

News & Notes

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Pray have Remember

Annabel Tier

Faith is not a way of finding all the answers, but of living with the questions.

In his book "Pray have Remember", Micheal Maive, former Dean of Westminster Abbey, tells the story of how one day in 1992 they were on holiday in the Dolomites, a place which he says "is as close as you can get to Heaven". A few days earlier the headlines had been full of a massacre in which whole families

had been killed. Walking through a wood carpeted with flowers, he suddenly knew that there had to be a memorial to those he could only think of as the Innocent Victims of oppression, violence and war.

Placed just outside the great West Door of the Abbey it complements the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior immediately inside. As you enter, it is impossible to ignore either of them. They are there as an affirmation that those peoples' story is linked to a much greater story and that God Himself enters into both their suffering and into all our questioning. †

Church Services

Sunday 2 May Easter 5	8.00 am	Holy Communion	BCP	WC	Nunton
	9.30 am	Parish Communion	ASBB	GS	Britford
	11.00 am	Parish Communion	ASBB	WC	Coombe
	11.00 am	Morning Service		GS	Odstock
	6.00 pm	Evensong	BCP	GS	Homington
Sunday 9 May Easter 6	8.00 am	Holy Communion	BCP	WC	Homington
	9.30 am	Parish Communion (JC)	ASBA	GS	Nunton
	11.00 am	Family Service		GS	Coombe
	11.00 am	Matins	BCP	AT	Charlton
Sunday 16 May Easter 7	9.30 am	Matins	BCP	GS	Homington
	9.30 am	Parish Communion (JC)	ASBA	WC	Odstock
	9.30 am	Parish Communion	ASBA	TS	Charlton
	11.00 am	Parish Communion	BCP	GS	Coombe
	11.00 am	Matins	BCP	WC	Britford
	6.00 pm	Evensong	BCP	GS	Odstock
Sunday 23 May Pentecost	8.00 am	Holy Communion	BCP	GS	Homington
	9.30 am	Parish Communion	ASBA	GS	Charlton
	11.00 am	Matins	BCP	JW	Coombe
	11.00 am	Matins	BCP	GS	Nunton
	3.00 pm	Afternoon Service		JW/CW	Homington
Sunday 30 May Trinity Sunday	10.00 am	Family Communion		WC/GS	Nunton

GS = Graham Southgate, WC = Westley Cole, SW = Sydney Willcox, KC = Karen Curnock, AT = Annabel Tier, RR = Roger Redding, TS = Terry Sankey, JW = John Watson, CW = Clare Watson

From the Editor

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News from the Vicarage

Graham Southgate 01722 330628

Firstly, I should like to thank all those who cleaned and decorated our four churches in preparation for Easter Day. That day and the Sunday after were very special for six of our congregations' younger members, aged from six to ten years. They were part of the group led by Adrian Taylor and Jo Marvally who, having almost completed the course God's Greatest Gift, decided that it was time for them to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time (see *From the Registers* for further details).

I mentioned in the last issue that Odstock's service on the first Sunday in the month is due to change. The first opportunity to attend the new Morning Service will be on Sunday 2 May at 11 am in Odstock. I hope to see you there!

The Chalke Deanery Synod has decided to join together again in celebrating the Feast of the Ascension. There is to be an outdoor celebration of Holy Communion on the hillside above Gurston Hill Farm at Broad Chalke, beginning at 7 am and followed by a shared picnic-style breakfast. Last year it was attended by over sixty worshippers, who would be pleased to see you there this year.

Britford's Parochial Church Council has decided to hold another "church and churchyard work day" on Saturday 22 May beginning at 10 am. The last one in August was a great success and enabled us to get at some of the more out of reach places, and they would welcome more helpers!

Each February a diocesan group leaves for the monastic community at Taizé in France. The date of their next visit is 23-28 February 2000 (this is a half-term week, and they intend returning in time for work or school). The cost is in the region of £65 for travel (£55 for students and young adults) together with 240 to 375 French francs for accommodation and food (no price quoted in Euros!). If you would like more information please contact the organiser Mrs Sylvia Short on Warminster (01985) 213224. Bon voyage!

