

Church News

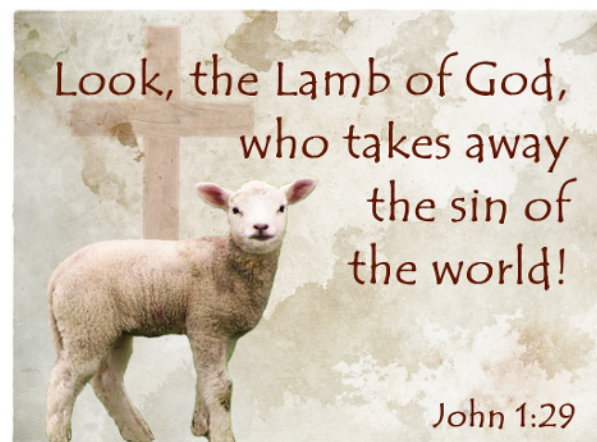
SERVICES THIS WEEK

18 January 2 nd Sunday of Epiphany	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
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Coombe Bissett	Maggie Metcalfe

The Gospel reading for the Second Sunday of Epiphany - John 1 v 29-42

The Lamb of God

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One."



The First Disciples of Jesus

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

THE CHALKE VALLEY ALPHA COURSE

Tickets required - no charge



Broad Chalke Village Hall 7.30pm
Introductory Supper 15th January



"The two most important days in your life are the day when you are born and the day you find out why"

Mark Twain

Readings for Sunday 18th January - The Second Sunday of Epiphany:

Old Testament : Isaiah 49 v 1- 7 **New Testament :** 1 Corinthians 1 v 1-9

Gospel: John 1 v 29 -42 **Psalm:** 40 v 1-12

Brenda Read-Brown



BUT I HAVEN'T FINISHED YET!

Join performance poet Brenda Read-Brown in a playful celebration of growing older

A show to amuse and delight anyone who is older than they were yesterday

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



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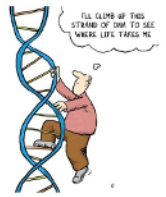
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APPEAL

**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 canapés and a cash bar
(18 years old and under : £5)

CONTACT FOR TICKETS

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



**8.10am BBC Radio 4
One Body, One Spirit**

A service for the beginning of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity from Belfast



3.00pm BBC Radio 3 Choral Evensong

Choral Evensong from St Lawrence Church, York with the Ebor singers.



Last Sunday, the Martin family of Nunton Farm brought their family plough to Nunton Church for Plough Sunday.

This plough belonged to John Martin, Simon's grandfather, and was

worked behind cart horses before tractors arrived on the farm in the 1930s. The plough was blessed by Rhoddy Vorenberg, the new agricultural chaplain, and Revd Dr Ruth Howlett-Shiple.

Plough Sunday is a traditional January service marking the start of the farming year, asking for protection over the land and for a safe and productive growing season ahead.



REVEALED JESUS

Thursday, 15 January 2026

Heavenly Father,
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:
may we recognize him as our Lord
and know ourselves to be your beloved children;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

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