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The Lord's Larder

Celia Redding

During the year 2000, I became aware that in Yeovil where I currently work, there are a group of people working together in the Christian Community caring for others in a practical way. This gave me the idea of promoting our own Chalke Valley "Lord's Larder". The aim is to help where we can in cases of hardship and financial distress.

During the autumn of 2000 the Chalke Valley Ladies Fellowship gave me encouragement to set the *Lord's Larder* and in turn gave generously with gifts of groceries and cleaning materials. I was able to distribute these along with harvest produce given kindly by Bowerchalke Parish Church.

The Christmas season came and we collected donations amounting to £120 along with Sainsbury's stamps of £35.

This eased the financial plight greatly for several families and I have since received letters of thanks.

I do believe most sincerely that this is a very worthwhile venture and with this in mind I am asking for cash or supermarket stamp donations.

Thanks to all those who have given so generously to date.

Church Services

Sunday 1 April	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	GS	Nunton
Lent 5	9.30 am	Parish Communion	WC	Britford
	11.00 am	Parish Communion	GS	Coombe
	6.00 pm	Evensong (BCP)	WC	Homington
Sunday 8 April	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	WC	Homington
Palm Sunday	9.30 am	Parish Communion	GS	Nunton
	11.00 am	Family Service	GS	Coombe
	11.00 am	Matins (BCP)	WC	Charlton
Thursday 12 April	7.30 pm	Parish Communion	WC/GS	Charlton
Maundy Thursday				
Friday 13 April	12.00 noon	Devotional Service	WC	Coombe
Good Friday	12.00 noon	Devotional Service	GS	Britford
	2.00 pm	Good Friday Liturgy	GS	Nunton
Sunday 15 April	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	GS	Britford
Easter Sunday	9.30 am	Family Communion	GS	Homington
	9.30 am	Family Communion	WC	Odstock
	11.00 am	Parish Communion (BCP)	WC	Coombe
	11.00 am	Parish Communion	GS	Charlton
Sunday 22 April	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	GS	Homington
Easter 2	9.30 am	Parish Communion	WC	Charlton
	11.00 am	Matins (BCP)	GS	Coombe
	11.00 am	Morning Service	WC	Odstock
Sunday 29 April	11.00 am	150 th Anniversary Parish Communion with the		Charlton
Easter 3		Bishop of Salisbury and Archdeacon of Wilts		
Sunday 6 May	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	WC	Nunton
Easter 4	9.30 am	Parish Communion	GS	Britford
	11.00 am	Parish Communion	KC	Coombe
	6.00 pm	Evensong (BCP)	GS	Homington

Note: All Communion services are *Common Worship* liturgies, except those indicated BCP, which come from the *Book of Common Prayer*

Junior Church: Please note that Junior Church will not meet in April - see you in May!

From the Editor

This is the 300th edition of *News & Notes*, which represents 25 years of our local newsletter. Our sponsor this month is a local resident, to whom we are very grateful. The monthly production cost is £32.50 - if you would like to sponsor an issue, please get in touch with Neil. 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 May issue is Friday 20 April.

News from the Vicarage

Graham Southgate 01722 330628

At this time of year we are used to looking forward to the joys of Spring: the longer days and the warmer weather sets everything growing. The land, which has been apparently dormant, begins to spring into life, firstly with snowdrops and aconites, then followed by daffodils, anemones and now, I've noticed, even bluebells. While the animal life tends to lag behind somewhat, it soon catches up - at least in ordinary years. But this year is no ordinary year: the threat of plague has returned and the shadow of death hangs over our beloved English countryside. Whereas last year we might have watched the antics of the spring lambs, this year we are politely asked to stay away: last year it was the scent of primroses, this year it is disinfectant. If ever we needed a reminder of our own mortality and of the transience of our life's work, then we have it now in the threat of Foot and Mouth Disease.

