



# Church News

## SERVICES THIS WEEK

12 October 17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bowerchalke	Alison Waterhouse
	9.30am	Family Communion (CW)	Nunton	Ruth H-S
	10.30am	Worship Together	Broad Chalke Hub	Janet Roe
	11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Homington	Ruth H-S
	11.00am	Harvest Festival	Alvediston	Alison Waterhouse
	3.00pm	Harvest Festival	Fifield Bavant	Biddy Trahair
	5.30pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Charlton All Saints	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 creation. The Bible makes it clear that 'the earth is the Lord's and everything in it', and that humankind have been placed in the garden not to own it but to tend it; to serve and keep rather than to dominate and exploit. And yet we are surrounded by evidence of how we have failed to care for and nurture God's wonderful creation and have mismanaged our world.



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 ...



### 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>



**Early Bird**  
**By 6 Nov**

**Adults £8**  
**Kids 5-14 £4**

**Standard**  
**7-8 Nov**

**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 11<sup>th</sup> October, 10am  
at  
All Saints, Broad Chalke

All are welcome to this free demonstration

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**

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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*

### 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*



The Chalke Valley Churches invite you to one of the

## Services for All Souls

**30<sup>th</sup> October 6pm** St Michael & All Angels Coombe Bissett

**31<sup>st</sup> October 6pm** Holy Trinity Bowerchalke

**2<sup>nd</sup> November 9.30am**  
St John the Baptist  
Berwick St John  
& **6pm** St John the Baptist  
Bishopstone

