



Parish Magazine

March 2026



Bishopstone Flooding from the Air (Mill Lane)

Photo by James Gabriel, Drone Photography - 07425 127224

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Bishopstone Village Website

www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk

The village website carries a wealth of useful information about Bishopstone. Everything from the practical, such as street and footpath maps, the local weather forecast and service announcements, to full details of what's on in the village. There are pages devoted to the church, the Village Hall, amenities and services, including local organisations and shops. There are even digital copies of this magazine.

If you want to have any information included on the website please contact:
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A warm welcome to Bishopstone and Stratford Tony...

Please let us know if you know of anyone who moves into Bishopstone or Stratford Tony - or indeed if you yourself have recently moved in, please do introduce yourselves! - so that we can offer them/you a welcome in STaB. Although no one has sent me any information about this for months. Do we not know our neighbours any more, or shall I just remove this section?



Hello from the Revd Ruth Howlett Shipley



Celebration!

Last month I wrote celebrating the wonderful attendances at our Christmas services and this month we have even more to celebrate!

As you will all be aware, St John the Baptist Church in Bishopstone is in a very vulnerable position. You will, I am sure, be aware of the 'Save our Church' posters outside the church and the immediate requirement to repair the roof of the north transept.

Over the last months there has been a huge effort to find the funds for this major project. Sarah Seal, as Church warden, has taken a central role in this and has to be commended for her dedication to this; but we have also been incredibly blessed by the support of the whole community of Bishopstone.

Anne Stutchbury and 'The Friends of Bishopstone Church' have been totally supportive of this project and have committed substantial sums of money to support this... but with an estimated cost of well over £250,000 this is beyond the bounds of local funding, despite some incredibly generous local donations.

So, we come to our other local heroes! Roger Stockton and Toby Mills have tirelessly worked on our bid to the National Heritage Lottery Fund and, following their incredible efforts, last month we were so grateful that they have agreed funding of £248,000 towards this project.

You may feel that this is all 'done and dusted' but part of our bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund involved our commitment to their principles of inclusion and community development we still have so much more to do. We need to make sure that our church is accessible to all and need to improve access, we need to improve the facilities in the church including the provision of toilet facilities and so much more! This is all going to take a huge effort from the church congregations and from the wider community. Please continue to support us in these efforts.

St John the Baptist Church had been a central part of this community for centuries and we need to ensure that it retains this role for the centuries to come.

There has been fantastic engagement from our community in the fund raising events so far... please continue to support them as we move forward with this ambitious project to bring our church into the centre of the community.

With love and prayers,

Ruth

Friends of Bishopstone Church



The year started off very successfully with the Heritage Lottery Fund award to the North Transept Roof repairs. More news in this issue of STaB.

We held our first fund raising event in January when Brenda Read-Brown gave us a wonderful evening of performance poetry with audience participation, and a medley of heartfelt and amusing poems.

We had a visit to the church from the Shaftesbury and Gillingham U3A which was hosted by Sarah Seal and Anne Stutchbury, and after a talk and wander around the church, the group kindly left a generous donation to the Roof Appeal.

The next few events to make a note of –

Friday 6 March - **Francis Taylor's talk on DNA** – poster in STaB.

Friday 10 April – **Jerry Smith's talk on Assad's Chemical Weapons.**

Also advertised in STaB.

Thursday 28 May – **Garden Party at Faulston House** – more details to follow.

The tea towels sold like hot cakes before Christmas, and that record was broken when a second batch were sold in a morning on the Bishopstone Network. Thank you to all the buyers. A further order is being placed.

Meanwhile we have a few jigsaws, church guides and greetings cards available from Anne Stutchbury and Sarah Seal:

annewheelwright@gmail.com and theseal1@outlook.com

For donations and payments -

Friends Roof Appeal

Account no 88097160 Sort Code 30-97-41

Anne Stutchbury

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NATIONAL LOTTERY HERITAGE FUND BID FOR THE REPAIR TO THE ROOF OF THE NORTH TRANSEPT OF OUR CHURCH – FEBRUARY 2026 UPDATE

Our formal bid to the National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF), submitted to their London and the South office on 22 October 2025, was accepted by them on 19 January 2026. At the end of January we received formal notification of the grant award of just under £250,000 to cover the majority of the cost of repair to the roof of the North Transept of the church, with the remainder coming from donations.

The reconstruction work will be carried out by Ellis and Co of Shepton Mallet, who specialise in ecclesiastical building repairs.

It is tremendous news for everyone in the parish and will now allow our major project to proceed.

