



# Church News

## SERVICES THIS WEEK

<b>4 January</b> <b>THE EPIPHANY</b>	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 Pagaent	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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 7pm for 7.30pm

Tickets £12.50 to include first drink and canapés

Booking essential

Anne Stutchbury [annewheelwright@gmail.com](mailto:annewheelwright@gmail.com)  
Sarah Seal [theseal1@outlook.com](mailto:theseal1@outlook.com)

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.  
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## Services in Chalke Valley Benefice – January 2026

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<b>11 January</b> <b>BAPTISM</b> <b>OF CHRIST</b>	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bowerchalke	Alison Waterhouse
	9.30am	Family Communion (CW)	Nunton	Ruth H-S
	10.30am	Worship Together	Broad Chalke Hub	Janet Roe
	11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Homington	Alison Waterhouse
	11.00am	All Age Service	Alvediston	Biddy Trahair
	3.00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Fifield Bavant	Biddy Trahair
<b>18 January</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday</b> <b>of Epiphany</b>	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Charlton All Saints	Ruth H-S
	9.30am	Service with Baptism	Bowerchalke	Kate Woolven
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bishopstone	Ruth H-S
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Odstock	Maggie Metcalfe
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Ruth H-S
	11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Berwick St John	Alison Waterhouse
<b>25 January</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday</b> <b>of Epiphany</b>	4.00pm	Service with Tea	Coombe Bissett	Lay Led
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Charlton All Saints	Ruth H-S
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	11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Alvediston	Alison Waterhouse
	11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Berwick St John	Lay Led
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer	Homington	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.