News and Notes

For Bodenham, Britford, Charlton All Saints, Nunton and Odstock

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Farming

I recently watched Jeremy Clarkson on Amazon Prime TV in his new role as a farmer. He decides that as his tenant farmer has retired, he will run his farm himself, on the basis that "it can't be that difficult". He soon discovers that colossal expensive machines, fun as they are, will not help him. I greatly enjoyed this often hilarious series, and it was good to see a softer side to Clarkson as he managed his farm despite horrific weather, disobedient sheep and deep mud on the day he opened Diddly Squat, his farm shop. He only had a crop of potatoes to sell, but his huge fan base turned up to support him.

To me the important message was how hard our farmers and estate managers work to make a living despite the massive government bureaucracy, biblical weather and the vagaries of the environment. We live in a very beautiful and abundant part of Wiltshire and we are very grateful for our farming community who look after the land.

You can read what the Longford Estate has been up to in the last few months. The weather has proved a challenge but calving, fish and harvesting seem to be on track. You will see that the Estate is now growing white poppies, which you may have seen in the Charlton area.

Last month our parishes said farewell to Revd Anna-Claar. Maggie and I went up to Troon in July to join Revd Keith Thomasson at his licencing service. The whole family was warmly welcomed by their new Scottish community. Troon beach is perfect for kite surfing, to which Anna Claar aspires to master, thanks to a contribution from the ONB parish.

We now welcome Revd Roger Leake who will have pastoral responsibility for Odstock, Nunton and Charlton All Saints for the time being. Roger is in his third year of his curacy here and lives in the Wylye valley. We extend a warm welcome to him and his wife Gill. You can read more about him and his previous career before becoming Ordained. He writes "the harvest is here, and fields of grain and grass speak of God's provision for us and our material needs". How true.

During the next few weeks our churches will be celebrating this harvest. See the Church News for services. We look forward to welcoming you at our harvest festivals where we can celebrate the fruits of the land and thank those who look after it and provide for us.

Jeremy Metcalfe - Editor

Introducing our Curate

From The Reverend Roger Leake Assistant Curate for the Chalke Valley Benefice

S ince I was ordained in June 2019 as assistant curate in the Chalke Valley, I have been concentrating my efforts and time mainly in the villages at the West end and continue to take services there from time to time.

However, with the departure of Anna-Claar and family from Nunton and the benefice, I shall be in the East end more and I look forward to meeting many of you more frequently, especially if you attend the churches in Odstock, Nunton or Charlton All Saints. I am about to become an EastEnder! So, I have been asked to introduce myself.

I have spent my life working in education, mainly in Northern Independent Schools, in diverse locations such as Derbyshire, Newcastle upon Tyne, Fleetwood, and the Wirral, before settling in Wylye Valley where my wife and I currently live. My time in education, mainly in boarding schools, has encompassed a wide variety of roles teaching mainly Biology, but also Chemistry, Physics and RE. More recently I served for 12 years as Head of Leehurst Swan School in Salisbury and worked for 15 years as an Independent Schools Inspector as well as serving on the Diocesan Board of Education.

My leisure time is spent gardening, Kayaking, walking and DIY. I have recently refurbished my ancient Mirror dinghy. I spend too long at my computer and love Lady Grey (tea!).

My wife Gill, and I are very fortunate to have two children, both now married and living independently, and three grandchildren. Having spent much of our lives living in boarding schools with other people's children as well as our own, we relish the energy and life they bring to our lives.

Prior to ordination I trained for three years at Sarum College, Salisbury, and transitioned from a wide experience of gathered urban church, to rural church. I continue to learn from and seek to follow Christ wherever I am, recognising His power is the ultimate relationship.

In my travels around the benefice, I have been struck by the beauty of nature and farming in the Chalke Valley. The sunlit slopes (It seems to be always sunny in the Chalke Valley!) and golden fields interspersed with green trees and little rivers. The rolling downs and the wildflower meadows, all look beautiful at this time of year, reflecting both the fecundity of nature and the hard work of those who maintain and care for the country. The harvest is here, and fields of grain and grass speak of God's provision for us and our material needs. God's provision is often more generous than we expect "A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over will be put into your lap" (Luke 6:38). We have a God who loves us and loves to give. However, God also provides for our spiritual needs as well as our physical needs. The swaying wheat in the fields reminds me of the movement of the Holy Spirit in our lives and the need we have to be in tune with the Creator - the One who directs our world. For humankind cannot live by bread alone and it is in our nature to seek to find meaning and purpose in our lives. This starts with recognising our place in the world and then seeking to live in harmony with Him, following the example of his son Jesus. When we do this, our lives are filled with richness and blessing, communities are strengthened, our relationships are reformed, and we have a taste of His Kingdom.