While the building team are ready to start work in a few weeks, all we are now waiting for is the receipt of a Bat Licence from Natural England – such are the environmental necessities that need to be in place before work begins! This licence is expected to be with us some time in March.

As we have previously indicated it is important to understand that a positive result was **not** a given. Our bid application was to the London and South Region of the National Lottery Heritage Fund. There was a total of 43 applications for the month of January. Of these applications, 17 were successful and of these only five were for churches. These were two churches in Gloucestershire who received £31,000 and £38,000 respectively, a church in Reading received £69,000, a church in Hanwell, West London received a grant of £244,000 and we received £248,279. This shows that competition for limited funding is fierce.

It does need to be understood that our grant is public funding. It therefore needs to be accounted for meticulously – and it will. In the last week the project team have had contact with our NLHF project representative and the delivery of our initial grant of 50% of the total funding has been set in motion. Meanwhile continued generosity is being shown by the village in supporting this project through many different initiatives.

It is our intention to continue with monthly updates on the progress of the project. Soon the church will begin to have scaffolding around the outside of the North Transept as well as internal scaffolding in the Farmers' Aisle. This means that there will have to be some restricted access to the church and the graveyard due to the erection of this scaffolding. Further detail, including the scope of any restrictions, will be published by the PCC on the village website and WhatsApp.

Toby and Roger



Deric Bailey and Jilly Ford

It was with much sadness that we learnt that Deric Bailey, a loyal member of our congregation, and one time church Warden, died not long before Christmas. Deric suffered from Parkinson's disease, but despite this, remained as active and involved with the village and church as he possibly could, helped, of course, by his devoted wife Joy. He was much loved by so many people, and it was lovely to see the church packed with his family and friends for his memorial service on January 17th. The family have also donated a significant amount from the collection made at that service, to the ongoing appeal in connection with the Transept roof.

We were also very sad to hear the news of the sudden death of Jilly Ford, just after Christmas. She too was a very active member of our village community, and also served on the PCC. She was always there, willing to help in any way possible, and always seemed to be smiling. Her funeral was held in mid-January, and again the church was packed with people wanting to pay their respects, and show their love and support. Her family have also been most generous, and have donated the money collected in her memory to the church roof project.

This village has lost two wonderful people. Our prayers and love go to both families. May Deric and Jilly Rest in Peace, and Rise in Glory.

Deric Ernest Howard Bailey

Joy, Martyn and Rachel would like to sincerely thank everyone who came to Deric's Thanksgiving Service, and who gave so generously in memory of him.

The wonderful sum of £1000 was given and has been distributed to Bishopstone Church, Parkinson's Disease and the Alzheimer's Society.

Thank you all so very much,
Joy, Martyn and Rachel



Thanks from Audrey Rogers

My 90th birthday I help in the Village Hall with my family and friends; it was a lovely day.

I asked for no presents, but donations if wished to my two charities. I'm sending Alzheimer's Society £275 and Cancer Research £275.

Thank you all, Audrey

Bishopstone Parish Council

REPORT BY GRAHAM HILL PARISH CLERK



The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 16 March 2026 and the agenda will be published on the Parish Council Website and on the Parish notice boards. Attendance at the meeting is encouraged.

As far as the Parish is concerned, we have suffered with the flood water. Several properties received water damage directly from the River Ebble overflowing, or indirectly from rising ground water and springs. The Flood Wardens have been busy during this time, offering assistance and advice to many people in the parish. Many lessons have been learnt but it is clear there is much to do to prevent this happening again. Much of this responsibility lies on the homeowners themselves. The Wardens and Emergency Planning Officer have recently had a meeting and will be briefing the council in March. We have developed a new page on the website with news and pictures about Storm Chandra. There are also lots of links to help with future floods and offering recovery advice.

As many of you will have seen, the plans for the new Whitlock development have been submitted to the planning department. A link can be found for the planning application on the Parish Website. At the present time there are no plans for a further council meeting, as Cherringtons presented the plans to the public and council pre submission. Feedback from the public who attended the council meeting was positive.

Cherringtons however, are happy to return to discuss the plans further if needed. The Parish response to the planning department will be discussed at the next council meeting in March. If you would like to make any views known during the public session, could you please email the Clerk, and he will make a note of your wish to speak. The council will then prepare their submission following the meeting.

Finally, we still have two vacancies for councillors to be co-opted onto the parish council. If you would like to know more or are interested in representing your village, please contact the Parish Clerk:

clerk@bishopstone-pc.gov.uk

Bishopstone Village Hall



March 2026

BISHOPSTONE COMMUNITY CAFÉ

The Village Hall Café opens every other Thursday and is a great place to relax and catch up with others in the community. Upcoming dates are 12th and 26th March and the 9th and 23rd April. Opening hours are from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Refreshments are currently offered free of charge.