May is one of those months with five Sundays which means that on Sunday 30 May there will be just one service in the

eastern part of the Chalke Valley. Our host church will be Saint Andrew's at Nunton, and the occasion will be a Family Communion Service for Trinity Sunday, beginning at 10 am. I hope to see you there! ✚

From the Registers

First Communion

On Easter Day, Sunday 4 April at Odstock:

Elizabeth Ann Onstenk James George Hendrik Onstenk
Eleanor Jane Roe Stanger Alice Elizabeth Dorothy Taylor
Caroline Emily Irene Taylor

On Sunday 11 April at Nunton:

Amand Ben Samir Vyas

Holy Matrimony

On Saturday 10 April at St Andrew's Church, Nunton:

Giles James Bourne and Casandra Lee Anguita, who have now returned to Australia for another year.

Holy Days in May

- 1 May Saints Philip and James, Apostles - 10 am Holy Communion at Nunton.
- 13 May Ascension Day - 7 am Deanery Eucharist at Gurston Hill Farm, Broad Chalke.
- 14 May Saint Matthias the Apostle - 8 am Holy Communion at Nunton.
- 31 May Visit of Mary to Elizabeth - 8 am Holy Communion at Nunton. ✚

WI

Angela Moules

On 10 March the meeting was chaired by Mrs Jill Johnson. The summer outing in July was discussed and the majority of members voted for a visit to Gilbert White's house and garden in Selborne. No decision has yet been made on a Millennium gift to the villages from our WI.

A letter has been received from Mrs Elizabeth Neville, Chief Constable of Wiltshire, thanking us for our donation to the Wiltshire Bobby Scheme.

The next meeting on 10 May will be to discuss the resolutions for the AGM at the Albert Hall in June. The Downland Cup competition will be for a 2ft 6in x 4ft 6in knitted blanket to be given to the Macmillan Unit. Mrs Judy Barke won the flower of the month competition with a *Cerinth* Major *Purple* cens.

The speaker was Major General Dixon who gave an excellent talk, illustrated with slides on St George's Chapel, Windsor. King Edward III founded the Order of the Garter, and the banners hang in the choir of the chapel. This is a Royal Peculiar chapel under the authority of the Queen. There is a magnificent stained glass west window in the chapel, which is built in the Perpendicular style.

Churches at Easter

Angela Moules

Both Odstock and Nunton churches were beautifully decorated for Easter. The church was packed for the Easter morning service at Odstock. Grateful thanks to all who gave donations for the Longiflorum lilies in both churches – in memory of loved ones.

Reflexology ...

Gentle (non-ticklish) foot massage to relieve symptoms such as IBS, migraine, asthma, colds and sinus trouble, backache, PMT and insomnia, etc

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Treatments by Qualified Therapist

Alison Miller IHHT, IHBC 01722 710342

Britford Parish Council

Judith Sturdy, Parish Clerk

The Annual General Meeting of Britford Parish will be held at the Britford Memorial Hall on the High Road on 9 June at 7.00 pm. No outside speaker has been organised this year. Any comments and ideas for celebrating the Millennium will be welcome.

Christian Aid Week: 9 - 15 May

Adrian Taylor

We shall be collecting for Christian Aid throughout the villages during the week beginning 9 May. If you would like to help this very worthwhile cause by delivering and/or collecting envelopes in Odstock, Nunton, Bodenham or Britford please contact Adrian Taylor on 01722 325862. As usual Peter Cox will kindly be arranging the collection in Charlton All Saints.

Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham Village Fête - 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 Fête on 10 July. If you have not been involved before and feel you could help by selling some tickets before the Fête please contact Adrian Taylor on 01722 325862. We shall also need draw prizes and will be delighted to receive any that you are able to donate. Many thanks.

Millennium Revue

Harry Joynt, Producer

At the Radnor Hall, Bodenham on 26 & 27 November

We are gathering plenty of material for this extravaganza and have the prospect of a fine cast, though there is still room for one or two in their late teens or twenties.

Come along to a preliminary meeting at **the Barker Room, Nunton on Monday 7 June at 7.30 pm**. We can review the programme and assess who might take what parts or provide background support.

Radnor Hall Players – past, present and prospective – please try to come to this meeting and start getting the word around. We will then meet again in September to get it all going.

Good News from Britford C of E Controlled Primary School

The OFSTED Inspectors perceived our ethos of warmth and happiness, a result of a successful blend of personalities, professional interest and excellent communication. There was a clear united belief placed on the importance of socialisation.

