

Church News

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Sunday 9 th August – 10 th Sunday after Trinity			
9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bowerchalke	Ruth Howlett-Shipley
9.30am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Charlton All Saints	Rhoddy Voremberg
11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Nunton	Alison Waterhouse
11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Homington	Ruth Howlett-Shipley
11.00am	All Age Service	Alvediston	Biddy Trahair
3.00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Fifield Bavant	Biddy Trahair

The harvest is in, the weather has been really sunny, we have all had to find ways to keep hydrated and cool and as good as the harvest is, coming in earlier than ever this year, the rain came early in the growing season, so the quality of the grain is compromised.

The leavers class, at Broad Chalke School 2026, have shown what exceptional young people they are, telling people in church, friends and relatives their hopes for the future. Which schools they are moving on to, one with a very clear aim as to which firm he wants to work for; so, he can work on tractors and plant hire as a career.



By the time you read this we will be getting ready for Arty August, creating art around Jonah and the Whale, Alvewake has had their Fruit and Produce Show with a beautiful display of talent in fruit, produce stalls and craft, Berwick St John have had their village fete. Showcasing so much talent which there is in our communities. And as I write this, we are going to have the fete in Broad Chalke. With many more events going on up and down this wonderful valley.

How community pulls together and works hard, is important. Christians need to live in community just as the disciples did, working and travelling between communities spreading the good news of Jesus Christ, helping each other.

Jesus told stories, parables, by which to explain and demonstrate to different communities what living a Christian life means.

The story of the Good Samaritan shows us all that many will walk past the person needing help, even the priest!! But the Samaritan, he saved the man, set upon by others, got him to safety and paid for his care, then came back to settle any outstanding bill. cont...

Readings for Sunday 9th August - 10th Sunday after Trinity

Old Testament : 1 Kings 19 v 9 - 18 **New Testament :** Romans 10 v 5 - 15

Gospel: Matthew 14 v 22 - 33 **Psalm** 85 v 8 - 13

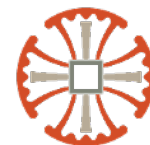
cont.... Which shows how we should live in community caring for all. When I am out and about through the villages, I see countless examples of kindness and give thanks for people's generosity.

We live in an idyllic valley when we look outward from this at the world beyond it seems that we have key players in this world who are greedy and self-centered. So, as we travel through the rest of the summer let us focus on all the good that we have within our grasp and make the best of it.

Let us keep others in mind, with hope, prayer with blessings and wish that they may too come to realise that living in a good and peaceful place is a blessing and best for all. Imagine what it would be like if all the money spent on weapons and fighting was invested in solving poverty, elevating and investing in others so that they too may thrive.

I wish you all a restful, blessed and fun rest of the summer and let's pray for peace.

Rev'd Alison



ST PETER'S BRITFORD



We were treated to a wonderful concert by Ben and Cathy Lamb at the end of July in Britford.

Both professional musicians and in great demand in and around Lichfield where they now live, they gave us their time and showed us their skill with a varied programme of eclectic pieces for organ.

Female composers ranked alongside more well known male ones so our knowledge and experience was enhanced and delighted. We are hugely grateful to them, and to the wider Lamb family for making this special evening possible. Thank you Ben and Cathy!

On 2 August the congregation at St Peter's Britford celebrated the ancient festival of Lammas which traditionally marked the beginning of the harvest with an offering of the first fruits from the fields. This is symbolised by offering a loaf of freshly made bread - Lammas meaning Loaf-Mass - as we acknowledge our dependence on God for our daily food.



Sunday Praise

Holy Trinity, Bowerchalke
16th August 4pm with tea



ALL ARE WELCOME

Every 3rd Sunday of the month
Following the Church of England course
Welcome to the Lord's Table

At the end of which any children who would like to may
take their First Holy Communion

If you are unable to attend a service
in church this Sunday, there are
services on the radio ...



**8.10am - BBC
Radio 4
Sunday Worship -
'If you only knew
your power'**

A service marking the foundation of
the Mothers Union 150
years ago



**6.00pm - BBC
Radio 3**

Choral Evensong

from St James's, Picadilly, London
with the Genesis Sixteen

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

Wednesday, 5 August 2026

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