ANNUAL SPRING FAYRE

Our ever-popular Spring Fayre will take place on Saturday 9th May, from 10.00am to 12 noon, with all the usual attractions to enjoy.

The plant stall will once again be a highlight, and we would be very grateful for any donations of spare plants, or seedlings of vegetables or flowers. These can be brought to the hall, which will be open to receive them on Friday 8th between 2.00pm and 4.00pm. More details will follow in the next edition — we hope you can join us!

MOVIOLA at Bishopstone

Friday 27th March.

The film for March will be 'The Ballad of Wallis Island'. ' An eccentric lottery winner living alone on a remote island reunites his favourite band - and former lovers – for a private concert, only for tensions to threaten his dream. Starring Carey Mulligan and Tom Basden.

Doors open from 7.00pm with the film beginning at 7.30pm. Entry to the film is £7.00. A cash bar with ices and snacks will be available. If possible, please book in advance with Caroline Ash on (01722) 781044 or Sue Taylor on 01722 780316.

A trailer for the film can be seen in the Events section of the village website at www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk.

The film on Friday 24th of April will be "The Choral"

BISHOPSTONE COMMUNITY LUNCHES

A home-cooked lunch is served monthly from October until April.

The March lunch will be on Wednesday 4th, with Bernard Purrier speaking about Whales and Dolphins.

Booking is essential. Please telephone Caroline Ash on (01722) 781044 and advise her of any dietary requirements. The cost is £8.50 for a two-course lunch and a drink. The time will be as usual: 12.00 noon for a 12.30 pm start.

The last lunch of the season will be on Wednesday 1st April, when Tara Slater, Adviser Team Manager of 'Beyond Dementia', will talk about the support they provide for people living with dementia. She will be accompanied by her colleague Veronica Prichard, who is a Dementia Adviser.

VILLAGE HALL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A note for your diaries is the AGM of the Village Hall Committee, which will be held on Monday 18th May at 7.30pm. Further details nearer the time.

BOOKINGS FOR SOCIAL EVENTS AND WORKSHOPS

Both halls are available for hire. To enquire or make a booking, please contact the bookings secretary, Margaret Barter (01722) 780471

BISHOPSTONE PLAYGROUP

The playgroup meets on Friday mornings during term time from 9.30 – 11.00 am. Breastfeeding support is available from qualified breastfeeding counsellor Cally Edwards and trained peer supporters. Find further information on our Facebook page, Bishopstone Playgroup or contact Cally on: callyedwards@me.com or 07968 797 168.

“EXTEND” EXERCISE CLASSES

For further information about these exercise classes, contact Jenny on 01722 780863, email: jennyberwynjones@yahoo.co.uk

PILATES AT BISHOPSTONE

For further information, contact Claudine on 07788 587937 or email: claudineblake@aol.com

YOGA WITH HANNAH

For more details, please contact Hannah Stocker at 0773 856 1888 or by email: yoga_with_hannah@outlook.com.

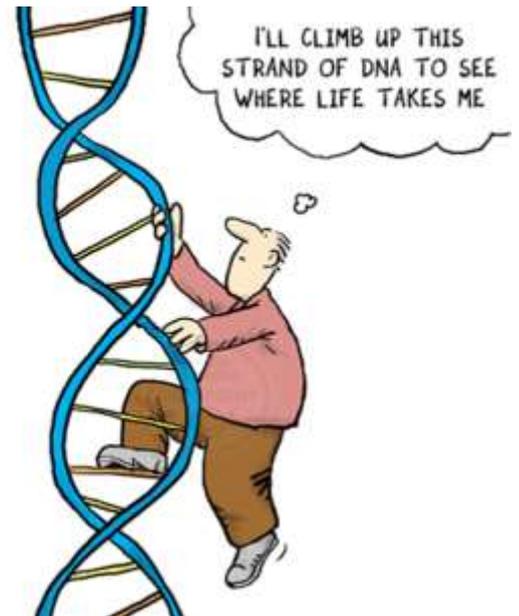
ART GROUP

An Art Group led by Russell Bignold meets every Thursday morning between 9.45am and 11.45am. Drawing, painting and sculpture (clay) are taught, covering all genres. Cost £20 per session, tea and biscuits provided. Contact Russell at russellbignold@btinternet. Website www.russellbignoldartist.com

Friends of Bishopstone Church
IN AID OF BISHOPSTONE CHURCH ROOF APPEAL

WHO ARE WE AND WHERE DO WE COME FROM?