All this may bring an extra poignancy to our contemplation of Jesus' suffering on Good Friday: scripture teaches that it was for the redemption of the whole of creation that Jesus died. The story might have ended there and Jesus' lifeless body could have remained shut away, yet God intends more for us than the dust and ashes of destruction, and he demonstrated this three days later when he raised Jesus from the dead.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving or in pain,
Thy touch can call us back to life again,
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
*Love is come again,
Like wheat that springeth green.*

JMC Crum (1872-1958)

April is one of those months with five Sundays and it is the turn of Charlton All Saints to host our Group Service on 29 April. It is going to be a rather special occasion for them since it will celebrate the 150th anniversary of the consecration of the church on 24 April 1851. In 2001, the service will be a Parish Communion at which the Bishop of Salisbury will preside, assisted by the Archdeacon of Wilts. I hope to see you there.

Additional Holy Days in April and May

- 23 April Saint George, Martyr, Patron of England, Holy Communion at Nunton, 8.00 am
- 25 April Saint Mark, Evangelist, Holy Communion at Nunton, 8.00 am
- 1 May Saints Philip and James, Apostles, Holy Communion at Nunton, 8.00 am

Attention Information Required!

Has anyone got old photographs, correspondence and other paperwork relating to the history of Charlton All Saints in general, and All Saints Church in particular? Access to such information would be much appreciated in preparing a booklet for publication later this year in conjunction with 150th anniversary celebrations referred to above.

Michael Pearce has already produced a first draft, but local residents and others are encouraged to contribute information, anecdotes and any other relevant material.

In the first instance, please contact Ian Ashworth on 01725 510459.

WI

Diane Wait

On Monday 12 March, Mrs Sue Bourne (President) looking fit and well following her exciting holiday in New Zealand, welcomed Mrs Sandra Mistlin (WI Adviser) and 33 members to the Annual General Meeting. Mrs Pat Reeves opened the meeting with a prayer and Mrs Jean Van Hagen then read out the minutes and notices of future events. One important meeting is the Agenda Conference to be held on Monday 30 April at Dennis Marsh House, Salisbury, where two Resolutions will be discussed and constitutional changes made. Mrs Mistlin felt it important that members attend this event.

Following this, Mrs Rita Hobbs (Treasurer) read out the Annual Financial Statement and this was adopted by members. Unfortunately she is no longer able to carry on as our Treasurer, but I am happy to report that she will still be a member of the WI, as our meetings would certainly not be the same without her. Thank you Rita from all of us. Mrs Julia Joynt has very kindly consented to be our new Treasurer. It was agreed that Adrian Taylor should receive £10.00 and a bottle of good wine as an appreciative thank you for auditing our accounts.

Mrs Van Hagen read out the Committee's Annual Report and took us down memory lane by recalling some of the more memorable occasions and talks of the past year. Who could forget the Roses of Mottisfont or the more recent talk by Simon Lole. We are very grateful to Mrs Doreen Osmond for having given us such an interesting and varied programme. We all know a lot of hard work goes into its planning.

In her President's Address, Mrs Bourne personally thanked all committee members in turn for all their hard work and enthusiasm. She paid a special tribute to Rita and gave her a very grateful and appreciative vote of thanks for all the splendid work she has so willingly carried out whilst being Treasurer. Mrs Bourne also touched on the subject of new members and it is hoped

that we can encourage new ladies to join us. Mrs Mistlin confirmed that we are a very friendly WI and well worth joining. I am a relative newcomer in the area but am very glad that I was encouraged to join our WI and I have consequently made a lot of lovely new friends. At the end of the address, Jean Van Hagen then thanked Sue for being such a dedicated and outstanding President.

Mrs Mistlin then gave us a brief talk about the merits of the courses held at Denman College and several members said how much they had enjoyed their time there and how friendly it was. She also read out two cheerful short poems, one of which was called Smiling and guess what - we did! She organised the ballot for President and Sue Bourne was once again re-elected. She graciously accepted for one more year, but would like to take a break at the end of that time. We are very grateful to her for carrying out this role in such splendid style.