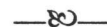
The standard of teaching that was observed during the week of inspection was judged to be absolutely 100% satisfactory, good or very good. One must also add that at their meeting with the Inspectors prior to the OFSTED inspection, parents were unanimous in their praise of the good quality of education their children were receiving at the school.

The Governing Body was commended for the active and committed part it plays in the running of the school. The Inspectors were additionally especially impressed with the aesthetic appearance of the school. Colourful and spacious, with high quality displays (particularly in Art) indicating the school's enthusiasm to celebrate its ongoing achievements. Also the high standards achieved by all the children in one of the most dynamic subjects of the future – Information Technology. Standards throughout the school in English, Maths and Science were noted as being in line with the National Average or above. The provision for the under 5s was judged as being good which was very encouraging to the staff, as they have worked very hard in this area. Provision for recreational activities after school was good ie Internet Club, Cross-Country, Netball and Creative Dance. The hard work which every has put in since the last OFSTED inspection four years ago was noted by the Inspectors who said that all the main issues from the last report have been successfully addressed.

The inspection came at a somewhat challenging time, as there have been 2 new members of staff since September (one of whom, very young, held only 2 terms' experience prior to her post of teaching KS2). The Headteacher comments: "It has obviously been an incredible learning curve for them, but I believe that preparing for OFSTED was a catalyst in reaching a secure professional bond with each other. This will naturally lead us to drive the school forward with its Action Plan and fantastic future."

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Conservative Association

Judy Barke

The Ebbles Valley Branch Annual Coffee Morning will be held at Melstock, Nunton (by kind invitation of Mrs Sue Bourne) on Saturday 5 June at 10.30 am. Stalls will include Bring and Buy, Plants, Nearly New, Raffle and the Derby Sweepstake. Do come and bring your friends. Everyone welcome.

Radnor Hall AGM

The AGM will be held Monday 17 May at 7.30 pm at the Hall in Bodenham. Come and see the Hall, meet the new caretakers and find out what is happening.

Radnor Hall News

Debby Underhill, Radnor Hall Secretary

Sadly Maxine and Nigel have resigned as caretakers and we hope they will be very happy in their new home. We extend a warm welcome to their new daughter Ruby who was born on 8 March. We will miss all the family and thank them for their hard work and friendliness.

Welcome to our new caretakers, Warren and Lorelei, who started on 26 April. All bookings can be made by ringing 01722 329760.

Unfortunately the **Jumble Sale on 21 May** at the Radnor Hall has been **cancelled**. Please save your Jumble for the Fete Jumble Sale on 3 July.

Contact Numbers

<i>Team Rector</i>	Canon Sydney Willcox, The Rectory, Broad Chalke 01722 780262 (Day off - Mon)
<i>Team Vicar</i>	Revd Roger Redding, Vicarage, Ebbesbourne Wake 01722 780408 (Day off - Mon)
<i>Team Vicar</i>	Revd Dr Graham Southgate, Nunton Vicarage 01722 330628 (Day off - Fri)
<i>Churchwardens</i>	Nunton - Harry Joynt 01722 329782 Odstock - Peter Martin 01722 329743 Charlton - Peter Cox 01722 329709 Britford - Daphne Scamell 01722 334858

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
Tiny Tots	Every Wednesday, 2 - 4 pm The Radnor Hall, Bodenham
Whist Drive	Every Thursday, 7.30 pm Barker Room, Nunton
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 (7 & 21 May): Village Hut, Charlton 9.45 am Alternate Tuesdays (4 & 18 May): 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

13 May	Deanery Eucharist for Ascension Day, Gurston Hill Farm, Broad Chalke 7.00 am
17 May	Radnor Hall AGM, Radnor Hall 7.30 pm
19 May	Archdeacon's Visitation and Admission of new churchwardens, Hindon Church 7.30 pm
22 May	Britford Church and Churchyard work day 10.00 am
5 June	Conservative Association Coffee Morning, Melstock, Nunton 10.30 am
5&6 June	Flower Festival in Odstock
7 June	Millennium Revue meeting, Barker Room 7.30 pm
9 June	Britford Parish Council AGM, Memorial Hall, Britford 7.00 pm

Odstock, Nunton & Bodenham Fête Events:

1 July	Clay pigeon shoot
2 July	Skittles at the Radnor Arms
3 July	Jumble sale at the Radnor Hall
9 July	Peter Pod and the Peas in the Marquee
10 July	Fête Afternoon
10 July	Raft Race
10 July	Family entertainment in the Marquee