

DO NOT WORRY
ABOUT TOMORROW,
FOR TOMORROW
WILL WORRY
ABOUT ITSELF.
Matthew 6:31

Church News

SERVICES THIS WEEK

8 February 2nd Sunday before Lent	9.30am Parish Communion (CW) 9.30am Family Communion (CW) 10.30am Worship Together 11.00am Parish Communion (CW) 11.00am All Age Service 3.00pm Evening Prayer (BCP) 4.30pm Evensong (BCP)	Bowerchalke Nunton Broad Chalke Hub Homington Alvediston Fifield Bavant Charlton All Saints	Kate Woolven Alison Waterhouse Janet Roe Ruth H-S Biddy Trahair Biddy Trahair Ruth H-S
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It's snowdrop season again!

I love these flowers, a sign of hope emerging from the cold dark earth as the days become almost imperceptibly longer. We are still in the grip of winter in these first days of February but there are certain small signs that point to a move towards Spring.

We celebrated Candlemas this week. On 2nd February the church marked the end of the 40 days of the Christmas season and moves our focus away from the cradle and the wonders of the incarnation towards the cross and the life Christ in the world. Candlemas, or The Feast of the Presentation of Christ at the Temple, offers us the image of the old meeting the new – the place where Old Testament meets New Testament, when new life meets old in the encounter between the elderly prophets and the baby Jesus. Simeon and Anna recognise the reality of salvation in the infant Jesus, the promises of God fulfilled. It is moving in image and in impact. It is grounded in deep faithfulness and prayer, in patient waiting on a promise. Both Simeon and Anna had been promised that they would see The Messiah before they died and after decades of waiting they were still alert enough to notice the significance of the Christ child and the Holy Family.



To mark this point in the church's calendar, candles are lit which symbolise Jesus as the light of the world, and as the fulfilment of the law. God keeps his promises Candlemas tells us.

As banks of snowdrops emerging every year promise better weather and brighter days to come, we can remember and be thankful for the promises that God has made – that whatever befalls us, He will never leave us, He will always be Emmanuel – God With Us. Let us, like the faithful Simeon and prayerful Anna be alert enough to notice these signs of promises fulfilled and hold the light of Christ before us as guide, comfort and strength, to sustain us through this coming year and beyond, whatever it holds.

Revd Maggie Metcalfe

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

Old Testament : Genesis 1 v 1 to 2 v 3 **New Testament :** Romans 8 v 18 - 25

Gospel: Matthew 6 v 25 - end **Psalm:** 136 v 1 - 9

Lent



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



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)



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COOMBE BISSETT WITH HOMINGTON

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
dunderh942@btinternet.com



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www.chalkevalleychurches.org

MID WEEK LENT COMMUNION

Every Thursday during Lent

12 noon

26 February - Alvediston

5th March - Bowerchalke

12th March - Bishopstone

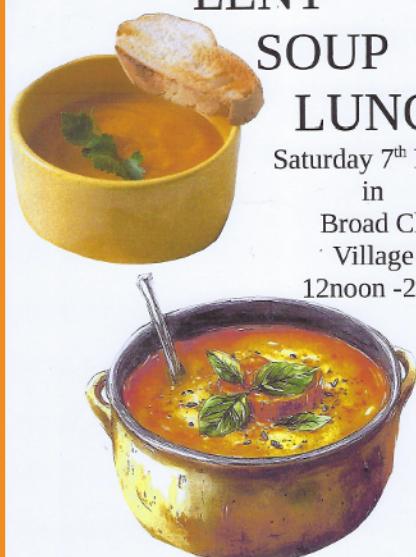
19th March - Coombe Bissett

26th March - Nunton

all welcome

LENT SOUP LUNCH

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



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CHALKE VALLEY BENEFICE

LENT 2026

LENT LUNCH

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

contact: Sally Leaver
davidsallyleaver22@btinternet.com
01722 780447



Lenten Bible Study

Monday 23rd February
Mondays 2,9,16,23 & 30 March
contact DEBBY UNDERHILL
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
Seats of Wisdom**

A service from Exeter Cathedral as part of the Northern European Cathedrals Conference

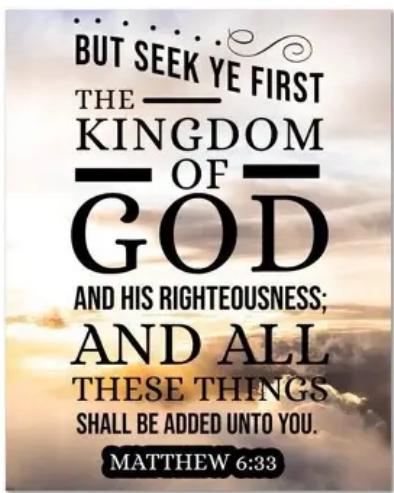


3.00pm BBC Radio 3 Choral Evensong

Choral Evensong live from Exeter Cathedral

The Gospel reading for Sunday 8th February

Matthew 6 v 25 -34 - Do Not Worry



"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life?

And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the gentiles who seek all these things, and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

"So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

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.

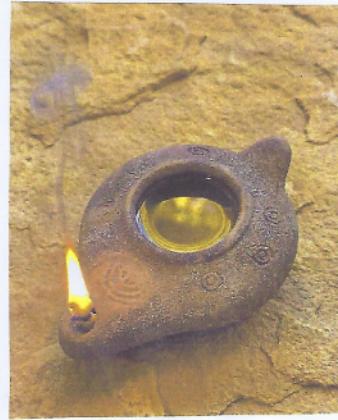
Revd Kate: 07754 582395

Revd Maggie: 01722 325825



WORSHIP TOGETHER

Sunday 8th February 2026
10.30am at The Hub, Broad Chalke



BE ALERT!
The lord
will come
unexpectedly
and in
unexpected
places

Worship Together is a lay-led ecumenical service and all are welcome



Sunday Praise

A Church service with a difference.

Every 3rd Sunday of the month at 4pm

Commencing February 15th 2026

Coombe Bissett Church



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



ALL WELCOME