

News and Notes

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

December 2021 and January 2022

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What is the point? What hope is there?

It is so easy to get depressed by the news and stories of anguish in our world, of the never ending covid pandemic, with the daily death toll and infections; the results of climate change and the warnings from scientists that, despite all the negotiations, the world temperature will rise. There are labour shortages, national health waiting lists

and migrant crises. We can easily feel that there is nothing to look forward to and the woes of the world are greater than anything we can do.

However, this season of Advent is a season of hope. It is the time to look forward to Christmas and to the time of the second coming, when God will reclaim the world and heal his fallen creation. In the darkness of these long nights, we are reminded in Advent; the light of Christ came into the world and "the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it" (John 1v5). We remember that God offers us hope in Christ and that, as we celebrate Christmas and the birth of Jesus, the Son of God, into this world, it was not a very hopeful start.

Due to the Roman demands for a census, Jesus was born as destitute, in a stable with a feeding trough as a bed. He was to be sought out as a threat to the king and murdered by Herod's soldiers, if they could find him. His parents were forced to flee to a foreign land for his survival.

But the joy of the shepherds and angels and the homage of the wise men, speak of God's intervention in human matters. He offers us hope and ultimately, the triumph of Jesus who is the Saviour of all. Hope in Christ is never misplaced and shines through our dark despairs.

The Reverend Roger Leake

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

to all our readers, our advertisers, printers, and to the very many who do so much to distribute this newsletter, our special thanks.

Treasure Island



The Radnor Hall Players produced a brilliant performance of Treasure Island last week. They managed a full dress rehearsal and then four performances including a Matinee on Saturday afternoon. Each performance was to a packed house.

We welcomed actors and families from Odstock, Nunton, Bodenham and Charlton All Saints. It was a wonderful occasion to rebuild community spirit, to welcome new faces and enjoy seeing different generations on stage, we had an age range of 8 - late seventies. There were five families with a parent and child on stage.

All of this was quite a feat for the Director, Nick Stanger, to gather together so much talent and craft it into a finely tuned show.

My thanks to all who took part both in front of the curtain and behind it, as well as the huge number of people who helped to set up and serve meals for the four performances.

Well done to you all and thank you for putting on such a fabulous event.

Jeremy M.

Community News



Choir for Carols

The Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham Carol Service this year is planned for 19 December, and will be held somewhere in the open, to be agreed, in Odstock, at 5pm.

As usual, we shall form a choir, and rehearsals will start in early December. If you would like to sing with us, please contact me by email, text or a telephone call to confirm, and I will add you to the list of choir members, and will send out rehearsal dates and details of the carols we shall sing, in due course.

Adrian Taylor acft@live.co.uk Tel: 07753 829 027

DOWNTON BAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT

7.30pm Tuesday 14 December 2021

All Saints Church, Charlton

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A retiring collection will be divided between the Band and the Church

Christmas gifts for the Women's Refuge

(labelled lady, boy, girl) are welcome

It is with great regret that, due to current restrictions, there will be no refreshments or raffle and the number of seats will be reduced to 50.

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Community News

Chalke Valley Link Drivers required

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It is a volunteer role but there is small mileage allowance. We are a registered Charity.

Please get in touch, we would love to have some new drivers to help us.

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Please register for the electronic version of News and Notes as you will find more articles than can be printed.

Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham WI Report

On 8 November our President warmly welcomed 45 members to a “real life meeting”.

The Walking group and ‘Pins and Needles’ continued to be well supported. However the gardening group has finished and Elizabeth Cutter, who has been organising this for seven years can find no replacement to continue this activity. The President thanked her on everyone’s behalf. The book club recently met and is expanding. The optimum number is 8 as we meet in each other’s houses. Two have volunteered to run another group in tandem. It will commence in late January 2022.

Members have begun to collect Christmas gifts for Alabaré and they will be taken to a collection point in Salisbury. Our Christmas lunch is planned for Thursday 9 December.

Our speaker for this meeting was Ellie Dodson from the Wiltshire Wild Life Trust. All aspects of the environment are covered by this group. There are 46 groups across the UK and 40 in Wiltshire. The trust was founded in 1962 and Blackmoor Copse was the first in Wiltshire. Our nearby Coombe Bissett Down has recently received an up-grade and Langford Lakes has built a cafe from which to view the wild life. The community side of WWT includes helping schools create ponds and verges between playgrounds and roadsides. There is a Milestones Project for developing skills within the environment which assist those children who cannot develop within a traditional education. Some of their work had been taken to COP-26 to decorate the walls. It was a solar project entitled “Moths to a Flame”.

Elizabeth Cutter gave a vote of thanks.

Our next meeting is at 10am on Monday 13 December 2021.

