

Church News

Sunday 4th October- 18th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Berwick St John	Ruth Howlett-Shipley
9.30am	Harvest Festival	Bowerchalke	Kate Woolven
11.00am	Harvest Festival & Communion	Britford	Maggie Metcalfe
11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Biddy Trahair
11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Coombe Bissett	Jenny Taylor
11.00am	Family Service	Odstock	Adrian Taylor
11.00am	Harvest Festival & Communion	Broad Chalke	Ruth Howlett-Shipley

‘Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness’ is the first line of John Keats’ poem *In Autumn* written in September 1819. The poem evokes, in carefully chosen words and succinct sentences, the beauty of this season. The vibrant colours, the crunchy leaves, smells of apples; the smooth conkers in their spikey shells and the sweet fruit – all our senses alert at this time of year. The mists have been particularly welcome after such a long dry spell, and as they lift over the fields in the early morning revealing the dew laden, now miraculously re-greened grass, they offer us time to reflect on the changing season and the faithfulness of our Creator. It is a suitable time to celebrate, as many of us have been, our traditional Harvest Festivals, even though our farmers report that ‘all was safely gathered in’* much earlier this year. Our churches have been bedecked with abundant fresh produce from the generous land; the flowers brightly red, orange and purple next to bulbous gourds and magnificent pumpkins.

*Season of mists and
mellow fruitfulness*



Yet Moses reminds us in the book of Deuteronomy, not to forget the Lord our God who has repeatedly brought us through trials, and still provides for us, overwhelming us with abundant goodness. We are reminded of the importance of noticing this, and of gratitude. Of how giving thanks improves the health and wellbeing of all involved, making us more inclined to be kind and generous, changing the atmosphere both locally and more widely.

God’s commandments are designed for the benefit of all people, and saying thank you - praising God and those around us for their kindness or good deeds - is one of them. One from which we should notice instant results. So, come ye thankful people come, say thank you to someone today, perhaps even to God, and do so again tomorrow, and the next day for that matter, and don’t stop there. The world will be a better place as a result.

Revd Maggie Metcalfe

**Come, Ye Thankful People, Come by Henry Alford*

Readings for Sunday 4th October - 18th Sunday after Trinity

Old Testament : Isaiah 5 v 1 - 7 **New Testament** : Philippians 3 v 4b - 14

Gospel: Matthew 21 v 33 - end **Psalm** 80 v 9 - 17

Harvest service

at St Peter's Church Britford

on Sunday 4 October
at 11 o'clock

Followed by a **Harvest Lunch**
at The McCoy's Barn

Everyone is welcome

Please let Shelagh 07917195242 or Sarah 07386 606433
or Maggie 07989 895149 know if you'd like to come



BARN DANCE

Bowerchalke
5.30pm - 9.30pm
Hambledon Hopstep Band
Saturday 3rd October

Tickets
Adult £15.00
Child £7.50

Food included and a pay bar

Tickets Saturday Night 12th Sept
01492 202020 or 07818 3766301



Saturday 3rd October 2026

12.30 - 1.15pm

All Saints' Church,
Broad Chalke

Bach and his Friends



Miranda Dodd: recorder and
baroque violin,
Matthew Dodd: baroque
bassoon
James Watts: baroque oboe
Warwick Cole: harpsichord

Imagine if we could go back in time and talk with Bach, arguably the greatest baroque composer. What would he say about his friends? It is difficult to know because we have very few personal letters and other records written by him. However, we do know that he copied and performed music by Zelenka and Stölzel and Telemann was godfather to one of his children. This lunchtime concert (including drinks and light nibbles from 12.00) will include music by Bach and all of these 'friends'.

Hope to see you there.

Free admission
Retiring collection in aid of All Saints' Church
www.salisburymusick.org.uk

Registered charity number 121144

JOIN US FOR OUR

HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE



SUNDAY
04/10 2026
9.30 AM

HOLY TRINITY
BOWERCHALKE

BOWERCHALKE HARVEST FESTIVAL



We are collecting for the Trussell Trust at our
Harvest Festival.

