Welcome to News and Notes for March

The days are becoming longer and we have been enjoying the snowdrops and the first colour of spring. It is relief after the cold, dark days. An awakening of hope, light and warmth. Spring in Dutch is “lente”, in Old English it was “lencten” referring to the lengthening of the days. This used to be the hunger season. For the birds it still is. The last of the previous harvest gone, all the seeds gone, too cold for insects, no new produce yet.

In this time, in March the Church starts a season it calls “Lent”. We count forty days before Easter¹. Forty years, so the story tells us, the Israelites wandered in the desert after they fled from Egypt and before they entered the promised land. Forty years of becoming a people. Forty days, as the gospel recounts, Jesus is in the wilderness, after he was baptised and before he begins his ministry. Forty days of reflection, prayer and fasting.

Although our seasons are different from those in the desert and although our wildernesses are different from those in Israel and although the things we prepare for are different from those throughout history, we stand in a long tradition of stopping some of our routines, taking time to reflect, and finding joy in the simple things. In the Chalke Valley we celebrate Lent with generosity. This year we support CRESS, a charity that supports South Sudanese refugees in Uganda through education. You are very welcome to join us for the Lenten lunch in aid of CRESS and other initiatives you will find in this Notes and News.

May this season bring us light and compassion.

Reverend Anna-Claar Thomasson-Rosingh

¹. For those who have counted on their calendars from the start of Lent (on Ash Wednesday, 6 March) to Easter and find 46 days, you are right! But there are six Sundays in that time and Sunday is a feast day, not a day for fasting.

Regular Events

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| Church Events    | Regular Prayer: Every Monday morning (4,11,18, 25 March) in term time at 9.15 am to pray in the Orchard, Nunton. Bible study: Revd Anna-Claar offers Bible studies each term. The last one for this term is on 4 March at 7.00pm in the Barker Room next to St Andrew’s Church, Nunton SP5 4HP. You are very welcome to join in.
Odstock Nunton and Bodenham WI
February Meeting

President Sally Hadley welcomed everyone and thanked Peggy Knight for her beautiful arrangement of tulips.

The Theatre, Walking and Gardening groups, the Book club, and Needles and Pins are all going well. The latter are taking part in a National WI project called ‘3 Bags Full’, and will make bags for the members to fill with suitable items for homeless women.

Sally announced that tickets for our event ‘The Calendar Girls’ are selling well.

After coffee Sara Bottomley gave members an interesting talk entitled ‘My Quilting Journey’ which was about her taking up quilting as an army wife on postings from Cyprus to the USA and Africa. Starting in 1991 with a quilt made for her parents, Sara met inspiring quilters who taught her further skills and she moved on to teach quilting both in Kuwait and Kenya sourcing local fabrics, before being posted to the Falkland Islands. Sara showed us a large number of quilts both varied and beautiful, which were greatly admired. Dee Prince thanked Sara on behalf of those attending.

The AGM takes place on Monday 11 March. The John McNeill Centre is our chosen charity for this year and, after the business of the AGM, Angela Bryant from the Centre will give us a presentation about the work they do.

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See E-News&Notes for full report.

Villages Facebook Group

The new Facebook Group dedicated to our News and Notes community launched in January and is already growing. We have 47 members and 41 invitees awaiting approval. Find the group at https://www.facebook.com/groups/BBCON/ and click +Join Group if you wish to do so. It is a closed group to restrict public access.

Yew Tree, Odstock - Open for Business

The Landlord, Gordon, has told N&N that he is pleased to announce that although minor works are ongoing they now have full use of the car park.

He is looking forward to welcoming you back to the Yew Tree; please support them.
FILM NIGHT

Christopher Robin

Christopher Robin encounters his childhood friend Winnie-the-Pooh, who helps him to rediscover the joys of life.

In the Radnor Hall, Bodenham, Friday 22 March at 7.30pm
Doors open 7pm
Tickets £6

To reserve tickets in advance contact Sally Nelson on: 01722 328220

Refreshments will be on sale.
Please bring your own alcoholic drinks

There will be an intermission during the main film

TWO GREAT WAYS TO BOOST YOUR WELL-BEING AND FITNESS

The Radnor Hall in Bodenham is especially good for singing in and especially nice to dance in and there are regular sessions of both activities there on Monday evenings, open to everyone, friendly and good fun.

Local Vocals

On 1st and 3rd Mondays, the community singing group 'Local Vocals' meets to sing a wide range of songs for all voices, all taught by ear. No need to read music - just come and have a good sing.

Dancing

On 2nd and 4th Mondays the Hall is filled with wonderful music from all round the world, as we dance simple traditional dances, lively and uplifting or peaceful and relaxing, from many parts of the world. Again, all taught as we go along, just come as you are, no partner needed.

All sessions 7.30-9.30pm, cost £7.
Enquiries: Clare 07899 718780

Easter Party! 30 March

All children from the villages are invited to celebrate Easter. We are organising a party with games, an egg hunt, a story and party food on 30 March from 4 - 5.15pm at the Radnor Hall.

You are very welcome to join us.

