



# Church News

## SERVICES THIS WEEK

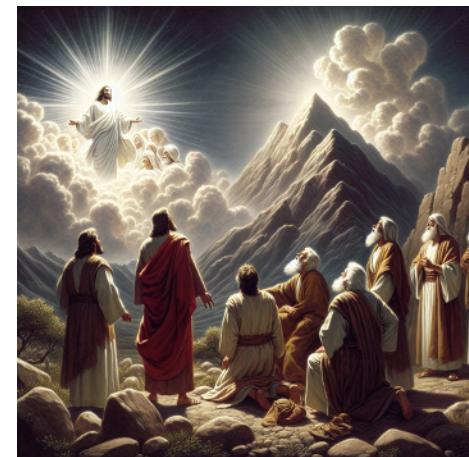
<b>15 February</b> <b>Sunday next before Lent</b>	9.30am 9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 4.00pm	Holy Communion Parish Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Family Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Sunday Praise	Bowerchalke Bishopstone Odstock Ebbesbourne Wake Berwick St John Coombe Bissett	Alison Waterhouse Maggie Metcalfe Jenny Taylor Maggie Metcalfe Alison Waterhouse Lay Led
<b>18 February</b> <b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>	6.00pm 6.00pm	Communion with Ashing Communion with Ashing	Bowerchalke Coombe Bissett	Alison Waterhouse Ruth H-S

### The Gospel reading for Sunday 15th February

#### Matthew 17 v 1- 9 - The Transfiguration

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light.

Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the



cloud  
said,

"This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear.

But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

 **Sunday Praise**

A Church service with a difference.

Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at 4pm  
Commencing February 15<sup>th</sup> 2026  
Coombe Bissett Church



A short service with tea & cake suitable for all ages.



ALL WELCOME

**GIVE US REVERENCE**  
Thursday, 12 February 2026

Almighty God,  
give us reverence for all creation  
and respect for every person,  
that we may mirror your likeness  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

 **PRAYER FOR THE DAY**

### Readings for Sunday 8th January - Second Sunday before Lent:

**Old Testament :** Exodus 24 v 12-end **New Testament :** 2 Peter 1 v 16 -end

**Gospel:** Matthew 17 v 1- 9    **Psalm:** 2

# Lent



## LENT COFFEE MORNING

10.30am - 12noon  
Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March  
at "Bow Meadow" (SP5 5EN)  
(home of Julian and Julia Thomas)



Donations will go to the Lent project,  
The Bridge, which takes Christian Teaching into  
our schools.  
coffee/biscuits/cake/raffle



## CHRISTIAN QUIET DAY

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2026  
at  
Lodge Farmhouse, Broad Chalke, SP5 5LU  
10:30am – 4pm  
Coffee/Tea/Biscuits/Cake provided

Stay all day, or drop in for the odd half hour  
(if staying all day, please bring your lunch)



CHALKE VALLEY BENEFICE

LENT 2026

## LENT LUNCH

Bishopstone Village Hall  
Saturday 7th March  
12.30pm - 2pm

contact: Sally Leaver  
[davidsallyleaver22@btinternet.com](mailto:davidsallyleaver22@btinternet.com)  
01722 780447

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PLEASE SUPPORT OUR

4 INFORMAL LUNCHES,  
DURING LENT

To raise money for

**The BRIDGE YOUTH PROJECT**

The Bridge Youth project works with young people locally. They currently provide chaplaincy support to Broad Chalke school. This year, we are aiming to raise £10,000 to enable a chaplain to visit Longford Primary School for half a day a week for the next 2 academic years.

**ALL ARE MOST WELCOME**

Working from home? Take a break!  
Just fancy a change of scene – come along!  
4 days when you won't have to think 'what's for lunch'??!

Last minute? Drop in's welcome,  
however, places are limited to 16 per lunch.  
Preferable to book to avoid disappointment!

11th, 18th,  
25th March &  
1st April

12.15 - 2pm

Lifts available

Homemade soup,  
crusty rolls, fruit  
& coffee

Specific dietary  
requirements catered for –  
please let us know

Recommended  
donation for  
lunch £8

Electronic payments  
available.