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Christmas Carols

One night Freda went carol singing. She knocked on the door of a house and began to sing. A man with a violin in his hand came to the door. Within half a minute, tears were streaming down his face. Touched, Freda sang every carol she knew - and some she didn't. The man continued to weep gently throughout her performance. "I understand," she said softly at last. "You are remembering your happy childhood Christmas days."

"No, not exactly," he replied in a choked sort of voice. "I'm a musician!"

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Easy come, easy go

Father Christmas enters through a hole in the chimney and leaves through a hole in your pocket.

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Silence?

Christmas is the season when your neighbour's radio keeps you awake playing 'Silent Night'.

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Peace

Blessed are the peacemakers; they will never be unemployed.

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Miscellaneous observations on modern life

I don't always go the extra mile, but when I do it's because I missed my exit.

Humans are about 60% water. Basically, we are ice cream with anxiety.

A lot of money is tainted - It taint yours and it taint mine.

Once you've seen one shopping centre, you've seen a mall.

Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead-to-know basis.

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Planning

Do you ever have so much planned for the next day, and then you wake up and just say, "Nah."

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New Year

What is a New Year's resolution? *Something that goes in one year and out the other.*

What do snowmen like to do on New Year's Eve? *Chill out.*

Youth is when you're allowed to stay up on New Year's Eve. Middle age is when you're forced to. Old age is when you go to bed before midnight.

Courtesy of Parish Pump resources.

Church News



Village Carol Singing



Nunton: Monday 20 December at 6pm

Meet at the Nunton Bus shelter and go to the Orchard at around 7pm or earlier if the weather's bad.

Odstock: Tuesday 21 December at 6pm

Meet at the Odstock crossroads. Singing outside peoples houses, but not going into the pub. Bring your own liquid fortification!

Bodenham: Wednesday 22 December at 6pm

Meet at Warmans and finish for drinks and nibbles at The Old Post Office. All are welcomed, please let Debby know if you are coming. In Aid of Embrace to help children in the Middle East.

Britford: Thursday 23rd December at 6pm

Mulled Wine and Melodies, Carols and Candles
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Nunton Church Warden's report

Some of you may have heard the church bells ringing on Saturday evening 30 October marking the beginning of the COP26. As a result of Harry Joynt's project to make the bells easy for all ages to pull, we were delighted that so many of the next generation sounded the environmental alarm under the tuition of David Stratton. Many thanks to all who were involved in the ringing.

David Stratton and Otilie

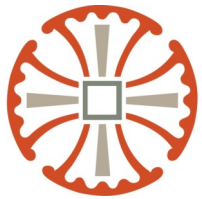


The joint service for Britford, Charlton All Saints, Odstock and Nunton for Remembrance Sunday was held at St Andrews Church and blessed with a good attendance, fine weather and we were fortunate to have Benny Tayler play the bugle for Last Post and Reveille. It was so very good to see many friends from our neighbouring villages.

December is upon us and we look forward to seeing you at one of our Christmas services or carol singing in the villages .

Stephanie Elcock - Churchwarden

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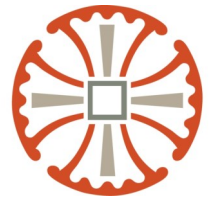


Church Services

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

December 2021 & January 2022

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



Please check the weekly e-Bulletin for any updates and all Benefice Services

5 December	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Britford	Jenny Taylor
Advent 2	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Odstock	Adrian Taylor
12 December	9.30am	Family Communion (CW)	Nunton	Roger Leake
Advent 3	11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Charlton All Saints	Rhoderick Voremberg
19 December	5.00pm	Carol Service	Odstock	Roger Leake
Advent 4				
Christmas Eve	6.00pm	Carols and Communion (CW)	Charlton All Saints	Roger Leake
25 December	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Britford	Roger Leake
Christmas Day	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Nunton	Roger Leake
26 December	10.00am	Benefice Communion	Fifield Bavant	Catherine Blundell
2 January				
The Epiphany	11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Odstock	Catherine Blundell
9 January	9.30am	Family Communion (CW)	Nunton	Roger Leake
Baptism of Christ	11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Charlton All Saints	Rhoderick Voremberg
16 January				
Epiphany 2	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Odstock	Roger Leake
23 January	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Charlton All Saints	Roger Leake
Epiphany 3	11.00am	Family Service	Nunton	Adrian Taylor
30 January				
Epiphany 4	10.00am	Benefice Communion (CW)	Nunton	Roger Leake

