

News and Notes

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

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Deadline:**
**14 October
2021**

Harvest

The golden days of summer slip away, the evenings start earlier, and the chill in the air announces that autumn approaches. Thoughts turn to harvest and the celebration of grain, crops and fruit saved and stored.

However, a recent conversation whilst I was out walking suggested that we are late. Due to global warming, increased mechanisation, and changes to the pattern of farming, many of the fields in the valley were harvested weeks ago. I was asked "Why was the church so late in celebrating harvest?" "The church should move with the times and celebrate harvest earlier." I am almost inclined to agree, but

On my trips around the Chalke Valley, I see maize waiting to ripen and be harvested. In our world of food production which does not follow seasonal patterns, such that we can buy strawberries in December, when should we celebrate the harvest? Perhaps the timing of the event is less important than what it symbolises: An opportunity to give thanks to God, for "All good gifts around us are sent from Heaven above", as we sing in the harvest hymn. So, whether the crop has been grown by ploughing the fields and scattering, or direct drilling and combine harvesting, we need to acknowledge that God provides food for humankind and that we live in a fertile and plentiful land. We also benefit from mechanisation, removing much of the really hard labour from harvesting; producing a hundred-fold more than our ancestors harvested from this land.

Let us celebrate all that God provides, in a bounteous expression of nature and let us remember that at whatever time of year we celebrate, it is the same God who provides for our needs. He offers us "a good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over." (Luke 6: v38)

The Revd Roger Leake ~ Team Curate

Community News

Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham W.I. Report September 2021

The W.I. like most organisations has not been able to hold regular indoor meetings since March 2020. It has seemed an enormously long haul but finally we have been able to return and celebrate.

On Monday 13th September the hall was decorated with bunting and flowers, and tables covered with pretty tablecloths. Forty four members came together again after eighteen months including four new members. The WI has kept going throughout the long break via technology, newsletters, individual visits, picnics, a cream tea and 'meetings in bags' to keep members in touch but there is nothing like a bit of normality so Monday was a very special date.

Regular business included updated information from all the groups: book club (which has managed to keep meeting throughout); gardening; walking and pins and needles and details of County classes, sadly mostly still via Zoom. Members were also invited to a craft session in November and orders were taken for 2022 Wiltshire WI calendars and diaries.

Caroline Cooper from Odstock Radio then gave a talk about the history and format of the organisation. Some members were unaware that it was not limited to the hospital but now a local radio station. Unfortunately the hall had no signal so we could not actually listen into a live programme but we were shown a video of the site up at the hospital and the studios.

The climax of the morning was a celebratory lunch – a lovely ploughman's and salad first course followed by beautiful home made cakes and bubbly! The WI is back.

Announcement

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Community News



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The event raised £3537 and a further £3610 was given in donations over the weekend. This gave us a total of £7147.

This money will be split between a new vehicle for the office in Arua, a conference to get all sponsored students and children together and some South Sudanese salaries.

A HUGE thank you again for your support.

To see more photos of the event - visit cressuk.org/open-garden-thanks

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Gossiping

HAVE YOU HEARD?

When the business 'Georgina von Etzdorf' was operating out of the barn in the Avenue, Odstock, making hand silk screen printed fabrics on an eighteen meter print table on the ground floor, the guys who used to print the fabric worked completely naked. It was constantly 95 degrees, summer and winter on account of the heating system required to dry the fabric. Completely naked.

I do love a good rumour, a carefully crafted piece of gossip and there's certainly no shortage here in the 'five villages', or in the Chalke valley for that matter. I bumped into a local in the Radnor Arms about five years ago, as you do. He told me how sad he was to hear that Georgina had died of leukaemia a couple of weeks previously. I reassured him that she was looking pretty healthy the previous evening when she came for dinner but he was having none of it. 'I'm sure, if you check, you will find that she has sadly passed' he reassured me back. I thanked him for his condolences and moved sideways into the public bar.

In my bohemian youth, aged about 35, I moved into a lovely little cottage in Bowerchalke, in an orchard, opposite the old chapel on the corner, next to what was the village shop. Pebbledash Grange I called it and it was absolute heaven. In the steamy summer heat, trapped beneath Marleycombe hill, I would often throw a mattress out into the garden in the evening and sleep under a light duvet cover, under the trees, waking up about half past five with the sunshine, complete bliss.

