

# Church News

## **SERVICES THIS WEEK**

12 October 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity 9.30am Parish Communion (CW)

9.30am Family Communion (CW)

10.30am Worship Together

11.00am Parish Communion (CW)

11.00am Harvest Festival

3.00pm Harvest Festival

5.30pm Evening Prayer (BCP)

Bowerchalke Nunton

Broad Chalke Hub

Homington

Alvediston

Fifield Bavant

Charlton All Saints

Alison Waterhouse Ruth H-S Janet Roe Ruth H-S Alison Waterhouse

Biddy Trahair

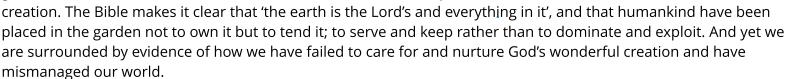
Ruth H-S

## Come ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home'

This is a time of thanksgiving as we gather together to thank God for the harvest, and we have so much to be thankful for! We live in an amazing valley and, despite the climatic challenges that this year has brought, we celebrate the harvest of our fields and our farms and all those who bring food to our tables and meet our physical needs.

As we give thanks for the farmers, we also thank God too for the harvest of our community, our common life together. We give thanks to all those volunteers who work so hard, often behind the scenes, to keep our villages running; whether by supporting the vulnerable in our communities or the army of church cleaners, flower ladies and so many others who maintain our churches.

In the church's year we are in the season of creationtide, when we not only give thanks for God's creation, but also reflect on our stewardship of that





The ecological crisis we face is real, but we have a choice as to how we respond. We could shrug our shoulders and conclude that it is all too difficult... or we can re-think how we relate to the world and to one another. Our choices matter! We are not just spectators but can be active participants in the future of our world. We are called to take stock of all that has been entrusted to us and use those gifts in ways that care for creation. We need to be wise and faithful stewards of our wonderful world. We need to live as if the earth is not our possession, but our inheritance, and our gift to those who follow.

Revd Ruth

**Readings for this Sunday: Old Testament**: 2 Kings 5 v 1-3 & 7 - 15c

**New Testament**: 2 Timothy 2 v 8 - 15 **Gospel**: Luke 17 v 11 - 19 **Psalm**: 111



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



CHORAL EVENSONG

## 8.10am BBC Radio 4 'Sunday Worship'

Farsi Christians - hope in the midst of trial

## 3.00pm BBC Radio 3 'Choral Evensong'

Choral Evensong from the St Peter, Bolton-le-Moors with the Diocese of Manchester choral scholars

# BONFIRE BASH

Saturday 8 November at 6 pm

**Charlton All Saints Barn** 

Tickets from

Chris Clark 01725 510891

Or online

https://bit.ly/4n3FSvn

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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

# "Going Foam Free" Arranging flowers without floral foam Talk and Mini-Demonstration with Mary-Ann Farmer Followed by coffee and cake Saturday 11th October, 10am at All Saints, Broad Chalke All are welcome to this free demonstration

# Arty Harvest in Nunton

We had fun making bread (Jesus said 'I am the bread of life. The bread that lasts. Anyone who comes to me will never be hungry'), and creating Harvest scenes.

The children helped in the Harvest festival service afterwards at which we welcomed Mike and Kerry Badger who updated us about the charity Morning Star in Salisbury.

A wonderful shared tea followed which was enjoyed by many as we celebrated Gods abundant generosity.

Revd Maggie





Friends of Bishopstone Church

IN AID OF BISHOPSTONE CHURCH ROOF APPEAL

## **OP BANNER**

THE TROUBLES IN NORTHERN IRELAND 1969 - 2007



A PERSONAL VIEWPOINT BY ROGER STOCKTON

## BISHOPSTONE VILLAGE HALL FRIDAY 10 OCTOBER 2025 7.00PM FOR 7.30PM

OP BANNER, the British Army's counter-terrorism operation in Northern Ireland lasted for 38 years. It was the longest single campaign that the British Army has ever been Involved in, and it took place in part of the United Kingdom.

Roger spent 5 years on operational service in Northern Ireland and will offer personal views on how the campaign developed, how it was played out and underlying ramifications that still affect our politics today.

TICKETS £12.50 each - INCLUDES FIRST DRINK AND SNACKS

### CONTACTS FOR TICKETS

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We had a joyful Harvest Supper in Britford on Saturday evening which celebrated our community and the abundant gifts with which we are blessed. Thanks to all involved especially Shelagh and Sarah, and all the cooks.

We had a lovely service the next day the church looked splendid and the generous offerings were taken to charities in Salisbury. *Revd Maggie* 