Church Services



Services in Chalke Valley Benefice - December 2021

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5 December 2nd Sunday of Advent	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Broad Chalke	Roger Leake
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Britford	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Roger Leake
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Coombe Bissett	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Family Service (CW)	Odstock	Adrian Taylor
	11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Berwick St John	Lay Led
12 December 3rd Sunday of Advent	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bowerchalke	Catherine Blundell
	9.30am	Family Communion (CW)	Nunton	Roger Leake
	11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Charlton All Saints	Rhoderick Voremberg
	11.00am	Family Service	Coombe Bissett	Don Morgan
	11.00am	All Age Service	Alvediston	Biddy Trahair
	3.00pm	Service for Advent Season	Fifield Bavant	Biddy Trahair
	5.00pm	Carol Service	Bishopstone	Jenny Taylor
19 December 4th Sunday of Advent	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Bowerchalke	Catherine Blundell
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bishopstone	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Biddy Trahair
	11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Homington	Roger Leake
	5.00pm	Carol Service	Odstock	Roger Leake
	6.00pm	Carol Service	Coombe Bissett	Jenny Taylor
	6.00pm	Carol Service	Berwick St John	Kate Rosslyn Smith
24 December CHRISTMAS EVE	4.00pm	Carols round the Crib	Bishopstone	Jenny Taylor
	5.00pm	Carols and Communion (CW)	Broad Chalke	Catherine Blundell
	6.00pm	Carol Service	Homington	Jenny Taylor
	6.00pm	Carols and Communion (CW)	Charlton All Saints	Roger Leake
25 December CHRISTMAS DAY	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Homington	Jenny Taylor
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bowerchalke	Catherine Blundell
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bishopstone	Ann Philp
	9.30am	Family Christmas Service	Broad Chalke	Janet Roe
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Britford	Roger Leake
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Ebbesbourne Wake	David Blundell
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Coombe Bissett	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Nunton	Roger Leake
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Berwick St John	Catherine Blundell
26 December 1st Sunday of Christmas	10.00am	Short Benefice Communion	Fifield Bavant	Catherine Blundell





Services in Chalke Valley Benefice January 2022



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2 January EPIPHANY	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Broad Chalke	Catherine Blundell
	11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Odstock	Catherine Blundell
	11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Kate Rosslyn Smith
9 January BAPTISM OF CHRIST	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bowerchalke	Jenny Taylor
	9.30am	Family Communion (CW)	Nunton	Roger Leake
	11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Charlton All Saints	Rhoderick Voremberg
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Coombe Bissett	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	All Age Service	Alvediston	Biddy Trahair
	3.00pm	Evening Prayer	Fifield Bavant	Biddy Trahair
16 January 2nd Sunday of Epiphany	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Bowerchalke	Catherine Blundell
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bishopstone	Jenny Taylor
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Odstock	Roger Leake
	11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Biddy Trahair
	11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Homington	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Berwick St John	Catherine Blundell
23 January 3rd Sunday of Epiphany	9.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Berwick St John	Kate Rosslyn Smith
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Charlton All Saints	Roger Leake
	9.30am	Family Communion (CW)	Broad Chalke	Catherine Blundell
	11.00am	Family Service	Nunton	Adrian Taylor
	11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bishopstone	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Alvediston	Catherine Blundell
	11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Homington	David Blundell
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Bowerchalke	Lay Led
30 January 4th Sunday of Epiphany	10.00am	Benefice Communion (CW)	Bowerchalke	Catherine Blundell
	10.00am	Benefice Communion (CW)	Nunton	Roger Leake
6 February 4th Sunday before Lent	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Broad Chalke	Catherine Blundell
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Britford	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Catherine Blundell
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Coombe Bissett	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Family Service (CW)	Odstock	Adrian Taylor
	11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Berwick St John	Lay Led

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This Christmas we would love to share joy with them by giving them a football, skipping rope or equivalent.

We would also like to fund a Christmas meal for our CRESS family in Uganda as we have in previous years.



A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A TRAIN DRIVER

£2.40 it's just not enough to stop a train

The Editor spotted this fascinating article in a local parish magazine; it seems very relevant in light of the recent accident in Salisbury.

Modern, continuously welded train track is, on a microscopical level, intentionally rough. Tiny peaks and troughs that would give a sword maker nightmares are the only things that create enough friction to stop a train.

A modern train's brakes are held continuously on with the aid of a powerful spring pushing brake pads onto a brake disc. Air pressure, built up by diesel engine driven compressors force air into a clever brake cylinder, when that air pressure is enough it will overcome the power of the spring, pushing the brake pads away from their discs. This enables the train to roll.

If the train's engine, compressors or air pipes fail, air pressure is lost, the spring overcomes the reduced pressure putting the train's brakes back on. That is the basics of a failsafe train braking system.

So a train driver applying the brakes is actually venting air from the brake cylinders enabling the brake pads to partially engage with the brake discs. The more air the driver vents, the harder the brakes will apply. Too much air vented, and the wheels will lock, and the train will slide. Not enough air vented, and the train will take too long to slow down and will not produce much heat into the running rail.

