



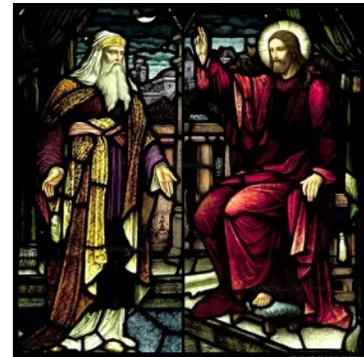
Church News

SERVICES THIS WEEK

<p>1 March 2nd Sunday of Lent</p>	9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Berwick St John	Ruth H-S
	9.30am	Family Communion (CW)	Broad Chalke	Kate Woolven
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Britford	Maggie Metcalfe
	11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Biddy Trahair
	11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Coombe Bissett	Alison Waterhouse
	11.00am	Family Service	Odstock	Adrian Taylor
	11.00am	Morning Service	Bishopstone	Sally Leaver

Jesus Teaches Nicodemus

3 Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. 2 He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him." 9 "How can this be?" Nicodemus asked.



It is easy for us all to become comfortable with the Jesus we think we know, particularly if we have been Christians for a long time. But just as Nicodemus experiences in his well-known, nighttime encounter with Jesus, a challenge or a re-think of our understanding may not be a bad thing,

Nicodemus is a learned man. He is a Pharisee representing the religious leaders and he is also a Jewish ruler. He is confident that he understands who Jesus is, but his understanding is only partial because Jesus is so much more than Nicodemus ever imagined.

As the conversation unfolds Jesus challenges Nicodemus not just to rely on his own intellect and experience as he discerns Jesus' significance, but to open his mind to new possibilities. At the end of the conversation Nicodemus leaves in a state of bewilderment.

Sometimes I think we also limit our understanding of Jesus. We know what we know and we tend to leave it there. We probably have good faith foundations, but like Nicodemus we need to build on them. Over the next couple of weeks the Alpha course, which is currently running in Broad Chalke, will be exploring the person of the Holy Spirit. We will expect to have our understanding of the Trinity expanded in exciting and fulfilling ways.

Like Nicodemus we need to embrace this opportunity and move forward in our faith journey, so we can become more fully the people God created us to be and to do the things he created us to do.

We can trace Nicodemus's faith journey through John's Gospel. Though initially mystified and confused, Nicodemus embraces Jesus' challenge. Later he defends Jesus in front of the other religious leaders (John 7), and he is there at Jesus' death assisting with his burial in John 19.

Not all of us are doing the Alpha course, but we can still pray that God would send us the wind of his Spirit to help us discover more of God as we encounter him day by day.

Rev'd Kate Woolven

Readings for Sunday 1st March - Lent 2

Old Testament : Genesis 12 v 1-4a **New Testament :** Romans 4 v 1-5 & 13-17

Gospel: John 3 v 1-17 **Psalm:** 121

Lent



This year's Lent project is to support the work of The Bridge Youth Project, a Salisbury-based Christian charity offering chaplaincy in local schools.

Our aim is to raise sufficient funds to support a school chaplain at Longford CofE Primary School for half a day a week for the next two academic years.

LENT COFFEE MORNING

10.30am - 12noon
Saturday 14th 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



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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,
Hornington
Susan Majury
01722 718715

CHALKE VALLEY BENEFICE

LENT 2026



LENT LUNCH

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

contact: Debby Underhill
dunderh942@btinternet.com



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CHRISTIAN QUIET DAY

Thursday 19th March 2026

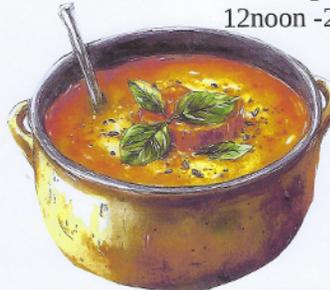
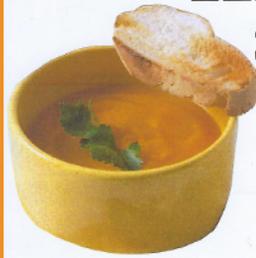
at
Lodge Farmhouse, Broad Chalke, SP5 5LU
10:30am - 4pm
Coffee/Tea/Biscuits/Cake provided

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



LENT SOUP LUNCH

Saturday 7th March
in
Broad Chalke
Village Hall
12noon - 2.30pm



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The Bridge, who take Christian Teaching into our
local Schools.