If you are under 10 please bring an adult.
RSVP anna-claar.cvb@myphone.coop or 01722 238267
Grand Car Boot Sale
Sunday, 10 March 2019
The Football Field, Nunton
Admission: £5 – Traders Cars, £7 for Vans, 30p for Buyers
Gates Open 10.00am
All proceeds in support of local charity

FREE DOG CHAIR
Would your pooch like an armchair to themselves? Fire safety ticket still on it.
Please contact Arney on 01722 323619

Charity Concert in aid of FSCI
Celebrating 10 years of changing lives in Bulgaria and the Balkans
Sat 2 March 2019 at 7.30pm
in St Paul’s Church, Salisbury SP2 7QW
See e-News&Notes for more info

WI Knitting Project
Odstock, Nunton & Bodenham WI are knitting blankets for the premature baby unit at Salisbury District Hospital. If you have any spare 2ply wool sitting in a cupboard which you no longer need we would be very grateful for it. The only criterion is that it must be machine washable. Alternatively, perhaps you love to knit and are looking for a project. If you have any wool to donate, or would like to help, please contact Elizabeth Cutter 01725 511870

CALENDAR GIRLS
A Talk by Tricia Stewart - Miss October
Michael Herbert Hall, South Street, WILTON SP2 0JS
On Tuesday, 2 April 2019, from 2:00 to 4:30pm
£10 includes Tea & Cake
For tickets please contact: Sally Hadley 01725-510308 or Dee Prince 01725-511766
Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham WI

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Reflection: Journeys: Walk The Talk
By Reverend Anna-Claar Thomasson-Rosingh

The one greatest obstacle to spirituality is hypocrisy. I will never forget a chat in the pub when I was twenty three and my volleyball teammate said: “you cannot be a Christian, you are not a hypocrite”. I didn't try to explain that I was really, because my ideals and ideas, and my values and beliefs would never quite match what I manage to live out in community, creativity or my relationship with nature.

The talk is sometimes a bit too hard to walk all the way. We all know and appreciate the many people who get on with it quietly, those who live out an implicit spirituality in a selfless and graceful life. Jesus was also very aware of this; he said: “Not everyone who says to me, “Lord, Lord”, will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only one who does the will of my Father in heaven.” (Matthew 7:21)

In the Chalke Valley this Lent our theme is “Journeys”. That is a theme that invites us to reflect on what we are actually going to do about it. What is the next step? What action are we taking? All the talk about spirituality is empty if there is no action to follow it up. For those of us who like to “do” rather than to “sit and stare” this is a moment of relief. Let us get on with it. It is also in the action that there is a profound sense of satisfaction, a deep sense of being in the right place at the right time.

What are you going to do about your deeply held convictions and the values you would like to live out?

Please feel free to contact me with questions or answers or prayers or something else.

Shalom (peace and goodwill), Anna-Claar

Phone: 01722 238267 or e-mail: anna-claar.cvb@myphone.coop

Valley Lent Bible studies: “Out of Egypt I have called my son” On Monday the 11, 18 & 25 March and 1 April at Midday - 1.15pm in Bishopstone Village Hall and 7 - 8.15 pm in Coombe Bissett Chapel.

Eastern End of The Chalke Valley Benefice Lent Lunch
On Saturday 9 March
12 noon - 2pm
In the Radnor Hall
in aid of CRESS who are helping refugees from South Sudan now living in Uganda
Soup and Ploughman’s Lunch
Raffle and a speaker
Cost £8 for adults and £20 a family
All welcome
book with Debby 01722 329769 or dunderh942@btinternet.com

The South Wiltshire Filling Station
Wednesday 27 March 2019
Jenny Campbell
“The Gifts of Christian Prophecy”
At The Radnor Hall, Bodenham, Salisbury, SP5 4EQ
Refreshments from 7.30pm
Worship, Teaching and Prayer until 9.30pm
Future meetings:
24 April, 22 May, 26 June 2019
To find out more visit: www.TheFillingStation.org.uk
### Services in Chalke Valley Benefice – March 2019

**BCP = Book of Common Prayer (Traditional Language), CW = Common Worship (Contemporary Language)**

Every Wednesday at 12.15pm, there is a short service of Holy Communion. In Lent, they will be at:

March – 13th Alvediston, 20th Nunton, 27th Fifield Bavage  
April – 3rd Homington, 10th Bowercaiske

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- Team Vicars: The Revd Canon Jenny Taylor: 01722 530361, The Revd Dr Anna-Clear Thomasson-Rosingh: 01722 238267
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Date of next meeting

The next scheduled meeting of OPC is on Monday 20 May at 7.30 pm, in the Pavilion in Nunton Field. You are warmly encouraged to come along. Minutes of previous OPC meetings, local planning applications, and other interesting local information can be found on the OPC website at: http://www.sp5.org/odstock/opc.
Come and join us for a

PASSOVER SUPPER

Radnor Hall
Thursday 18th April 6.30 pm
£12.00 per person including wine

Bookings from
~ Caroline Winternitz 01725 510983 ~
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Chen Wang has performed widely in Britain and Europe and has established herself as a dynamic and versatile musician, performing at the Queen Elizabeth Hall, the Broadway Theatre, on BBC Songs of Praise and at the Chinese Embassy.

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For further information contact Francis on 780316. Coffee and tea and biscuits available, but bring your own packed lunch please. To book, telephone 01722 780002 or 780316.
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