



Church News

SERVICES THIS WEEK

16 November 2 nd Sunday before Advent	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bishopstone	Ruth H-S
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Odstock	Maggie Metcalfe
	9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Bowerchalke	Alison Waterhouse
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Kate Woolven
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Coombe Bissett	Ruth H-S
	11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Berwick St John	Alison Waterhouse

The Gospel reading for Sunday 16th November - The Second Sunday before Advent - Luke 21 v 5 - 19

Destruction of the Temple Foretold

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

Signs and Persecutions

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.



"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

Readings for this Sunday:

Old Testament : Malachi 4 v 1 - 20 New Testament : 2 Thessalonians 3 v 6 - 13

Gospel: Luke 21 v 5 - 19 Psalm: 98

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



An exploration of the awe and wonder found in both faith and physics

3.00pm

BBC Radio 3 'Choral Evensong'



Choral Evensong live from Chichester Cathedral



100 people gathered in St Mary's Odstock to remember and honour the fallen and those who still protect us. The last post and reveille were played faultlessly by Allegra and Venetia wrote a moving poem recognising that everyone played their part for peace. The poppy wreaths were hand knitted and crocheted by the Creativitea group that meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month in the Barker room.

Festive Fair Saturday 6th December 10am - 2pm

BARKER ROOM
ST ANDREW'S CHURCH,
NUNTON

Products to buy from our
Creativitea Group
and local crafters

Perfect for your gifts, stocking fillers
and tree decorations

Admission free

Donations welcome to support our churches
Refreshments available

ST MARY'S CHURCH, ALVEDISTON SP5 5LE
Saturday 22nd November, 6.30 for 7pm

Tim Laycock

concertina and melodeon

Colin Thompson

fiddle, viola & guitar

present traditional folk music from Wessex

TO DRIVE THE COLD WINTER AWAY

Cheery songs, seasonal tales and toe-tapping tunes by candlelight

Tickets in aid of St Mary's Tower Appeal
£15 / under-16s £7.50

from pen.teamtower@gmail.com in advance please

BACS payments - St Mary's PCC
sort code 30-97-41 a/c no 00391193 ref FOLK
CC payments - 07836 647330

Donations welcome for mulled cider & apple juice

Celebrating our new heaters!
www.alvedistonappeal.co.uk



Exploring God's Call - Lay Ministry

9 FEB 2026

7.00pm - 8.30pm

This online event is part of a series of sessions led by the Diocese of Salisbury Vocations Team for those who are exploring whether God might be leading them in a new direction, and focuses on lay ministry.

CLICK HERE for more info

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.



November 2025 - The School that is Growing

The success of the 2025 Appeal, Save Our School, has only been exceeded in our expectations by the progress of work on the Cueibet Church Primary School Project. Our Appeal Target of £20,000 was achieved in May thanks to the generosity of donors in the Chalke Valley and wider Chalke Deanery including a Deanery grant of £4,583.

The building of the new Primary School to replace the storm damaged original school funded by our deanery in 2016, is the biggest project undertaken since the formation of the Chalke-Cueibet Partnership in 2013. The building of the two classroom blocks has been planned in phases to enable funding to be put in place and to fit in with the annual rainy season which tends to be May to October. When Dr Sherwood Elcock reported back on his visit in February this year, the exterior of the first block of four classrooms was nearing completion.



'This structure is impressive. It is a total rebuild and built to a much higher standard. The doors and windows are all in place with strong locks on the doors and shutters for the windows. The internal walls are rendered and await painting. The builders are in the process of levelling the floor which will then be covered by a layer of mud bricks and surfaced with a cement screed. Finally the external rendering

will be applied to the lower parts of the external walls. The furniture for both phases has been purchased and is awaiting completion of the work prior to installation. There has been a specialist roofing contractor as well as an overall site manager. I have met both and congratulated them on their work. The head teacher Moses Mayan has overseen the project. **Most importantly, the whole community is proud of the school and is committed to completing all phases of the project.'**

The ambition and determination to continue with the project's second block of classrooms has impressed us. Work began in April, then was discontinued for the rainy season, but also because of a lack of funds at the time. The plan is larger than originally envisaged and the work is of a higher specification than the first block, using fired 'red' bricks which we have not previously seen in Cueibet. It is now intended to build five classrooms and two offices rather than the original two and one. Building has reached window sill height and is now paused awaiting further funds. We and the School Building Committee have agreed that completion will have to be in two phases lasting into 2026. We have the funds to send out this November for the next phase. Thereafter, we are relying on new donations.!



The Diocese of Cueibet is currently at a time of change. While the School Project and other activities continue, Bishop Elijah Matueny Awet reached the retirement age of 65 for bishops in the Province of South Sudan at the end of May 2025. The search is on for his successor. This process is likely to take at least twelve months. Meanwhile, we are in contact with Archbishop Alapayo Manyang Kuctiel of Rumbek who has oversight of Cueibet Diocese. We know him. Dr Sherwood Elcock met him earlier this year. The Archbishop has permitted us to continue to use Bishop Elijah, who is also based in Rumbek, as an intermediary in our regular dealings with Cueibet.