On a normal dry day it takes approximately 3/4 of a mile to stop a train travelling at 85mph. This happens because the train's wheels slow down creating enough heat within the peaks and troughs of our poorly finished rails which stops the wheels from sliding. If no heat is generated it can take the same train over three miles to make the same stop. The problems come at this time of year when leaves are blown off the trees and end up on the running rails. The sap and grease within the leaves are crushed to a fine pulp by the passing train wheels which in turn fills up our purposely left peaks and troughs. Now you have a perfectly smooth train wheel, trying to slow down without slipping on a perfectly smooth-running rail.

The driver's skill is finding the point where enough brake force is applied without allowing the wheels to lock. For all of us that drive cars, the contact patch between the car and the road is determined by the width of the car tyres, also how much air pressure is in those tyres. Less tyre pressure gives a bigger contact patch but creates more rolling resistance meaning more fuel is needed to push the car forward.

A train's rolling resistance is designed to be minimal so when not under power the train can maintain high speeds whilst saving fuel. The large circumference of the train wheel means the contact patch between it and the running rail is the size of a twenty pence coin.

There are six bogies on a three car 159 sprinter class turbo diesel. Six bogies mean twelve wheels, that's twelve twenty pence coins trying to stop 220 tonnes of train hurtling through a winter's night with little to no adhesion between the train wheel and the contaminated running lines. While you as a passenger relax, the driver is working hard to maintain the timetable, but with doubled or even trebled braking distances they will inevitably lose time.

£2.40. I told you so, it's just not enough to stop a train.

Train Driver Clive Chown

All in the month of December

It was:

1500 years ago, on 7th December 521 that St Columba, Irish missionary who spread Christianity in Scotland, was born. He was one of the Twelve Apostles of Ireland.

50 years ago, on 25th December 1771 that Dorothy Wordsworth, writer, poet, and diarist, was born. She was sister to the poet William Wordsworth.

175 years ago, on 21 December 1846 that the first surgical operation in Europe using anaesthesia took place. Robert Liston amputated a servant's leg at University College Hospital in London.

150 years ago, on 24th December 1871 that the world premiere of Giuseppe Verdi's opera Aida, was held in Cairo, Egypt.

100 years ago, on 6th Dec 1921 that the Anglo-Irish Treaty was signed in London. It ended the Irish War of Independence and established the Irish Free State (with effect from December 1922.)

80 years ago, on 7th December 1941 that the Japanese made their surprise bomb attack on Pearl Harbour, Hawaii. The USA, UK, Netherlands, New Zealand, and other countries declared war on Japan the following day. The War in Europe had now become a World War.

60 years ago, on 4th December 1961, that birth control pills became available on the NHS.

50 years ago, from 3rd to 16th December 1971, that the Indo-Pakistani War took place. It was one of the shortest wars in history, but still between one and three million Bangladeshis were killed. Indian victory leading to the founding of Bangladesh.

40 years ago, on 14th December 1981, that Israel annexed the Golan Heights, formerly part of Syria, which it had occupied since 1967.

30 years ago, on 25th and 26th December 1991, that Mikhail Gorbachev resigned as President of the Soviet Union, and the next day the Soviet Union was officially dissolved. The 12 remaining Soviet republics became independent states.

25 years ago, on 10th December 1996, that South African President Nelson Mandela signed a new constitution, completing the transition from white minority rule to full democracy.

Also 25 years ago, on 27th December 1996, that the first genocide trial began in Rwanda, following the 1994 civil war in which 800,000 people were killed.

20 years ago, on 2nd December 2001, that Enron, the world's largest energy trading corporation, collapsed, sparking one of the biggest corporate accounting scandals in US history.

Also 20 years ago, on 13th December 2001, that the Pentagon released a videotape of al-Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden, in which he stated that the deaths and destruction achieved by the 9/11 attacks had exceeded his most optimistic expectations.

15 years ago, on 30th December 2006, that Saddam Hussein, President/dictator of Iraq (1979 to 2003) was executed for war crimes.

Posting parcels overseas has changed!

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Are you sending gifts or parcels to friends or relatives overseas (excluding Northern Ireland)? You now need to fill in a customs form for items of all sizes, excluding documents or cards. Please follow the guidance below for more information as this will save you time at the Post Office counter especially if you collect the forms you need in advance. Customs forms are now mandatory for all gifts and goods sent to a country outside the UK, except when sending items from Northern Ireland to the EU.

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- For each item type (commodity) described, provide the total quantity, weight and value. Write the currency if it is anything other than GBP, for example CHF for Swiss Francs.
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