Well, the Bowerchalke massive didn't think much of that. 'He gets so drunk he can't open his front door and has to sleep in the garden, and did you know he actually leaves his internal doors open when he goes out?'. I never did get to the bottom of the 'internal doors' comment, were they talking sitting room into hallway, ours is not to reason why.

The rumours were flying thick and fast, I was a 35 year old, single, 'arty type', living on my own, I was a sitting duck. It took me a while to come up with the solution to being on the receiving end of the rumour mill, and that solution was.....get a cleaner. My cleaner, who was an absolute diamond and extraordinarily good at cleaning, was also a direct conduit to the rest of the village and managed to assuage most of the hard core gossip with comments like, 'he's got lovely books', or, 'he's very tidy in himself'.

So, if you haven't been on the wrong end of a bit of gossip, you really must try harder. What amazes me is the lack of imagination of the average gossipee, if they only knew what actually went on behind those internal doors, they would have had a field day.

By the way, the boys at Georgina von Etzdorf didn't wear shirts most of the time, that's true and the print table came up to just above waist height, so you couldn't see what they were wearing down below. As to 'were they completely naked', I couldn't possibly comment, I only worked there, how would I know and why spoil a good story anyway.

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EBBLEFEST

Platinum Jubilee weekend celebrations

Saturday 4 July and Sunday 5 July 2022

Save the Date

The UK will celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's 70th anniversary as monarch with a blockbuster weekend of celebrations.

The May Bank Holiday Weekend has been moved to Thursday 2 June and an additional Bank Holiday on Friday 3 June will see a four-day weekend to celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee - the first time any British monarch has reached this historic milestone.

This historic event will reflect on Her Majesty's reign, and her impact on the UK and the world since 1952.

The four day celebrations will feature an extensive programme of events that mix the best of British ceremonial splendour and pageantry with cutting edge artistic and technological displays. These will be interspersed with the traditional nationwide fanfare and celebrations.

Our local contribution will be to move Ebblefest from July to the Platinum Jubilee weekend in June. The EbbleFest committee have discussed this and supports this plan, and they would be prepared to act as the catalyst for organising the weekend.

An outline plan would be to have EbbleFest on Saturday 4 June 2022, along similar lines as to this year, ie 'picnic in the park' and bands.

Then on Sunday 5 June to have some activities in the morning, a church service somewhere, followed by perhaps duck, raft and bike race, then a 'Big Lunch' in line with the nation to be held on Nunton Field.

If we do this, we believe that it must become a full village community event which would include all the various organisations in ONB: PCC, PC, WI, Radnor Hall cttee, etc. We would be delighted for Britford and Charlton All Saints communities to join us in this event.

The EbbleFest committee will organise a meeting in early December, and will invite everyone who would like to help run it, to join us. If you have any ideas then please email the Editor, who will pass them onto the EbbleFest committee.

More details to follow, but for now save the date.

Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham EbbleFest 2021

Thank you to all those who helped us to raise just over £1200 at this years EbbleFest. Part of this will be allocated to the ONB PCC, with the remainder being donated to local charities. The EbbleFest committee are very grateful for your support and generosity in supporting our local causes.

Light Relief

Here are some real-life extracts from church bulletins and notices that didn't come out quite in the way intended!

The church will host an evening of fine dining, superb entertainment, and gracious hostility.

Harvest Supper Friday at 6pm. Prayer and medication to follow.

The Men's group will meet at 6pm. Steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, wine and dessert will be served for a nominal feel.

Jumble sale: The ladies of our church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7pm - use the back door.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Musings on everyday life

If you can smile when things go wrong, you probably have someone in mind to blame.

The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement. When dog food is new and improved tasting, who tests it?

PARAPROSDOKIANS...

(Winston Churchill loved them) are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected; frequently humorous.

1. Where there's a will, I want to be in it.
2. The last thing I want to do is hurt you, but it's still on my list.
3. Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
4. If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
5. We never really grow up; we only learn how to act in public.
6. War does not determine who is right - only who is left.
7. They begin the evening news with 'Good Evening,' then proceed to tell you why it isn't.
8. To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.
9. Buses stop in bus stations. Trains stop in train stations. On my desk is a work station.
10. I thought I wanted a career. Turns out I just wanted the pay cheques.

