

Church News

Sunday 13th September – 15th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bowerchalke	Ruth Howlett-Shipleigh
9.30am	Morning Prayer	Charlton All Saints	Alison Waterhouse
11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Nunton	Alison Waterhouse
11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Homington	Ruth Howlett-Shipleigh
11.00am	All Age Service	Alvediston	Biddy Trahair
3.00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Fifield Bavant	Biddy Trahair

This time of the year is one where there are many changes and many new beginnings. Children have returned to school, or maybe moved onto new schools, colleges or universities. We have officially entered the season of Autumn and after the heatwaves of summer we have had some days when the temperature has dropped and the weather has started to turn autumnal, the nights are drawing in and we are about to start Harvest Festival season.

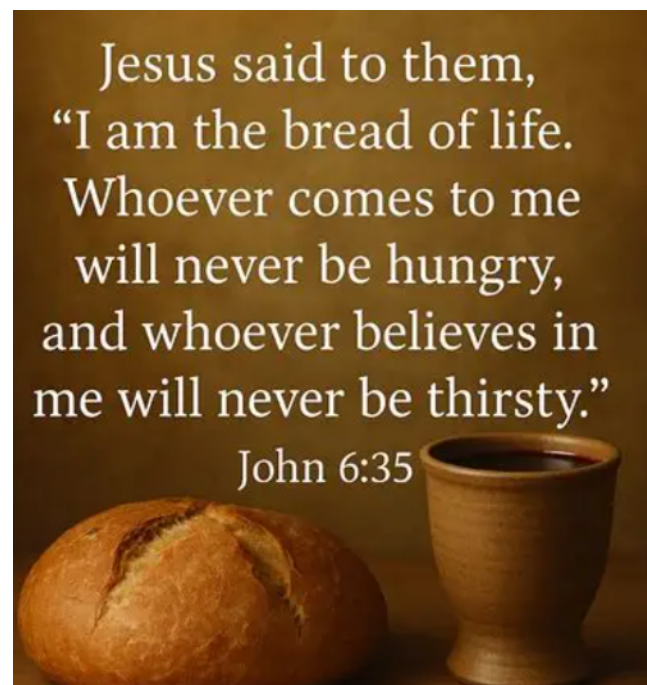
Harvest is a time when we celebrate the wonders of God's creation and give thanks to God for his goodness. It is a time of celebration, but it is also a time of change. The crops have been stored away and the growing season is over for this year, but we are also aware that this is also a new beginning. The soil is being prepared for next year's harvest and the cycle will start all over again.

Endings and change can be hard for many of us, but we can also be glad that endings and change lead to new beginnings. At General Synod in July there was a lot of discussion about re-wilding; about leaving nature alone and watching what happens. We were shown examples of barren land where letting nature take its course led to incredible biodiversity; creation is a wonderful thing and the land gradually came back to life with a staggering range of plants and animals.

The talk of re-wilding made me reflect on wonder what could be in store for us in the Chalke Valley if we really allow God's love to flourish here? But it is also clear that we cannot leave everything to nature; without the conscious and determined efforts of our farmers throughout the year we wouldn't have food on our tables. And in the same way we can't just sit back and do nothing if we want to 'Make Jesus Known' in our communities; we all have a part to play in spreading the good news of the Gospel.

As we celebrate Harvest and the ongoing cycle of creation let us all truly remember that Jesus tells us, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

Rev'd Dr Ruth Howlett-Shipleigh



Readings for Sunday 13th September - 15th Sunday after Trinity

Old Testament : Genesis 50 v 15 - 21 **New Testament :** Romans 14 v 1- 12

Gospel: Matthew 18 v 21 - 35 **Psalm** 103 v 1 - 13

Sunday Praise &



Sunday 20th September
11.00am
Holy Trinity, Bowerchalke

BERWICK ST JOHN COUNTRY FAYRE

Friday Sunday
18th-20th September

Gate Open Times
 Friday 6pm-11:30pm
 Saturday 10am-11:30pm
 Sunday 10am-4pm

Enjoy Live Music in the bar from Friday night

Featuring a new Young Exhibitors Area for this year's show!

