CHALKE VALLEY BENEFICE

November 12th 2026

Church News

Sunday 15th November – 2nd Sunday before Advent			
8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Fifield Bavant	Alison Waterhouse
9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bishopstone	Alison Waterhouse
9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Odstock	Ruth Howlett-Shipley
11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Berwick St John	Alison Waterhouse
11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Ruth Howlett-Shipley
4.00pm	Sunday Praise	Bowerchalke	Kate Woolven

The Gospel reading for Sunday 15th November

Matthew 25 v 14 - 30 - The Parable of the Talents



"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

Readings for Sunday 15th November - 2nd Sunday before Advent

Old Testament : Zephaniah 1 v 7 and 12 - end **New Testament :** 1 Thessalonians 5 v 1 - 11

Gospel: Matthew 25 v 14 - 30 **Psalm** 90 v 1-8

Coombe Bissett CE VA Primary School

11 am on 11 November saw a moving Act of Remembrance at Coombe Bissett War Memorial led by the children of Ash class of the Primary School. The names of the fallen were each spoken by a child and then the class beautifully recited 'In Flanders' Field'. Colonel John Greenhalgh spoke about his experiences in the military and answered many great questions posed by the children. This year's ceremony was especially meaningful as it coincided with the village coffee morning in the church which meant that several people from Coombe Bissett and Homington also attended. It was wonderful to see the children and adults chatting over drinks and biscuits in the church afterwards. Thanks to all involved.





The younger children in the school had made their own poppies and wreaths which were 'planted' in the school playground at a simple Act of Remembrance there afterwards.

'We will Remember Them'



Coombe Bissett Church



Nunton Church

People from Britford, Charlton all Saints, Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham gathered for the Remembrance Day service held this year in St Andrews Nunton. The weather was kind and the birds sang as we expressed our gratitude and honoured those who didn't return. We will remember



Wreaths at Nunton Church

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

CHARLTON ALL SAINTS

4-8 December

Friday 4 Dec 7pm
Opening Night
Drinks Reception Fundraiser

Countdown
Carols
Santa
Bar

Tickets £15
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Chris Clark 01725 510891

Saturday 5 Dec 2–5pm
Saintly Cafe

Sunday 6 Dec 2–5pm
Saintly Cafe

Tuesday 8 Dec 7.30pm
Downton Band Concert

The Gift of Christmas

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 '300 Years'

A service marking 300 years of St Martin-in-the-Fields' remarkable church building



6.00pm - BBC Radio 4 Choral Evensong

live from St Martin-in-the-Fields, London

National Emergency Briefing

People's Emergency Briefing

On the climate and nature crisis

The Radnor Hall

Come along to watch the film and join the discussion

The Radnor Hall, Bodenham, SP5 4EQ

1 December 6.30pm for 7pm start

Minimum age 16

Tickets £2 from newsandnotes.net/event-list