Venue  
Vine Cottage, Barbers Lane,  
Homington  
Susan Major  
01722 718715

## LENT LUNCH

The Radnor Hall, Bodenham  
Saturday 28th February  
12noon - 2pm

contact: Debby Underhill  
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[www.chalkevalleychurches.org](http://www.chalkevalleychurches.org)

## MID WEEK LENT COMMUNION

Every Thursday during Lent

12 noon

26 February - Alvediston

5th March - Bowerchalke

12th March - Bishopstone

19th March - Coombe Bissett

26th March - Nunton

*all welcome*

## LENT SOUP LUNCH

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March  
in  
Broad Chalke  
Village Hall  
12noon - 2.30pm



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Monday 23rd February  
Mondays 2,9,16,23 & 30 March  
contact DEBBY UNDERHILL  
[dunderh942@btinternet.com](mailto:dunderh942@btinternet.com)

The Barker Room

Nunton

3.30pm - 5.00pm

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



**8.10am BBC Radio 4**  
**St Matthew's Gospel**

A service from St Olave Hart Street, in the City  
of London exploring St Matthew's Gospel



**3.00pm BBC Radio 3 Choral Evensong**

Choral Evensong live from Ripon Cathedral

CHALKE VALLEY BENEFICE

**LENT 2026**



## BINGO NIGHT

**Berwick St John Village Hall**  
**Saturday 21st March**  
**7pm**

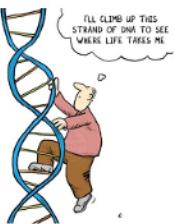
contact: Angela Bridges  
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Friends of Bishopstone Church  
IN AID OF BISHOPSTONE CHURCH ROOF  
APPEAL

### WHO ARE WE AND WHERE DO WE COME FROM?

Come on a journey with Francis Taylor to discover our origins starting with the emergence of Homo Sapiens in Africa. Track our migration across the globe using the analysis of ancient DNA.



**On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00 for 7.30pm**  
**in Bishopstone Village Hall**

Tickets £12.50 – with canapes and a cash bar  
(18 years old and under : £5)

#### CONTACT FOR TICKETS

Sarah Seal – [thesseal1@outlook.com](mailto:thesseal1@outlook.com)  
Anne Stutchbury – [annewheelwright@gmail.com](mailto:annewheelwright@gmail.com)



Lenten Compline



### Chalke Cueibet Partnership Prayers 2026



At the recent webinar Archbishop Justin Badi of S Sudan said:

"There are fears that South Sudan is sliding into another civil war, with the vice president awaiting trial accused of being behind an attack on an army base, and renewed fighting between government troops and opposition militias."

Archbishop Justin urged Christians to pray "for the spirit of God to soften the hearts of our political leaders, that they look to the suffering of the people and work for peace". He also spoke of the critical work of the Mothers' Union in South Sudan.

He described how Mothers Union members walked the streets of South Sudan's capital, Juba, praying and crying for peace, and were witnesses for the entire nation."

May I ask you to offer prayers for the whole of South Sudan for the spirit of God to soften the hearts of their political leaders, that they look to the suffering of the people and work for peace and the witness of the MU

### Clergy Contacts & Working Days

Please note that the clergy team is available throughout the week and a member of the team is always available in an emergency or for an immediate pastoral need.

Revd Ruth Tel: 01722 697022 - Revd Ruth's non-working day is a Monday.

Revd Alison: 01722 697404 or 07904 034221 - Revd Alison's non-working day is a Friday.

Revd Kate: 07754 582395

Revd Maggie: 01722 325825

### LENT FILM AFTERNOON

followed by discussion and tea

# RISEN

starring Joseph Fiennes



**Broad Chalke Village Hall**  
**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March**  
**2.30pm**

(donations will go towards the Lent Project)

**St Martin's Church, Fifield Bavant**  
**Tuesday 24th March 5.30pm**