



News and Notes

for Bodenham, Britford, Charlton All Saints, Nunton and Odstock December 2012

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News & Notes

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"Quo vadis, Domina?"

There is a grand Christian legend that St. Peter, walking away from Rome where he faced possible execution, met, coming towards him on the road, a vision of the risen Christ. Peter, awestruck, said, "Quo vadis, Domine?" and Christ replied, "Ad Romam vado iterum crucifigi". ("Whither goest thou, Lord?", "I am going to Rome to be crucified again." Peter turned about and returned to Rome where he was indeed himself crucified, electing to be nailed to the cross head downwards because he felt unworthy to die in the same way as his, and our, Lord. Thus goes the legend.

With the departure of our dearly loved priest and pastor Alison Williams we might so easily be as bewildered and bereaved as was Peter and say, "Quo vadis, Domina?" [Domina is the feminine of domine and, should any classical pundit want to know, "domina" is the feminine vocative singular of the noun "dominus" – the masculine vocative singular is "domine". The vocative being that part of a noun that one used when addressing someone directly. But enough of this schoolmasterly exhibitionist pedantry!]

Alison has left our parishes here in the eastern end of the benefice in an infinitely better condition than that in which she found us..... (Continued on page 3)

Denis Blake

(Denis, many thanks for this appreciation of our Team Vicar, Alison Williams. You'll find a message of thanks from Alison, along with the rest of Denis's article, on page 3)

Church of England Services

2 nd December Advent Sunday	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Parish Communion Family Service Parish Communion Evensong (BCP)	Britford Nunton Coombe Bissett Homington	JT ACFT JT SP
3 rd December	10.00am	Messy Church	Nunton (see back page)	
9 th December Advent 2	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Parish Communion Choral Mattins (BCP) Family Service	Odstock Charlton All Saints Coombe Bissett	MT DB JT
16 th December Advent 3	9.30am 11.00am	Parish Communion Family Communion	Nunton Homington	JT MT
23 rd December Advent 4	9.30am 6.00pm 6.00pm	Parish Communion Carol Service Carol Service	Charlton All Saints Nunton Coombe Bissett	JT/DH ACFT JT
24 th December Christmas Eve	4.00pm 6.00pm 11.00pm	Service of Lights Carol Service Midnight Eucharist	Charlton All Saints Homington Coombe Bissett	LL LB JT
25 th December Christmas Day	8.00am 9.30am 10.30am 11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) Family Communion Family Communion Family Service	Homington Britford Odstock Coombe Bissett	MT MT AH DH
30 th December Christmas 2	10.00am	Benefice Communion	Nunton	DH
6 th January Epiphany	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Parish Communion Family Service Parish Communion Evensong (BCP)	Britford Nunton Coombe Bissett Homington	JT ACFT JT SP

DH = Canon David Henley, JT = Revd Jenny Taylor, SP = Sylvia Parrett, LB = Lavender Buckland
MT = Revd Michael Turner, ACFT = Adrian Taylor, DB = Denis Blake, AH = Revd Andrew Haviland
(BCP) = Book of Common Prayer

WI Meeting - 12th November 2012

Carol Stratton

The meeting was opened by Gill Dodd, who was again standing in for Elizabeth Cutter who was unfortunately still unwell.

Reports from the skittles, scrabble, book, and walking, groups were given and announcements were made about forthcoming events in the county.

Gill then went on to say that the annual council meeting at the city hall had been well attended this year with 12 members enjoying a great day. Sheila May gave a brief report about the day saying how entertaining the speakers were especially Mr Paul Mayhew-Archer who is a BBC script writer and was extremely funny. This was to be Trish Coles last Annual Council meeting as Federation Chairman and a expression of thanks was given by Isabel Acott.

On Monday 5th November, it was the turn of Odstock, Bodenham, and Nunton W.I to host the "Denman Group" Annual meeting and Gill thanked all the helpers for their hard work on the day and all the members who had supplied a wonderful tea for everyone. The afternoon was a great success.

Gill then went on to announce with regret the resignation of Liz Hardman, who had been an excellent secretary and that Anna Treseder and had agree to step into her shoes until a new secretary could be found.

