

Church News

SERVICES THIS WEEK

9 November REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY



10.45am	Remembrance Service
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	followed by Communion in church
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11.20am	Remembrance Service

Berwick St John Bowerchalke Broad Chalke

Bishopstone Coombe Bissett Odstock Ebbesbourne Wake Barney Hopkinson Kate Woolven Alison Waterhouse

Tony Monds Ruth H-S Maggie Metcalfe Jenny Taylor

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Nexander I. Fraser

Even in challenging November, the brilliance of the autumn sun causes the beech trees to dazzle with their yellows, gold, copper, and russet. But by now many of the other trees have lost their leaves. Without them the true size and shape of each is revealed; the girth of the trunk; the way they have grown to endure wind and weather; the size and direction of their branches. They stand strong, gaunt, mighty, and immovable.

Idly gazing at a large, naked ash the other day, I thought about the strength we need to cope with the storms of life when they hit, and where we find it when we are stripped of our equilibrium and wellbeing, and we discover that we may not be the people we thought we were.

In the Bible, King David suffered intense persecution at the hand of King Saul before he was finally crowned. Yet, some of his most beautiful psalms were written during this time of pain and struggle. For example, Psalm 61



1 Hear my cry, O God; listen to my prayer.

2 From the ends of the earth I call to you, call as my heart grows faint; lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

3 For you have been my refuge, a strong tower against the foe.

David understood that when we are really struggling there is only one place to turn. God is indeed our strong tower. He is our refuge and our strength. But we need to understand that, before we can turn to God for his help and protection. We may know this but there are many who don't.

We are holding an Alpha Course in the New Year, starting on 15th January in the Broad Chalke Village Hall. The course is an introduction to God and Christianity. The first session will be an overview of the course. We are asking our congregations to come and to bring a friend, someone who may at some point need to know that God can provide the strength and help they need to see them through their own November storm.

Revd Kate Woolven

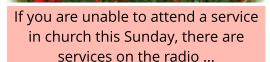
In Flanders' Fields

In Flanders' fields the poppies blow Between the crosses, row on row, That mark our place; and in the sky The larks, still bravely singing, fly Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead. Short days ago We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow, Loved, and were loved, and now we lie In Flanders' fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch, be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders' fields.

Major John McCrae, 1915





8.10am BBC Radio 4

A service of Remembrance from Wellington College

10.30am BBC Radio 4

A service of Remembrance from the Cenotaph



3.00pm BBC Radio 3 'Choral Evensong'

Choral Evensong from the Old Royal Naval College, Greenwich



Readings for this Sunday:

Old Testament

Job 19 v 23-27a

New Testament

2 Thessalonians 2 v 1-5, 13-end

Gospel

Luke 20 v 27-38

Psalm

17 v 1-9

Friends of Bishopstone Church
IN AID OF BISHOPSTONE CHURCH ROOF APPEAL

It's Not Rocket Science (Well, it is actually . . .)

Come and join me, Toby Mills, a real Rocket Scientist and learn about

- The history of rockets
- · How rockets work
- · Getting into orbit
- Travelling the cosmos
- The future of rocketry and much more

No mathematical knowledge required!

Never again will you wonder how a rocket works Amaze your friends with your new found knowledge

on Friday 7th November 2025 at 7.00pm for 7:30pm in the Bishopstone Village Hall

Tickets £12.50 – includes first drink and snacks (18 years old and under: £5)

CONTACTS FOR TICKETS
Sarah Seal – theseal1@outlook.com
Anne Stutchbury – annewheelwright@gmail.com

BONFIRE BASH

Saturday 8 November at 6 pm

Charlton All Saints Barn

Tickets from

Chris Clark 01725 510891

Or online

https://bit.ly/4n3FSvn



Early Bird By 6 Nov

Standard 7-8 Nov

Adults £8 Kids 5-14 £4 Adults £10 Kids 5-14 £5

Bar with Beer & Mulled Wine Fireworks *Hot dogs* Raffle

Evensongs

An evening with Bishop Andrew Rumsey

'eaturing songs from his new album and readings from his acclaimed book English Frounds: A Pastoral Journal (described as "a total delight" by Simon Jenkins), Evensongs ollows Andrew's poetic route through unlikely corners of our country's heritage.

Thursday 6th November -7pm St Michael's Church, Mere

Tickets: £10 (advance) £12 (on the day)

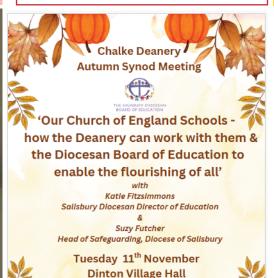


Really beautiful. Andrew Rumsey has a voice like I your favourite records from the 60's & 70's... miniscent of George Harrison, Leonard Cohen Tim Hardin.... Kathreyn Williams



"These recordings in a church are an inspiration I love the way Andrew's songs tell such unique... stories."

Tickets available at www.friendsofstmichaels.org



Bratch Lane, Dinton SP3 5EB

6.30pm for a 6.45pm start

welcome

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

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TO DRIVE THE COLD WINTER AWAY

Cheery songs, seasonal tales and toetapping 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



Services in Chalke Valley Benefice November 2025





•	9.30am	Patronal Festival Communion	Broad Chalke	Alison Waterhouse
	9.30am	All Souls Service	Berwick St John	Lay Led
2 November	9.30am	Parish Communion	Britford	Maggie Metcalfe
ALL SAINTS'	11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Pen Milburn
DAY		Parish Communion (CW)	Coombe Bissett	Alison Waterhouse
		Family Service	Odstock	Adrian Taylor
	I	All Souls Service	Bishopstone	Sally Leaver
		Remembrance Service	Berwick St John	Barney Hopkinson
9 November		Remembrance Service	Bowerchalke	Kate Woolven
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		Remembrance Service	Odstock	Maggie Metcalfe
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		Parish Communion (CW)	Bishopstone	Ruth H-S
16 November	I	Parish Communion (CW)	Odstock	Maggie Metcalfe
2 nd Sunday	I	Holy Communion (BCP)	Bowerchalke	Alison Waterhouse
before Advent	I	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
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Charlton All Saints	Ruth H-S
	I	Parish Communion (CW)	Broad Chalke	Alison Waterhouse
23 November		Family Service	Nunton	Adrian Taylor
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	I	Morning Prayer	Berwick St John	Lay Led
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		Holy Communion (BCP)	Berwick St John	Alison Waterhouse
7 December	I	Parish Communion	Britford	Ruth H-S
2 nd Sunday	I	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Biddy Trahair
of Advent	1	Parish Communion (CW)	Coombe Bissett	Ruth H-S
	I	Family Service	Odstock	Adrian Taylor
	6.00pm	Carol Service	Stratford Tony	Ruth H-S

Ministry Team: Team Rector ~ The Revd Dr Ruth Howlett-Shipley: 01722 697022

Team Vicar ~ The Revd Alison Waterhouse: 07904 034221

Associate Priests ~ The Revd Maggie Metcalfe: 01722 325825, The Revd Kate Woolven: 07754 582395

Team Administrator ~ Mrs Emily Broomhead: 07890 262376

Clergy 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.

We welcome Revd Alison back from her travels to India. Revd Alison's non-working day is a Friday.

Revd Ruth will be taking annual leave until Saturday 8th November. Revd Ruth's non-working day is a Monday.

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