I look forward to meeting and working with as many people as possible over the coming months.

Community News

CRESS Open Garden fundraising event *Raising funds for a 4x4 vehicle*

Cress The CRESS Open Garden is being held this year over the weekend of $11^{th} - 12^{th}$ September, each afternoon between 2.00-5.00pm at Knighton Manor, Broad Chalke, SP5 5EB.

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Radnor Hall AGM & update

Annual General Meeting: The AGM has been rearranged and will be held in the Radnor Hall on Tue 7 Sep at 6.30pm. All are welcome to attend and we greatly appreciate your support for our village hall.

It's Panto Time again!

The Radnor Hall Players are pleased to announce that a production of

"Treasure Island"

is planned for late November (Oh yes it is!) and are keen to hear from anyone interested in joining in.

> All are very welcome to join us, whatever your contribution might be. If interested please come along to our first meeting at The Radnor Arms on Friday September 17th at 7.30pm. or contact Nick on nrystanger@gmail.com

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Sunday 26th September at 11am

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Britford Parish Council Ordinary Meeting

Britford Parish Council will be holding their next meeting on

Thursday 16th September 2021 at 7.30pm.

The meeting will be held at Britford Memorial & Community Hall.

All residents are welcome to attend.

If you would like any issues raised at the meeting, please contact the clerk by Monday 6th September 2021.

Please contact the clerk at <u>clerk@britfordparishcouncil.co.uk</u> for further information.

Caravan Hardstanding

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Longford Estates

T he news of wild fires across Europe due to the heat wave they are enduring is certainly in sharp contrast to the weather we have experienced for the last few weeks. Like so many things what is good for one enterprise is problematic for another and undoubtedly that is the case for us at the moment.

With the recent rains everything has grown well and as a result we were able to cut a good crop of hay although the amount of rain meant two fields were two wet to cut and nearly a month on they have yet to be cut. A late start in comparison to recent years on harvesting and sadly the yield of both oilseed rape and some of winter barley was below what we had hoped for, there is however consolation in that prices have rallied. There is still a big job ahead with spring barley, peas, poppies and wheat all to harvest. The weather is immensely frustrating for the farms team who are eager to bring the harvest in with the recent rains flattening large areas of spring barley and poppies which will make combining all the more challenging.

The cows finished calving on 12 June which gave us a calving period of 9.1 weeks which is inside our target of 10 weeks and was a great result. The bulls are out with the herds for nine weeks and will return to their paddocks at the end of August. We have been lucky to date with minimal lameness and injury, if the bulls are injured or lame it prevents them from working and we risk not getting all of the cows back in calf. The rains have been good for grass growth and this is reflected in the growth rates of both this years calves as their mothers have been able to provide plenty of milk and in last years calves who are grazing in The Park.

The investment at Trafalgar Fisheries has, like any new system, had its complications but the fish are growing well and the team are enjoying working with the new system. The cooler wet weather has been great for growing fish, with water temperatures lower for the time of year the fish have fed more consistently and grown accordingly.

The rivers are low in their flow despite the recent rains but some good fish have been caught and some tremendous wild brown trout have been sighted. After significant work from our river keeper over the past few years and others at various times a second carp lake has been opened, such is the interest in Carp fishing that the syndicate was full several months before we were ready to open! The site will continue to mature and is a credit to the effort put into creating it.

The woods team have been maintaining the young plantations with strimming and mowing of the plantations. We have harvested a good number of cricket bat willows again this year and we will be planting more early next year to replace the harvested crop. A considerable amount of thinning work has been undertaken giving other trees the opportunity to grow without being checked and harvesting those that are ready for their intended market.

The maintenance team has grown with the addition of two new employees. External decoration has been a high priority this year as we postponed a large amount last year amid Covid but the weather has been challenge for that work this year.

David Canty | Estate Manager

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The odds were stacked against EbbleFest 2021; lockdown restrictions meant rescheduling, Covid lingered, wind and rainstorms all threatened to derail our community gathering. Changes and compromises had to be made. However, we held our course. We booked a smaller marquee, rebooked the sound, stage & lights, contacted the food trailers and confirmed the bands.

Saturday had been a damp grey mid-summer day, but at 4pm the sun broke through the clouds. People arrived, families set up picnics and gazebos, children and dogs tumbled out of cars, dashing excited across the playing field. And the band began to play...