Miss Betty Marks won the flower of the month competition for the second month running with a stunning Hellebore Orientalis (Lenten Rose). Well done Betty - can you make it three in a row?

After coffee break, Mrs Jill Johnson enthralled us with details of her recent visits to Ascension Island, St Helena and Tristan da Cunha in the South Atlantic. She made it all sound so fascinating, describing how each island has its own unique history, culture and way of life, and even now seem relatively untouched by the hustle and bustle of the modern world. Long may it continue. She said how much she enjoyed meeting all the locals and how friendly they were. Her husband Julian has agreed at some future date to show us slides and photographs of these marvellous places. We are looking forward to that occasion.

Our next meeting will be held on Monday 9 April and Mr David Smith will give us a talk entitled "Beatrice, a Kingston Lacy Housemaid". This should appeal to members, and guests will be very welcome.

Finally, I would just like to say that Sue Bourne paid a special tribute to Mrs Daphne White who recently had a nasty accident, but who according to Sue is still playing a brilliant game of scrabble! We all wish you well Daphne and send you our love.

News From The Parish Council

Sherwood Elcock, Chairman 01722 334398

At the last meeting of the Parish Council on 7 March, the following matters were discussed.

Odstock Playground Equipment: Colin Berry has drawn up proposals for improving this site with a 9m square hard surface, netball and goal posts. The total cost in the region of £4,500 will be funded by development money available to the community as a result of recent developments in the village. It is hoped that this work will be completed before the summer.

Nunton Field: The Council is proceeding slowly with its plan to acquire the lease of this field and to improve the facilities with the provision of car parking and a children's play area. We will probably also take on the maintenance of the pavilion.

Foot & Mouth Crisis: Simon Martin recorded his thanks to the community for their co-operation in keeping off the farmland. We share his hope that this area will not be directly affected.

Traffic Priority at Odstock Bridges: The Council welcomed a proposal from the Highway Authority to introduce a one way Traffic Priority Scheme at the bridges in Odstock.

Amenity Skips: The Council proposes to have skips in the spring as well as the late summer this year. We plan to have skips in Odstock and Bodenham in the week after Easter. Unfortunately because of building work at the Chairman's house, the usual Nunton site will not be available at that time but a skip will be provided there as soon as possible. Skips will be provided again in late Aug/early Sept as usual.

Development at The Old Dairy Site in Nunton: The Council have now seen the detailed proposals for this development of 13 small and medium sized homes. These were available for inspection at a public meeting at The Barker Room for Nunton villagers on Wednesday 28 March. If any other residents are interested in seeing these plans they can be seen at the Planning Office in Salisbury.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING: This will precede the AGM at The Radnor Hall on Thursday 10 May. This annual meeting is an opportunity for you to meet your Council and raise any matters that concern you. The Council acts on your behalf and is answerable to you. Please come and tell us what you want.

Odstock School News

Sherwood Elcock, Governor Odstock School

The Governors of Odstock School were pleased to hear that the Employment Tribunal has dismissed Mr Niblett's claim for Unfair Dismissal and upheld the Governors' decision that he should be dismissed. In his summary, the Tribunal Chairman noted that it was sad that the Applicant's career in teaching had probably been brought to an end, because it was apparent that "he is a gifted teacher with a talent for dealing with disadvantaged children" but also that "it was reasonable for the employer to dismiss him and that summary dismissal was the only penalty available". This decision finally closes an unhappy period in the School's history and allows us to plan for a new and brighter future.

During this difficult year the Governors have been encouraged by the strong support we have received both from parents and from the County Education Officers.

The support from County has enabled us to address many of the problems with the fabric of the buildings and we expect that later this year the temporary mobile classroom that has been onsite for some 30 years will finally be replaced with a properly constructed new classroom.

