they were met by Broad Chalke WI and handed over the Banner and Baton to the President, Mrs Pat Anderson. A delicious tea was then provided for the appreciative and thirsty gypsies. Following this Mrs Sue Bourne read out the story of Odstock Church and the gypsy, Joshua Scamp, which had been written by the Reverend Philip Miles (former Rector of the Parish) in 1869. Julia Joynt then completed the story which stated that the curse had been removed at a Service of Blessing seven years ago. Congratulations to all those members who were able to participate in this event and for taking the time and trouble to dress themselves up in such colourful costumes. Special thanks go to Mrs Ruth Austen who kindly provided some additional brightly coloured skirts for members to wear. Everyone had a very good time and some excellent photographs were taken showing members having a lot of fun. This proved to be a really memorable day.

The 9 October meeting at the Radnor Hall was well attended and Mrs Sue Bourne (President) was delighted to welcome 4 new members to the WI. It is good to report that our WI is thriving and that we are still attracting a growing membership.

Mrs Jean O'Rourke received warm congratulations from members on her recently celebrated Golden Wedding anniversary and she

was kind enough to provide us all with some delicious cake to go with our coffee.

Mrs Jennifer Cowan had created a lovely flower arrangement for the President's table, and this was duly presented to Mrs Patti English with a card from the WI expressing great sympathy at the sudden death of her partner of many years. Mrs Sheila May and Mrs Julia Joynt gave a short report on their bursaries at Denman College, and they expressed thanks to the WI for giving them such an enjoyable and worthwhile opportunity.

Mrs Sue Bourne was delighted to win flower of the month competition with a beautiful coral coloured Abutilon.

Mr Roger Elliot, chief photographer at the Journal and all associated local papers, gave a very interesting and amusing talk on "A Year in the Life of a Local Press Photographer", which was illustrated with an excellent selection of slides. Members recognised some of the people in the slides and there was an amusing photo from our village entertainment. Mrs Sheila May gave an appreciative vote of thanks.

On 16 October, a small group of members enjoyed a real treat when they went to see Somerset Maugham's play *The Circle* at The Salisbury Playhouse. It was very witty, elegant to watch, and delightful to listen to. Everyone enjoyed the play immensely and our thanks go to Mrs Joy Saunders for kindly arranging this event.

The next meeting will be at the Radnor Hall on 13 November and the speaker will be Mr Andrew Simpson, General Manager of Tesco Stores Ltd, Salisbury. His theme will be "Tesco Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow". This will surely be an interesting topic for our members.

Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham Church News

The Church was packed for the Harvest Festival and the Harvest Supper was a great success with 40 people comfortably sat in the Barker Room. It was lovely to have some new parishioners join us. Thanks to Charlton and Britford for lending us tables, cutlery and crockery. We raised £110 for our outward giving to different Charities. Thanks to all for their hard work and donations of food.

Charlton Autumn Sale

A very big thank you to EVERYONE in Charlton for supporting our Autumn Sale. I am delighted to give the current total raised as **£635.85**. This is a tremendous effort for such a small village.

News From The Odstock Parish Council

Sherwood Elcock, Chairman, Tel 01722 334398

The Parish Council met on Wednesday 18 October. This item is a summary of the main issues considered. Anyone wishing to see the full minutes should contact the Parish Clerk, Richard Parsons on 01794 341405.

Presentation to Eddie Jefferson The meeting was preceded by a belated presentation to Eddie in recognition of his 18 years of service as Clerk to the Council.

Bus Shelter Repairs The materials have been obtained and contracts agreed. Work on repairing the bus shelters should commence in the near future.

Radnor Hall The Council has decided to support the Radnor Hall by providing an annual grant of £500 to cover the cost of leasing the hall from the Radnor Estate.

Recreation Field at Odstock The Council agreed to fund a significant enhancement of this field. Details are yet to be decided and anyone who has a suggestion that they would like considered should contact Colin Berry who will bring recommendations to the next meeting.

Vacancy on the Parish Council A vacancy has arisen on the Council. The Council would be pleased to hear from anyone who would like to serve the community in this capacity. If you are interested please contact one of the existing Councillors or the Parish Clerk. If there is more than one person wishing to take on this role there will have to be an election.

Noise from the New Dairy The Council was pleased to record at its last meeting that this problem has been resolved.

Date of the Next Meeting Will be 29 November 2000, when the budget for next year will be discussed.

If you have any comments or would like further information on anything mentioned in this letter or if there are any issues you would like discussed at our next meeting in November, please let me know.

Christmas Coffee Morning

Christmas Coffee Morning and table top sale at the Radnor Hall on Saturday 9 December 9.30 - 12. If you would like to book a table ring Margaret Barrow 01722 339747.

Radnor Hall News

Debby Underhill

The October car boot sale in Nunton raised £333. Many thanks everyone for your hard work and donations. The money is going towards new electrics and lighting. The hall is now looking fresh and bright; it is beautifully warm. The next project is to get the kitchen sorted. Do book the hall - it is greatly improved and still the same rates! Ring Shirley our new caretaker 01722 329760.

Longford Castle Coffee Morning

On Tuesday 14 November there will be a coffee morning and bring & buy at Longford Castle from 10.30 am until 12.00 noon. The Alderbury Gate into the Park will be open, and all are welcome. Entry is £2.00 to include coffee, children are free. There will be a raffle, bric-a-brac, cake stall and nearly new. All proceeds will be sent to "Home Start".



Comedy Cabaret Supper

Harry Joynt, Producer (01722 329782)

An evening of hilarious entertainment to be staged by the Radnor Hall Players of Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham - see front page advertisement.

The ticket price of £6 includes a free drink on arrival, two one act comedies plus a cabaret and a two course supper served in the interval. Beer, wine and soft drinks available at attractive prices.

Make up a party of four or five and you may reserve a table. There will be eleven tables and the audience will be limited to fifty each performance, so book early to avoid disappointment.



In one of the comedies, a mother treats the neighbours like bringing up her young children. The other is about a "Grand Fete" where preparations don't exactly go to plan! The cabaret will include humorous songs, musical instruments and a sketch or two.

Remember our Millennium Revue last year which went down so well? Don't miss this year's unusual programme. Profits go towards the upkeep of the Radnor Hall.



Charlton Bonfire Night

**Saturday 11 November
at 6.00 pm**

**Bonfire in the field behind
The Old Vicarage**

Food in the Courtyard Barn

**Tickets from Barbara Box
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*£4.50 for adults, £2.50 for children,
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Nunton - Harry Joynt 01722 329782 Odstock - Peter Martin 01722 412906

Charlton - Peter Cox 01722 329709 Britford - Daphne Scamell 01722 334858

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, 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
Ebble Pre-school	Monday-Thursday 9.00 am - 12.30 contact Sharon Chandler 01722 329719
Parent & Toddler	Every Friday 9.30 - 11.30 am, Ebble Pre-school mobile, Odstock School
Mobile Library	Alternate Fridays (3 & 17 November): Village Hut, Charlton 10.00 - 10.15 am Alternate Tuesdays: 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

11 November	Charlton Bonfire Night, 6.00 pm
13 November	Charlton Garden Society, 7.30 pm Charlton Church Hall - Italian Gardens
14 November	Longford Castle Coffee Morning, 10.30 - 12.00 Longford Castle
23, 24 & 25 November	November Show at Radnor Hall, 7.30 pm
9 December	Christmas Coffee Morning, 9.30 - 12.00 Radnor Hall
12 December	Downton Band Concert, Charlton Church Hall