Entry By Donation
 With all profits to **Stars Appeal**

Come and see working tractors, military vehicles, steam engines and classic cars at our weekend-long show in the Wiltshire village of Berwick St John.

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Scan here to visit
www.berwickstjohncountryfayre.co.uk

STARS APPEAL

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18-20 SEPT 2026

HOMINGTON INTERNATIONAL ARTS * FESTIVAL

FRIDAY
North Sea Radio Orchestra
 James Larcombe

SATURDAY
Marco Cannavó & Steve Tyler
LUMINOUS FOUNDATION
 Mr Bellicanta
 Linda Coggins Pete Aves Emily Jones

SUNDAY
 Katherine Blake Brian Gulland Simon Boxall Keith Moliné
 Frank Byng Simon Birch Chloé Herington
Ouse Valley Morris
Sarum Morris
 ... & more

tickets - <https://tinyurl.com/hiaf26>

St. Mary the Virgin Church, Homington, Salisbury, Wilts. SP5 4NG

HARVEST SUPPER
Bring & Share
Saturday 26 September
 5pm to eat at 6pm
ALL SAINTS' CHURCH
CHARLTON ALL SAINTS

Bring food & drink to share with your neighbours

Bring a tin of food for the Tower of Tins to share with The Larder Foodbank in Downton

Harvest quiz
 Corn dolly making

Free Community Event
 Everyone Welcome

Please let us know numbers so we can get the right number of chairs & tables
 Clare, Chris, Mel, Wendy, Janine, David

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

Heritage Fund

Come and Sing in our new Benefice Choir

Many years ago the valley was full of choirs singing the services in our churches. Nowadays we have only choirs on special occasions, which is rather a shame.

To bring back choral singing, even if only from time to time, we are forming a Benefice Choir which will sing in our churches, though not every weekend.

Our first service is planned for 18 October. After that, we aim for singing at the Benefice service on the Fifth Sunday which is about once a quarter.

No experience needed - just lots of enthusiasm
 All ages & abilities welcome

If you would like to know more, please contact Mark Bridges by email mark@pontibus.uk or by phone 01747 828383 or 07747 840511

HOLY TRINITY BOWERCHALKE

GLOBAL PRAYER WEEK

6-13 SEPTEMBER

Thank you to all involved in the Global Prayer Week held at Bowerchalke Church this week, especially Revd Kate Woolven for leading the daily services.

The Morning Prayer services have been a time to stop, breathe, reflect and pray in our busy lives. The services have also been a time think of, and pray for, our brothers and sisters across the world in need of our prayers.



The Gospel reading for Sunday 13th September Matthew 18 v 21 - 35 - 'Forgiveness'

Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times."

The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."



SAVE US

Thursday, 10 September 2026

Merciful God,
your Son came to save us
and bore our sins on the cross:
may we trust in your mercy
and know your love,
rejoicing in the righteousness
that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY



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

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INVITES YOU TO

Let's talk about it!

A FRIENDLY, RELAXED DROP-IN SESSION
ABOUT DEATH, DYING AND END OF LIFE
Whether you are planning ahead, supporting a
loved one or just curious - you are not alone.
Come along, ask questions, leave
and let's make it a conversation - not a taboo!

FRIDAY 11th SEPTEMBER 2pm - 6pm
WILTON PLACE CARE HOME, WILTON

SPEAK TO REPRESENTATIVES FROM:

- Chris White Funeral Directors
- Salisbury Crematorium and Cemeteries
- Salisbury Hospice
- Local Parishes
- Salisbury Breakfast
- Salisbury's End of Life Network
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REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED
Tea, coffee and something tasty

Thanks to our wonderful host at
WILTON PLACE CARE HOME
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Let's support each other. Let's plan ahead. Let's live well and die well.
#LiveWellDieWell

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 'Journeying towards Bangor'

Manon Ceridwen James journeys from the
Llyn Peninsular to Bangor as she prepares
to become Bishop of Bangor

6.00pm - BBC Radio 3 Choral Evensong

Holy Sepulchre, London

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