This new climate of enthusiasm and optimism is evident to all who visit the school and is reflected in the level of interest shown by parents wishing to bring their children to our village school. We are expecting 14 new children at the school in September. Many of these children are from outside our community and whilst they are very welcome,

we look forward to the time when more of our local children and their parents choose to attend the village school.

The Governors are enormously indebted to Denis Blake and Cllr Julian Johnson who joined the Governors at a very difficult time and helped us through this critical period. They have both now resigned and the Governors have two vacancies. We are anxious to engage the support of any members of the community with a little free time and an interest in supporting the village school. You need no other qualifications for this role. We can offer the training and the support you need to help you take on a role which may be challenging, will offer no financial reward but will involve you in supporting a village tradition and contributing to the welfare of children and the future vitality of our community.

If you would like to help please contact Debbie Underhill (01722 329769), Sherwood Elcock (01722 334398) or the school (01722 329701).

Close Harmony

Bernard Stubbs

To raise funds for the Salisbury Diabetic Retinal Screening Fund, on 28 April at 7.30 pm at St Francis Hall, Salisbury, there will be a performance by Close Harmony with Salisbury Young Musicians. Tickets (£5 each) are available from Sue Goodridge 01722 335004 or Bernard Stubbs 01722 330006. Refreshments available.

Forthcoming Event: Rosemary Squires will be performing at the Blackledge Theatre, Godolphin School on 26 October. Details to follow.

St Peter's Church, Britford "Pass-it-On" Stewardship Campaign



St Peter's Church, Britford will be running a stewardship campaign for three weeks in May. The campaign, known as **Pass-it-On**, will be launched at the 9.30 am Parish

Communion on Sunday 6 May and will involve the whole community. It will enable St Peter's PCC to communicate their future plans and hopes for the Church to every household in Britford and invite their support.

Further information about Pass-it-On can be obtained from Mrs Daphne Scamell (01722 334858) or Mrs Judy Sturdy (01722 335969).

Salisbury Hospice Care Trust Spring Sale

A sale has been organised to take place on Tuesday 10 April in the Entrance Hall of Salisbury District Hospital from 9.30 am - 3.00 pm.

A large variety of goods will be on sale and a beautifully decorated Easter cake will be raffled. Hospice stationery, pens, bears and mugs will also be available. The Hospice is always in need of donated items to sell. Collection can be arranged. Please ring 01722 334858 if you have any unwanted gifts, books, bric-a-brac etc.

Radnor Hall News

Debby Underhill

Radnor Hall AGM Monday 30 April 7.30 pm

Do come to the AGM and see all that has changed since last year! The next improvement is a new kitchen which is going to be put in during April. It is going to have a new cooker with a large oven, and a dishwasher - so there won't be any washing up after those parties. The new cupboards will hold crockery and cutlery for sixty people. There will be a new double glazed window with an extractor fan. It is going to be fantastic and it is all thanks to a grant from Salisbury District Council. Do book the Hall - ring Shirley on 01722 329760.

Come to the AGM - all are welcome.

For Sale

Brand new mountain bike worth £300. Will take £200. Telephone 01722 324926.

Schubert's Octet

A rare opportunity to hear an Anglo-German ensemble perform this beautiful piece of music takes place on 19 April at 7.30 pm in St John's Church, Tisbury. Tickets are £3.50, concessions £2.00. Please send sae with payment to 58 Barnard Street, Salisbury SP1 2BJ (01722 349866 or The Rookery, 72 High Street, Ansty, SP3 5QD (01747 870057). In aid of the Alabaré Christian Care Centres.

Charlton All Saints Garden Society

On Monday 5 February, a select few enjoyed a personalised discussion on seed propagation given by Mr Vincent Meers. Members who were not able to attend missed an instructive evening.

Future events include on 21 May, Barry Perrett talking about "The Flowers of Martin Down", a July Garden Party and on 24 September, Dave Manston discussing "Sweet Peas".