The speaker for the morning was Mrs Rose "The Queen's Dressmaker" who spoke about her long career as a dressmaker and her interesting visits to Buckingham Palace for fittings, with Her Majesty. Mrs Rose said how she had wanted to be a dressmaker from a very early age and after training at college was thrilled to get her first job in Bond Street. While working there, Norman Hartnell got in touch with her after spotting a lady wearing one of her gowns in a night club. There was no stopping her then and in no time she started working free lance making clothes for the Queen. Her career spanned from 1973 until the year of the Golden Jubilee when she retired. The vote of thanks was given by Ulla Whitey.

The flower of the month was won by Anne Waight with a miniature Narcissi.

The next meeting will be on 10th December. As this is the Christmas meeting it will be followed by mince pies and mulled wine.

Odstock Parish Council

The next scheduled OPC meeting is in the Radnor Hall, Bodenham at 7:30pm on Thursday, 6th December. One of the main items on the agenda will be to determine OPC's share of the Council Tax for 2013-2014. As usual, the meeting Agenda will be published on the village Notice Boards by 2 December, at the latest. Since the last meeting in September, several of the stiles along the Avon Valley Footpath have been replaced with Kissing Gates. Volunteers are still needed to help with the replacement of the remaining stiles. Please contact the Parish Clerk about all parish matters, including highways issues, on Tel: 01794-341405 or eMail: OPC@ODSTOCK.INFO

Pumpkin Competition

Mike and Rebecca Smith

Thank you to everybody who supported this year's Grand Pumpkin Competition and attended the weigh-in at the Radnor Arms on 28th October. The heaviest pumpkin was grown by Angus Paton and weighed in at a staggering 188lbs, our largest ever pumpkin! We also raised £130 from the proceeds of seed sales and a raffle, which has been donated to Messy Church. Thank you.

Christmas cards

Nunton church stained glass window Nativity scene - lovely colours and detail - 75p each - view sample in church - Harry Joynt 01722 329782.

Britford Memorial & Community Hall

Cherubini Christmas Concert

Thursday 6th December at 6pm

The Cherubini Choir from Salisbury Cathedral sing traditional Christmas songs

Tickets: Adults £7.50

- includes glass of mulled wine or spiced cordial and a mince pie on entry.

Children under 10 years old free.

Tickets available from: Angela Wheeler (Secretary) - 01722 329766.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Charlton All Saints Church

Downton Band Concert

7.30pm 12th December



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Raffle

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A collection will be made and divided between the Band and the Church

Charlton All Saints Bonfire Bash

Jackie and Graham Barrett

Many thanks to everyone who attended the magnificent Charlton All Saints Bonfire Bash!

We made an amazing £400 profit which will go to Charlton All Saints Church Funds.



Special thanks to John Taylor who helped enormously with the building of the bonfire.

“Quo vadis, Domina?” (cont from front)

Denis Blake

..... We talk to each other: we ask each other for advice, and get it: we share organists: we help each other with faculty applications: we have even been known to give financial support to one another's appeals! Above all these benefits is the great fact that we attend services in each other's churches. It is grand to be warmly welcomed at Coombe Bissett, Britford, Odstock and Nunton: it is even grander to welcome friends from these parishes to our small, comparatively young church here in Charlton All Saints. Yes, we do occasionally grind our parochial teeth when some well-meaning churchgoer “down west” asks us where Charlton is!

In each of the churches which can claim to have the Vicar of Nunton as “their priest” there is a wonderful feeling of unity and of friendly Christian fellowship. This is arguably Alison Williams's greatest legacy to us: she would constantly reiterate her reminder to us that the church is not just a building about which we all gloomily have money-worries. No, the Church is “out there” – people are the Church and that being the case we all matter to each other in a way in which we did not 8½ years ago. Alison brought about this spiritual revolution in huge measure by her own example. Her pastoral care of us was beyond praise and often beyond what we deserved. How many of us have not benefited (yes, that IS how that word is spelt!) from her quiet, discreet and charmingly blunt advice, interest and sympathy? She has a rock-solid trust in the power of prayer and by golly how right she is! Prayers are always answered, not always in the way we want or can immediately understand, but answer there will be.

Alison's act will be a hard one, a very hard one, to follow but the greatest compliment we can pay to her is to welcome and support whoever comes to us in her place, temporarily or permanently.

“Quo vadis, domina?” Alison goes to Highworth in such well-deserved retirement and takes our love and our gratitude with her. “Que le Bon Dieu la bénisse” – as a French teacher she will know what that means and all the rest of us can guess.

Chalke Valley Ladies Choir
presents

A Christmas Concert in One Half

at All Saints, Broad Chalke

Sunday 9th December at 3.00pm

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Proceeds from the concert will go towards paying the university fees of Golda in Southern Sudan, a bright student sponsored by CRESS

Thank you so much!

