

February 1995

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Dear Friend

According to St John the first sign that Jesus performed was at a wedding to which he was invited at Cana, in Galilee. There, as you know, he saved the day! In turning water into wine the host's blushes were spared and an otherwise certain anti-climax was averted. In fact the wine produced by Jesus was better than that which had previously run out. Now of course our Lord's powers were extraordinary, but nevertheless this story calls us all to use what talents and personal resources we have, not just to meet basic human need, but also to be generous and gracious in our relationships with others. Love covers a multitude of sins, mistakes and shortcomings. When we operate in this way life opens up and begins to flourish. In fact quite extraordinary things can happen, the greatest of which is that we begin to be like God himself. He came to form a generous and gracious relationship with us so that we might have the abundant life which is His will for us.

The wine at the wedding was also a signpost pointing to the shedding of Christ's blood. There on the cross we see the definitive act of grace and generosity. When all our efforts fail to get things right - when anti-climax seems inevitable, Jesus gathers it all onto His own shoulders and offers the wine of his love. It is ours to receive and is ours to share.

Yours

Robert Hollingshurst

Church Services

Sunday 5 February	8.30 am	Holy Communion	BCP	Nunton
	9.30 am	Parish Communion	ASB	Britford
	11.15 am	Morning Prayer	BCP	Odstock
Wednesday 8 February	2 pm	Pram Service		Parish Room, Nunton
Sunday 12 February	9.30 am	Parish Communion	ASB	Nunton
	11.15 am	Morning Prayer	ASB	Charlton
Sunday 19 February	9.30 am	Parish Communion	ASB	Odstock
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Sunday 26 February	9.30 am	Parish Communion	ASB	Charlton
	11.15 am	Morning Prayer	BCP	Nunton
Wednesday 1 March Ash Wednesday	9.30 am	Holy Communion	BCP	Nunton
Sunday 5 March	8.30 am	Holy Communion	BCP	Nunton
	9.30 am	Parish Communion	ASB	Britford
	11.15 am	Morning Prayer	BCP	Odstock

** NB There is no 11.15 am service at Britford

If anyone wants a lift to any of the services in any of the parishes, please telephone Debby Underhill on 0722 329769.

Condolences

Betty Lane of Bodenham and Dorothy Archer of Nunton both died in January. Our love and sympathy go to their husbands Bill and Tom respectively and their families. Richard Cain has also recently died. We send our love and prayers to Judith and the family. RH

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From the Editor

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Whist Drives

The organisers of the Parish Room Whist Drives wish to thank those who kindly gave prizes for the Christmas Drive. Since taking over from the Mother's Union in the late sixties, over £3,000 has been donated from the proceeds to church funds, and also £50 towards the "Barker" Room. Bernice Loader
(This item should have appeared in the January issue - my apologies to those concerned - CP.)

Parish Magazine Back Numbers

The parish of Winterslow is collecting back numbers of its parish magazine. We have recently acquired copies of 3 editions from 1911, 1912 and 1914. At that time the magazine was a deanery publication. We do not know when this deanery magazine commenced or when it ceased publication.

It may be that there are copies of this magazine around the deanery. If you have even one copy that I could borrow to photocopy, or know of the whereabouts of editions of this magazine, I would be most interested to hear from you. Collection and return could be arranged. Please contact Clive Cohen, Winterslow Rectory, SP5 1RE telephone 0980 862231.

Welcome

Welcome to Caroline and Andy Cooper who have recently come to live at Holly Lodge, Odstock.

WI

On 9 January our President reported on a very successful Christmas meeting, at which the bring and buy stall and raffle raised £101.70. Our branch intends giving some WI cups and saucers for use in the newly decorated Parish "Barker" Room. If anyone would like to donate one the cost is about £4.00 and Mrs Barrow will shortly be holding a coffee morning to help buy more cups and saucers (details next month).

Jackie Feltham won the recently awarded Denman prize of a weekend at the College - given by the Downland Group - she and Doreen Smith went to learn how to "Cook now, eat later". They had a most enjoyable time and brought back samples of their cooking to serve with our coffee. Miss Mick Clarke of Wilton was welcomed as our speaker - her subject was "Body Language - non-Verbal Communication". This was a fascinating talk, showing how the movements of hands, head, eyes and feet etc can convey various messages! Miss Clarke generously gave her fee to the Parish Room fund.

Angela Moules won the flower of the month competition with a mahonia "Charity". On 13 February Mrs Duffin will give a demonstration on "Beeswax Flower Making". Non members welcome. Angela Moules

Community Group

The Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham Community Group met on 17 January and made provisional plans for the annual visit of the Southwark pensioners in June, a barn dance - probably on 24 June, a jumble sale on 10 May (please start saving jumble, bric-a-brac, good as new clothes), and finally in November "Old Time Music Hall" at the Radnor Arms. Details and dates will follow after booking dates are confirmed in next month's issue. AM

Carol Singing around Britford

A group of twelve people ventured forth on a suitably freezing night just before Christmas and enjoyed singing carols through the village for about one and a half hours. We would have gone further had it not been so cold, and we felt the need for some warming refreshment! The proceeds of £55.60 have been sent to the Children's Hospice Appeal. Our thanks to all who supported our efforts. Jenny Head

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