The items they need are

Tinned Meat/Meals
Fruit Juice (Long Life)
Coffee
Biscuits
Jam
Tinned Potatoes
Tinned Fruit
Deodorant
Shower Gel
Chocolate

Friends of Bishopstone Church
IN AID OF BISHOPSTONE CHURCH DEVELOPMENT

An Antiques Evening



Presented by **Jeremy Lamond**

The evening will be led by Jeremy Lamond,
Head of Valuations at Woolley & Wallis

Jeremy will begin with a presentation entitled:

A Day in the Life of an Auctioneer

This will be followed by a light supper

After which you will have the opportunity to show your family
heirlooms for Jeremy to discuss
(One item per household & NO jewellery please)

Friday 9th October at 7.30

Bishopstone Village Hall, SP5 4AA

Tickets **£12.50** to include a light supper and a cash & card bar



CONTACTS FOR TICKETS
Sarah Seal - theseal1@outlook.com
Tony Clarke - tonyclarke103@gmail.com



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
'Open thou our lips'

A celebration of Choral Evensong



Facebook
Every Sunday at
9.00 am

FULLNESS OF LIFE

Thursday, 1 October 2026

Gracious God,
you call us to fullness of life:
deliver us from unbelief
and banish our anxieties
with the liberating love
of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY



St John the Baptist Bishopstone



All are welcome to a
Celebration Parish Communion Service
on Sunday 11 October 2026 at 11.00am

led by Bishop Tim Thornton
(formerly Bishop of Sherborne, Bishop of Truro,
Bishop of Lambeth, Bishop to HM Forces,
Bishop for the Falkland Islands)

A Thanksgiving for the completion of the repairs to the
North Transept Roof and for the generosity and work of all
who have been involved in this project.

To be followed by refreshments in Bishopstone Village Hall
and an exhibition of photographs showing the successful
journey of the Roof Project.

If you wish to attend this celebration, please notify
Sarah Seal: theseal1@outlook.com / 01722 780305
by Saturday 3 October

ITEMS & DONATIONS REQUESTED FOR VISIT TO UGANDA



Emily Ward and myself are travelling to Northern Uganda in mid November to see CRESS' work in the refugee camps – we would love to take items with us as before and are looking for donations of

- nearly new men's shirts (clean and ironed with no fraying)
- new packets of ladies underpants sizes 10 – 14 (these are light and always needed)

Any funds for the trip would be used for feeding people – it is not possible to visit a camp without providing food for a meal which includes some meat – last time we visited a church, 1000 refugees ate with us, they last had meat 4 years previously when we visited.

Please bring any donations to Knighton Manor, or give to me in person. If you wish to donate money online you can through BACS

Name of account : CRESS
Sort Code : 40-12-18
Account number :
71407090
ref: Trip

With many thanks as
always,
Caroline



Friends of Bishopstone Church
IN AID OF BISHOPSTONE CHURCH DEVELOPMENT



Christmas Garland Workshop *With Emily Broomhead*

Join us for a festive workshop led by Emily, a professional flower arranger and an RHS Chelsea Gold Medallist. Learn how to create a beautiful Christmas Garland. All materials will be provided; however, Emily requests that you bring your own bag of evergreen foliage.

Saturday 28th November 10.00 – 12.00
Bishopstone Village Hall, SP5 4AA

Tickets £20: includes Tuition, Materials, Coffee & Cake
Tickets limited so book early to avoid disappointment



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If you are unable to make a Harvest service in church, there is a Church of England recorded service available by clicking

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The Gospel reading for Sunday 4th October

Matthew 21 v 33 - end - The Parable of the Wicked Tenants

"Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. Then he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord's doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes?'



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.

Rev'd Ruth Tel: 01722 697022

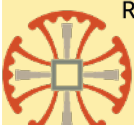
Rev'd Ruth's non-working day is a Monday.

Rev'd Alison: 01722 697404 or 07904 034221

Rev'd Alison's non-working day is a Friday.

Rev'd Kate: 07754 582395

Rev'd Maggie: 01722 325825



"Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.