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

CHALKE VALLEY BENEFICE

LENT 2026



LENT LUNCH

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

contact: Sally Leaver
dauidsallyleaver22@btinternet.com
01722 780447



The Barker Room
Nunton

3.30pm - 5.00pm

Monday 23rd February
Mondays 2,9,16,23 & 30 March
contact DEBBY UNDERHILL
dunderh942@btinternet.com

LENT FILM AFTERNOON

followed by discussion and tea

RISEN

starring Joseph Fiennes



Broad Chalke Village Hall

Wednesday 18th March

2.30pm

(donations will go towards the Lent Project)

CHALKE VALLEY BENEFICE

LENT 2026



BINGO NIGHT

Berwick St John Village Hall
Saturday 21st March
7pm



contact: Angela Bridges
01747 828383 pontibus@aol.com



Lenten Compline



St Martin's Church, Fifield Bavant

Tuesday 24th March 5.30pm

CHRIST IN THE WILDERNESS

An exhibition of Stanley Spencer's series of eight paintings depicting Christ's time in the wilderness as a foreshadowing of his ministry.



Rising from Sleep in the Morning (1940)

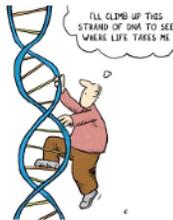
ALL SAINTS, BROAD CHALKE
throughout Lent.



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 6th 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 – theseal1@outlook.com

Anne Stutchbury – annewheelwright@gmail.com

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

A service for St David's Day from Highfields Church, Cardiff



3.00pm BBC Radio 3 Choral Evensong

Choral Evensong from the University of Exeter Mary Harris Memorial Chapel

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.

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

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

Rev'd Kate: 07754 582395

Rev'd Maggie: 01722 325825



Services in Chalke Valley Benefice: March to Easter 2026

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



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<p>8 March 3rd Sunday of Lent</p>	<p>9.30am 9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 3.00pm</p>	<p>Holy Communion (BCP) Morning Prayer (BCP) Worship Together Family Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) All Age Service Evening Prayer (BCP)</p>	<p>Bowerchalke Charlton All Saints Broad Chalke Hub Nunton Homington Alvediston Fifield Bavant</p>	<p>Ruth H-S Alison Waterhouse Janet Roe Ruth H-S Alison Waterhouse Biddy Trahair Biddy Trahair</p>
<p>15 March MOTHERING SUNDAY</p>	<p>9.30am 9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 4.00pm</p>	<p>All Age Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Family Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Sunday Praise</p>	<p>Bowerchalke Bishopstone Odstock Ebbesbourne Wake Berwick St John Coombe Bissett</p>	<p>Kate Woolven Alison Waterhouse Ruth H-S Ruth H-S Alison Waterhouse Lay Led</p>
<p>22 March 5th Sunday of Lent</p>	<p>9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm</p>	<p>Parish Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Family Service Parish Communion (CW) Holy Communion (BCP) Morning Prayer (BCP) Evening Prayer</p>	<p>Charlton All Saints Broad Chalke Nunton Bishopstone Alvediston Berwick St John Homington</p>	<p>Maggie Metcalfe Alison Waterhouse Adrian Taylor Ruth H-S Alison Waterhouse Lay Led Ruth H-S</p>
<p>29 March PALM SUNDAY  <i>Clocks go Forward</i></p>	<p>10.00am 10.00am 10.00am 3.00pm</p>	<p>Family Communion+Baptism Benefice Communion (CW) Benefice Communion (CW) Procession & Sing Hosanna!</p>	<p>Broad Chalke Homington Britford Charlton</p>	<p>Ruth H-S Alison Waterhouse Maggie Metcalfe Ruth H-S</p>
<p>30 & 31 March, 1 April</p>	<p>6.00pm</p>	<p>Holy Week Compline</p>	<p>Coombe Bissett</p>	<p>Clergy</p>
<p>2 April MAUNDY THURSDAY</p>	<p>6.00pm</p>	<p>Commemoration of the Last Supper (CW)</p>	<p>Bishopstone</p>	<p>Ruth H-S</p>
<p>3 April  GOOD FRIDAY</p>	<p>11.00am 12 noon 12 noon 2.00pm</p>	<p>St John's Passion Stations of the Cross The Passion Devotions At the Foot of the Cross</p>	<p>Alvediston Berwick St John Bishopstone Nunton</p>	<p>Lay Led Alison Waterhouse Sally Leaver Maggie Metcalfe</p>
<p>4 April EASTER EVE</p>	<p>6.00pm 7.00pm</p>	<p>Easter Fire & Communion Easter Eve Service</p>	<p>Homington Charlton All Saints</p>	<p>Alison Waterhouse Ruth H-S</p>
<p>5 April EASTER DAY </p>	<p>6.00am 8.00am 9.30am 9.30am 9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am</p>	<p>Dawn Communion (CW) Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Family Communion (CW)</p>	<p>Lodge Farmhouse Fifield Bavant Broad Chalke Bowerchalke Britford Odstock Coombe Bissett Berwick St John Ebbesbourne Wake Bishopstone</p>	<p>Alison Waterhouse Maggie Metcalfe Alison Waterhouse Kate Woolven Maggie Metcalfe Ruth H-S Ruth H-S Alison Waterhouse Kate Woolven Maggie Metcalfe</p>