Church News



Church Services - October 2021



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

3 October 18th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am 11.00am	Harvest Festival PC (CW) Morning Service (CW)	Britford Odstock	Jenny Taylor Adrian Taylor
10 October 19th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am 11.00am	Family Communion (CW) Morning Prayer (BCP)	Nunton Charlton All Saints	Roger Leake Rhoderick Voremberg
17 October 20th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Odstock	Roger Leake
24 October Last Sunday after Trinity	9.30am 11.00am	Parish Communion (CW) Family Service	Charlton All Saints Nunton	Roger Leake Adrian Taylor
31 October ALL SAINTS DAY	10.00am	Benefice Communion (CW)	Charlton All Saints	Jenny Taylor
7 November 3rd Sunday before Advent	9.30am 11.00am	Parish Communion (CW) Morning Service (CW)	Britford Odstock	Jenny Taylor Adrian Taylor

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Church Services



Services in Chalke Valley Benefice - October 2021

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Pattern of services during Lockdown restrictions.

Please follow all the safety rules in church. If the Covid 19 situation changes, services may be cancelled at short notice. Churches will normally be open for private prayer.

Please check your church noticeboard and weekly e-bulletin.

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10 October 19th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 3.00pm	Parish Communion (CW) Family Communion (CW) Morning Prayer (BCP) Harvest Festival Harvest Festival Harvest Festival	Bowerchalke Nunton Charlton All Saints Coombe Bissett Alvediston Fifield Bavant	Catherine Blundell Roger Leake Rhoderick Voremberg Jenny Taylor Biddy Trahair Catherine Blundell
17 October 20th Sunday after Trinity	8.00am 9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Morning Prayer (BCP) Parish Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW)	Bowerchalke Bishopstone Odstock Ebbesbourne Wake Homington Berwick St John	Catherine Blundell Ann Philp Roger Leake Biddy Trahair Jenny Taylor Catherine Blundell
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All in the month of October

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250 years ago, on 17th 1771 that the premiere of Mozart's pastoral opera, *Ascanio in Alba*, took place in Milan, Italy. Mozart was then aged 15.

125 years ago, on 3rd 1896 that William Morris, British textile designer, poet, novelist and socialist, died. Best known for his association with the Arts and Crafts Movement.

80 years ago, from 2nd 1941 to 7th 1942 that the Battle of Moscow took place. Nazi Germany launched a massive offensive against the Soviet capital. It was one of the largest and most important battles of World War II.

75 years ago, on 1st 1946 that the International War Crimes Tribunal in Nuremberg ended. 12 Nazi leaders were sentenced to death for war crimes committed during WWII. 10 of them were hanged on 16th. Hermann Goering committed suicide the night before he was to be hanged.

70 years ago, from 15th to 17th 1951 that the first party election broadcasts were televised in the UK. The three main parties, Liberal, Conservative and Labour, were allocated 15 minutes each.

Also 70 years ago, on 31st 1951, that zebra crossings were introduced in the UK. The first one was in Slough, Berks.

60 years ago, on 6th 1961 that US President John F Kennedy advised Americans to build bomb shelters to protect themselves from nuclear fallout in the event of an attack by the Soviet Union.

50 years ago, on 1st 1971 that the first CT scan was performed on a patient at Atkinson Morley Hospital in Wimbledon.

40 years ago, on 3rd 1981 that a hunger strike by IRA members in Maze Prison, County Down, ended after seven months. 10 prisoners had died.

30 years ago, on 20th 1991 that the Oakland-Berkeley Firestorm took place in California. A grass/bush fire spread to the hillsides, fanned by strong winds. 25 people were killed and 150 injured. Thousands of homes were destroyed.

25 years ago, on 18th 1996 that the journal *Science* published the first study that showed a causal link between a toxin found in tobacco smoke and the development of lung cancer.

20 years ago, on 7th 2001, that the first US and British forces arrived in Afghanistan to launch a massive military offensive following the 9/11 terrorist attack.

10 years ago, on 20th 2011, that Muammar Gaddafi, head of state of Libya (1969-2011) was captured and killed by military from the National Transitional Council.

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