



Church News

SERVICES THIS WEEK

4 January THE EPIPHANY	9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Berwick St John	Ruth H-S
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Britford	Maggie Metcalfe
	11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Biddy Trahair
	11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Coombe Bissett	Ruth H-S
	11.00am	Family Service	Odstock	Adrian Taylor
	3.00pm	Epiphany Pageant	Broad Chalke	Kate Woolven

"LAND OF ZEBULUN AND
LAND OF NAPHTALI, THE
WAY OF THE SEA, BEYOND
THE JORDAN, GALILEE OF
THE GENTILES—
— MATTHEW 4:15

The Gospel reading for The Epiphany - Matthew 4 v 12 - 17 and 23 - end

Jesus Begins his Ministry in Galilee

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

"Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—

the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light,

and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned."

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

Jesus Ministers to Crowds of People

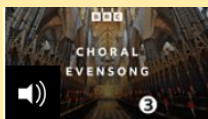
Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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



8.10am BBC Radio 4 Tynedale's Testament

A service marking the 500th anniversary of Tynedale's translation of the New Testament



3.00pm BBC Radio 3 Choral Evensong

Choral Evensong from St James's Church, Sussex Gardens. London with the Rodolfus Choir

Would YOU like to dress up
and take part in the
Epiphany Pageant?
No lines to learn; just come!



Wear your own costume (king or peasant)
or we have some, whatever your size!

All Saints, Broad Chalke
Sunday 4th January 2026
3pm, followed by tea.

Readings for Sunday 4th January - The Epiphany:

New Testament : 1 John 3 v 22 to 4 v 6

Gospel: Matthew 4 v 12 - 17 & 23 - end **Psalm:** 2 v 7 - end

BUT I HAVEN'T FINISHED YET!



Brenda Read-Brown

An Evening of Entertainment at
Bishopstone Village Hall, SP5 4AA
Saturday 24th January 2026 at 7pm for 7.30pm

Tickets £12.50 to include first drink and canapés

Booking essential

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In aid of St John the Baptist Church Bishopstone Roof Appeal

BLESSED SON

Thursday, 1 January 2026

Almighty God,
whose blessed Son was circumcised
in obedience to the law for our sake
and given the Name that is above every name:
give us grace faithfully to bear his Name,
to worship him in the freedom of the Spirit,
and to proclaim him as the Saviour of the world;
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

A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR



God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
whose years never fail
and whose mercies are new each returning day:
let the radiance of your Spirit renew our lives,
warming our hearts and giving light to our minds;
that we may pass the coming year
in joyful obedience and firm faith;
through him who is the beginning and the end,
your Son, Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.



Services in Chalke Valley Benefice – January 2026

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



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11 January BAPTISM OF CHRIST	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) 5.30pm Evensong (BCP)	Bowerchalke Nunton Broad Chalke Hub Homington Alvediston Fifield Bavant Charlton All Saints	Alison Waterhouse Ruth H-S Janet Roe Alison Waterhouse Biddy Trahair Biddy Trahair Ruth H-S
18 January 2nd Sunday of Epiphany	9.30am Service with Baptism 9.30am Parish Communion (CW) 9.30am Parish Communion (CW) 11.00am Family Communion (CW) 11.00am Parish Communion (CW) 4.00pm Service with Tea	Bowerchalke Bishopstone Odstock Ebbesbourne Wake Berwick St John Coombe Bissett	Kate Woolven Ruth H-S Maggie Metcalfe Ruth H-S Alison Waterhouse Lay Led
25 January 3rd Sunday of Epiphany	9.30am Parish Communion (CW) 9.30am Parish Communion (CW) 11.00am Family Service 11.00am Parish Communion (CW) 11.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.00am Morning Prayer (BCP) 6.00pm Evening Prayer	Charlton All Saints Broad Chalke Nunton Bishopstone Alvediston Berwick St John Homington	Ruth H-S Alison Waterhouse Adrian Taylor Ruth H-S Alison Waterhouse Lay Led Ruth H-S

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 Revd Maggie's non-working days are Mondays and Fridays.