Alison Williams

I was totally overwhelmed by the fabulous farewell I received from you all on 18th November. The church was absolutely packed - I was really moved to see so many people there. Thank you for everyone who took part and made it so special.

Thank you also for the very thoughtful gifts. The garden bench (from Nunton, Odstock & Bodenham) is wonderful and will be sat upon by me most gratefully into my dotage. I will do my best to design a lovely garden around it to do it justice! (The valley churches gave me a generous cheque which will go to pay for this.) Britford commissioned a painting of the church by Sue Finniss – lovely. And Charlton All Saints have paid for a TV & DVD recorder. I feel so very spoilt by the kindness from these villages. Most of all, I shall treasure the many lovely letters and cards which you have written. Your kind words mean a lot to me. I will miss you all, but leave with many wonderful memories of my time with you. Thank you!

***The Radnor Hall Players*
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by Ben Coker
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Carol Singing and Choir

Adrian Taylor

There'll be Carol singing, with meeting places and times as follows:

14th December, Odstock, 6.30pm, Crossroads

19th December, Nunton, 7.00pm, The Orchard

20th December, Bodenham, 6.00pm, Warmans

All welcome - Please bring a torch.

As usual, we shall be forming a **choir** for the ONB Carol Service, which this year is at 6.00pm on 23rd December at St Andrews, Nunton. Emails with details will go out shortly to those usually involved, but if you'd like to join us, please let me know (01722 325862 or email address below). All welcome, especially tenors!

Longford C of E Primary School

We returned after half-term to a busy November. FOLS (Friends of Longford School) have met regularly and organised the Christmas Fair for early evening on 29th November. The children all had their photographs taken. Odstock site was used as a Polling Station and therefore all spent a day on the Britford site; we arranged a sports education day for all to enjoy. In addition our Dragonflies Class visited a post office to see for themselves where their letters go. We took part in Children in Need day and a special congratulations go to one of our boys who raised a lot by swimming 1 mile. Well done to him. A main governors meeting took place on the Britford site, and training has taken place for governors and staff during the month. KS2 children took part in the Netball High Fives Festival at Trafalgar School, Downton. The children staff and governors are sad to see Rev Alison Williams go and wish her well for her future retirement.

Events planned for December are:

The last clubs of the term will take place on 4th and 5th December.

6th Dec – Sharing Assembly Britford site

13th Dec – Sharing Assembly Odstock site

18th Dec – Carol Service and Nativity Tableau 6 pm

21st Dec – End of Term Assembly, Christmas lunch and party and school closes at 2.00 p.m.

Teacher Training Day on 7th January 2013. Children return to school on Tuesday 8th January 2013.

Thank you

Sandra Maurer (for Chalke Valley Ladies Fellowship)

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Chalke Valley Ladies Fellowship Christmas Fair on Tuesday 13th November.

Your support raised a fantastic £1080. This amount will go to support the work of Canon Andrew White, President of the FRRME (The Foundation for Relief and Reconciliation in the Middle East) www.frrme.org. The bulk of his work is now in Iraq (where he has been given the nickname The Vicar of Baghdad) where he pastors St George's Church and engages in conflict mediation in the area. We aim to support St George's Clinic which is located within the church compound and provides free treatment for 2,000 patients from the local community each month, regardless of sectarian background. In a region devastated by conflict, St George's church and clinic foster hope and forgiveness to counter prevailing attitudes of bitterness and retaliation.

Big thanks must also go to Jenny and her team – as ever, the coffee and lunchtime refreshments were delicious and were enjoyed by many friends meeting up after their shopping. Thanks also to Heather and Sammy for yet again manning the raffle and to all that baked & donated a cake for the cake stall.

Look forward to seeing you all next year...

The Chalke Valley Team

The way ahead

David Henley

Two Team Vicars having retired in the past six months means that the Chalke Valley Team is entering a period of change. The good news is that the Bishop has approved the appointment of Jenny Taylor as non-stipendiary Team Vicar (i.e. unpaid, and currently working as Chaplain to Salisbury Cathedral School) in place of Roger Redding. The Team Council has already set up a Team Profile Group, under the chairmanship of Adrian Taylor of Nunton, to prepare the way for a new full-time stipendiary appointment as Team Vicar living in Nunton. The Archdeacon will be setting the process in motion six weeks after Alison's retirement and then it is up to us to attract the right candidate to come and serve in our Team. There is no official time-scale for this to happen, but in practice it is unlikely we shall have someone in Nunton vicarage within six months.