The Duskers kicked off EbbleFest 2021 appropriately with an old blues song 'When it rains'. Their alternative take on country, rootsy Americana, was a perfect way to ease grown-ups into their deckchairs with a coffee, bubbles or beer, whilst children oscillated between the ice-cream hatch at 'Hooves for Coffee', stints on the bouncy castle and hanging out in the playground.

The band wrapped up with an original, 'We're Alright' written by lead singer Tim Madden. The break before the next band gave our friends at Radio Odstock an opportunity to broadcast live, including interviews with the EbbleFest team. As the evening shadows grew longer, the rock'n'roll baton was picked up by Badger Blues, featuring Nunton's very own rock star Brian Clake on guitar. The crowd responded to the band's call to stage for backing singers to accompany their closing number 'Mustang Sally'. Most enthusiastic were a dozen or so local children of all ages taking front stage for their festival debut and the band created a little bit of community magic. Lasting memories for those on and off the stage.

As the shadows gave way to darkness and tummies were full from the Yew Tree's Giggling Gourmet burger van, EbbleFest's headline favourite 'Break Cover' took to the stage for the final set, drawing in a more lively crowd to dance under the festival lights and stars. By the time it came for lead singer Amber's rocking finale, a cover version of Kim Wilde's 'Kids in America', it felt like everyone's private rock concert.

Our thanks to Shipsey's Marquees, Peachy Productions, The Yew Tree, Hooves for Coffee, our bands The Duskers, Badger Blues and Break Cover as well as our generous sponsors, and to all those who joined us to make it such a special occasion. Your collective contribution made for a hugely successful evening bringing the community together for a party in the park.

We've received many comments that the new open-air format worked well, creating a more relaxed, authentic festival vibe and we'll build on this success for EbbleFest next year on Saturday 2 July 2022.

Paula Gribben - Musical Director

See photos of the event in E-N&N.

Light Relief

Hymns for all occasions

The Contractor's Hymn	The Church's One Foundation
The Decorator's Hymn	All Things Bright and Beautiful
The Dentist's Hymn	Crown Him with Many Crowns
The Doctor's Hymn	The Great Physician
The Electrician's Hymn	Send the Light
The Estate Agent's Hymn	I've got a Mansion, Just Over the Hilltop
The Golfer's Hymn	There's a Green Hill Far Away
The Gossip's Hymn.	Pass It On
The Massage Therapists Hymn	He Touched Me
The Optometrist's Hymn.	Open My Eyes That I Might See
The Politician's Hymn	Standing on the Promises
The Shopper's Hymn	Sweet Bye and Bye
The Tailor's Hymn	Holy, Holy, Holy
The Tax Hymn	I Surrender All
The Weatherman's Hymn	There Shall Be Showers of Blessings

AND for those who speed on the roads, here are a few more hymns:

~45 mph	God Will Take Care of You
~65 mph.	Nearer My God To Thee
~85 mph.	This World Is Not My Home
~95 mph.	Lord, I'm Coming Home
~100 mph.	Precious Memories

Lord, give me a sense of humour, Give me the grace to see a joke, To get some humour out of life, And pass it on to other folk.

Flying Bishop

The new Bishop wanted a bird's eye view of his new diocese, so he had an idea. He rang his local airfield to charter a flight, and was told that a twinengine plane would be waiting for him. Arriving at the airfield, the Bishop spotted a plane warming up outside a hangar. He jumped in, slammed the door shut, and shouted, "Let's go!"

At once the pilot taxied out, swung the plane into the wind and took off. Once in the air, the Bishop spent several minutes enjoying the views, and looking for local landmarks. Finally, he instructed the pilot, "Fly down the valley now and make low passes so I can take pictures of some of the best of the old parish churches."

"Why?" asked the pilot.

"Because I'm the new Bishop," he replied happily, adjusting his camera, "and I want some good aerial views of my diocese." The pilot was silent for a moment. Finally he stammered, "So, what you're telling me, is, you're NOT my flight instructor?"

Church News



Church Services - September 2021



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

5 September	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Britford	Catherine Blundell	
14 th Sunday	11.00am	Morning Service	Odstock	Adrian Taylor	
after Trinity					
12 September	9.30am	Family Communion (CW)	Nunton	Anthony Hawley	
15 th Sunday	11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Charlton	Rhoderick	
after Trinity		All Saints Voremburg		Voremburg	
19 September	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Odstock	Roger Leake	
16 th Sunday	6.00pm	'Songs and Sausages'	Britford	Jenny Taylor	
after Trinity					
26 September	11.00am	Harvest Festival Nunton Adrian Ta		Adrian Taylor	
17 th Sunday	11.00am	m Harvest Festival Charlton Ann Phil		Ann Philp	
after Trinity		Parish Communion (CW)	All Saints		
3 October	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Britford	Jenny Taylor	
18 th Sunday	11.00am	Morning Service Odstock Adrian Taylo		Adrian Taylor	
after Trinity					

ONB Parish news

The service of Harvest Thanksgiving will be held on Sunday 26 September at Nunton church. There will be a bring and share lunch afterwards either in the churchyard weather permitting or the Barker room. Everyone is welcome. Please take any contributions for lunch to the Barker room before the service. Mary and Steph

The annual Ride and Stride will take place in the Chalke Valley when people travel between churches to visit. Refreshments will be available in both church porches in the parish. Any queries, please contact Mary Boydcamps.