All Saints Church, Charlton All Saints, celebrates its 150th anniversary on 29 April 2001

You are warmly invited to share a special

Parish Communion at 11 am

The Bishop of Salisbury and the Arch Deacon of Wiltshire will lead the service and everyone is invited to join us for a glass of sherry in the church after the service.

This will be followed by buffet lunch at Trafalgar Park, by kind permission of Mr Michael J Wade.

The cost of lunch, including wine, is £10 per person, £5 for children 5-14 yrs, free for children under 5 yrs.

Admission by ticket only (numbers limited) available in advance from Barbara Box (01725 510758) and Anne Simmons (01725 510048).

Transport can be arranged if required.

Ebble Pre-School Committee

Following the closure of Ebble Pre-School, we felt we should write to express our thanks to the staff, namely, Karen Grant - Playleader, Emma Ford - Play Assistant and Sharon Baugh - Special Needs.

Their commitment, enthusiasm and dedication to the Pre-School, in what was a very difficult 6 weeks, was beyond the bounds of their "job descriptions". Had they not received notice at the beginning of January, without Committee agreement, they would still be in post, giving our children valuable pre-school experience, in a very happy, enjoyable and stimulating environment.

Thank you Karen, Emma and Sharon

From the Committee: Debby Underhill, Sheila Marsh, Sharon Chandler, Pippa Crossthwaite, Debbie Tapner, Lynsey Malekzai.

Young Musicians' Concert

As part of the Charlton All Saints Church 150th anniversary celebrations, the senior pupils of Forres Sandle Manor School, Fordingbridge, under their Director of Music, David Andrews, will give a concert in the Church Hall at 6.30 pm on Tuesday, 3 July, 2001. It will be one hour in length and the oldest musician taking part will be under 14. Since some of the players are prizewinners in the recent Salisbury Music Festival and some are already in the Hampshire County Youth Jazz Band, of which David Andrews is the Director, the standard of music on offer and the range of musical styles and periods will astonish those who are sensible enough to come. Admission free, retiring collection. The concert will end very soon after or at 7.30 so that the children can be back at their school by 8.30 pm.

Odstock Nunton and Bodenham Fete 2001

Thursday	July 5 th	Wine Tasting Evening
Friday	6 th	Skittles and Barbecue
Sunday	8 th	Bike Ride
		Car Boot Sale
Friday	13 th	Peter Pod and the Peas
Saturday	14 th	Grand Fete
		Raft Race

Planning for this year's fete is well and truly underway. Every year we raise a substantial amount for village causes and we hope to do the same this year

We need your help and support to make the fete a success.

- **Stall holders**
- **Volunteers before, during and after all the above events**
- **Donated prizes for the Grand Draw and other competitions**

If you would like to help, or have a prize you can donate (or both) please contact Brian Clake on 01722 340261

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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
Parent & Toddler	Every Friday 9.30 - 11.30 am, Ebble Pre-school mobile, Odstock School
Mobile Library	Alternate Fridays (6 & 20 April): 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

For Your Diary

2 April	Odstock & Nunton Annual Parochial Church Meeting, Barker Room, Nunton 7.30 pm
4 April	Charlton Annual Parochial Church Meeting, Church Hall, Charlton 7.30 pm
19 April	Schubert's Octet, St John's Church, Tisbury 7.30 pm
26 April	Britford Annual Parochial Church Meeting, Memorial Hall, Britford 7.30 pm
30 April	Radnor Hall AGM, Radnor Hall, Bodenham 7.30 pm
10 May	Nunton, Odstock & Bodenham Annual Parish Meeting, Radnor Hall
21 May	Charlton Garden Society, Charlton Church Hall 7.30 pm
30 June	Grand Charlton Barbecue
3 July	Young Musicians' Concert, Charlton Church Hall 6.30 pm
14 July	Odstock, Nunton & Bodenham Fete