In the meantime, a vacancy can be an opportunity for growth and new thinking, and is certainly not a time of stagnation. The reduced team of Jenny and myself will continue to do our best to serve all parishes across the Chalke Valley Team. For Sunday services we will be helped by several local clergy, retired or in secular employment, and the hope is that these will regularly cover particular churches so that we all have a sense of stability. I will be responsible for working with all nine PCCs and the Team Council and supporting all the churchwardens on administrative matters. This does not mean I will be able to attend every meeting but I am there when needed. For pastoral care, please regard Jenny as first contact point for all parishes from Bishopstone through Coombe Bissett and Homington, Odstock and Nunton, to Britford and Charlton All Saints. I will continue to be first contact point for Broad Chalke westwards to Berwick St. John. Jenny will continue to oversee our team of Lay Pastoral Assistants, and they are going to have an important role in ensuring local pastoral care is available to all.

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Christmas Fair

Wednesday 5th December, 2pm-4pm
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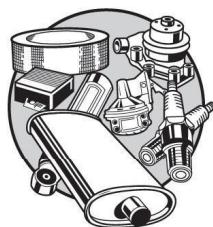
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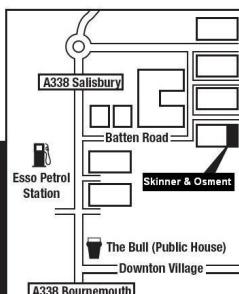
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Regular Events

WI	Second Monday of the month, 10.00am, Radnor Hall, Bodenham
Singing Group	Every Tuesday (ex. Aug/Dec.), 7.00pm, Barker Room, contact Adrian Taylor on 01722 325862
Messy Church	10am - 12 noon at St Andrew's, Nunton and the Barker Room, for parents, grandparents and child carers with their children from 0 - 5 years: Coffee/ tea, chat, activities, Bible stories, singing and a simple lunch. <i>For more details, ring Debby 01722 329769.</i> Next Meeting: 3rd December - Messy Christmas
Tiny Tots	Wednesdays (ex. Aug.) 9.45 – 11.45am, Radnor Hall, Bodenham (Suzie Orchitton - 01722 502026)
Mobile Library	Britford (The Green), alt. Thursdays, 9.30 – 9.45am (6 th & 20 th December, 3 rd January 2013) Nunton (The Orchard), monthly, 11.55 – 12.25pm (19 th December)
Acorn Social Club	Coffee Morning – Wednesdays 10.30am at the Orchard
Open Circle Folk Dancing/ Local Vocals	Dancing: 2 nd & 4 th Mondays each month, 7.30pm, Radnor Hall Local Vocals: 1 st Monday each month, 7.30 pm Radnor Hall Contact Clare Chitty on 01722 330871

Diary Dates

1 st Dec	Christmas Coffee Morning, URC Chapel Broad Chalke, 10.00am to 12.00noon (<i>see page 5</i>)
5 th Dec	Chalke Valley Playschool Christmas Fair, Broad Chalke Primary, 2.00pm - 4.00pm (<i>see page 5</i>)
6 th Dec	Cherubini Concert, Britford Memorial 7 Community Hall, 6.00pm , (<i>see page 2</i>)
6 th Dec	Radnor Hall Pantomime and Cabaret (<i>see page 3</i>)
7 th Dec	Radnor Hall Pantomime and Cabaret (<i>see page 3</i>)
8 th Dec	Radnor Hall Pantomime and Cabaret (<i>see page 3</i>)
9 th Dec	Chalke Valley Ladies Choir Christmas Concert, All Saints Church, Broad Chalke, 3.00pm (<i>see page 3</i>)
12 th Dec	Downton Band Concert, Charlton All Saints Church, 7.30pm (<i>see page 2</i>)
14 th Dec	Carol Singing, Odstock, 6.30pm (<i>see page 3</i>)
19 th Dec	Carol Singing, Nunton, 6.30pm (<i>see page 3</i>)
20 th Dec	Carol Singing, Bodenham, 6.30pm (<i>see page 3</i>)
16 th Feb	Lent Lunch, Radnor Hall, 12noon to 2.00pm
24 th Feb - 3 rd Mar	Visit from Lee Abbey staff
1 st March	Social Evening with Lee Abbey Visitors, Radnor Hall

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