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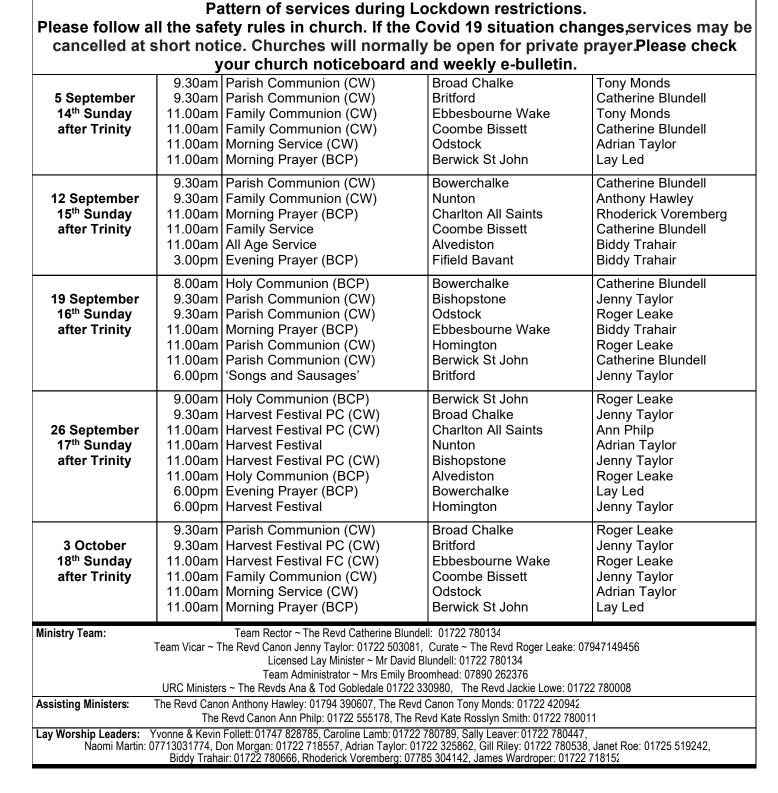
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Date	Event	
Tue 07 Sep	Radnor Hall AGM in the Radnor Hall: 6.30pm	
Sat 11 Sep	CRESS Garden party - Knighton Manor: 2 - 5pm	
Sun 12 Sep	CRESS Garden party - Knighton Manor: 2 - 5pm	
Thu 16 Sep	Britford Parish Council Ordinary Meeting: 7.30pm	
Fri 17 Sep	Radnor Hall Players meet in Radnor Arms: 7.30pm	
Sun 19 Sep	Britford Songs and Sausages church service: 6pm	
Sun 26 Sep	ONB Harvest Festival at St Andrews, Nunton: 11am	
Sun 26 Sep	Charlton All Saints Church Harvest festival service: 11am	
Sat 02 Oct	Charlton All Saints Harvest supper and barn dance: 7pm	





Community singing with Badger Blues



The next generation



Evening bands

Radio Odstock broadcast live from Nunton



Setting up



"Honestly, that is what happened"

Open Gardens

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All donations made will raise valuable funds to support the work that CRESS does to improve the health and wellbeing of the South Sudanese refugees living in northern Uganda.

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80 years ago, on 1st Sept 1941 that Nazi Germany ordered all Jews in Germany and its occupied territories to wear a yellow Star of David badge.

75 years ago, from 20th Sept – 5th Oct 1946 that the first Cannes Film Festival was held.

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60 years ago, on 11th Sept 1961 that the World Wildlife Fund (now the World Wide Fund for Nature) was founded in Switzerland.

50 years ago, on 15th Sept 1971 that Greenpeace, the international environmental group, was founded in Vancouver.

30 years ago, on 6th Sept 1991 that the Russian city of Leningrad was renamed St Petersburg, restoring its original name.

25 years ago, on 27th Sept 1996, that the Taliban seized control of Kabul, Afghanistan, ousting President Burhanuddin Rabbani, and executing former President Mohammad Najibullah.

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