Come on a journey with Francis Taylor to discover our origins starting with the emergence of Homo Sapiens in Africa. Track our migration across the globe using the analysis of ancient DNA.



On Friday 6th March at 7.00 for 7.30pm

in Bishopstone Village Hall

Tickets £12.50 – with canapes and a cash bar

(18 years old and under : £5)

CONTACT FOR TICKETS

Sarah Seal – theseal1@outlook.com

Anne Stutchbury – annewheelwright@gmail.com

Friends of Bishopstone Church
IN AID OF BISHOPSTONE CHURCH RENOVATIONS

A talk on
REMOVING ASSAD'S CHEMICAL WEAPONS
UN Syrian operations in action.



In 2012, the Syrian civil war was at its height. The Assad regime was on the defensive, with Opposition Forces closing in on the capital. Then reports appeared of strange clouds, mass poisoning, and death without visible injuries.

Jerry Smith, who lives in Bishopstone, was the Head of Operations for the Joint UN team that was sent to verify, disable and remove Assad's declared chemical arsenal. He outlines the challenges he faced in war-torn Syria.



Friday 10th April 7:00 pm for 7:30 pm start
Bishopstone Village Hall, SP5 4AA
Tickets £12.50 – with canapes and a cash bar
(18 years old and under: £5)



CONTACTS FOR TICKETS

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BISHOPSTONE VILLAGE HALL

Spring Fayre

Saturday 9th May 2026

at 10.00am

Refreshments and all the usual attractions,
including the famous Plant Stall.

Bishopstone Village Hall rates for private hire

Bishopstone Village Hall has 2 rooms that are available for hire for a wide range of functions. The larger room is ideal for children's parties with lots of space for running around. It can also accommodate wedding receptions, charity functions and large family celebrations.

The smaller room (The Memorial Room) is a good size for meetings and smaller gatherings.

The modern kitchen is spacious and fully equipped with an electric catering range, a professional 4 minute dishwasher, water boiler, hot cupboard, microwave oven, 2 fridges and a freezer, all suitable for professional caterers. There is also glassware, crockery and cutlery for over 80 people.

The hire charges include use of heating and electricity.

The rates are currently:

	Villagers	Non Villagers
Hire of both rooms (With full use of the kitchen)	£17 per hour	£22 per hour
Hire of both rooms (With tea making facilities but no other electrical kitchen equipment)	£12 per hour	£17 per hour
Full use of the kitchen <u>only</u>	£12 per hour	£17 per hour
Weddings – per event/day	£200	£300
Parties – per event/day	£125	£175

Broadband

An additional charge is made for use of the broadband connection of £6 per hour with a maximum of £25 per day.

Large projection screen

Use of this professional quality screen is charged at an additional £10 per event.

The hire period must include time to set up and clear away after the event.

For further information and bookings contact: Margaret Barter 01722 780471

Chalke Valley Community Support

POLICE

Call 999 in an emergency: an emergency is when someone is being threatened or at risk of getting injured, or a crime is in progress.

Call 101 for non-emergencies: such as reporting a crime that has already taken place, non-urgent incident, contacting local officers etc

To contact your Community Policing Team about a community-related matter, such as a school visit, then please email SalisburyAreaCPT@wiltshire.police.uk

Please note that this mailbox is not monitored 24/7.

You are unable to report crimes of any type via email and please do not report any situations that require an urgent response.

You can follow us on:

Facebook - www.facebook.com/salisburypolice

Twitter - www.twitter.com/SouthWiltsCPT

Community Messaging: Sign up to Community Messaging for news and updates from your local policing team: www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk

Sixpenny Handley and Chalke Valley Practice

Doves Meadow Surgery, Broad Chalke: 01722 780282

Broadchalke Surgery is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays

Sixpenny Handley Surgery: 01725 552500

www.sixpennydocs.co.uk



MOBILE LIBRARY

The Mobile Library will be calling at The Styles in Bishopstone between 1115-1135 on the following Thursdays:

12 Mar, 9 April, 7 May, 4 June, 2 July, 30 July



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OPENING HOURS, SHOP AND POST OFFICE

Mon-Fri: 7am-6pm, Sat: 7am-1pm

**Chalke
Valley
Stores
Broadchalke**

w: www.chalkevalleystores.co.uk

e: info@chalkevalleystores.co.uk Tel: 01722 780998

OPENING HOURS

Shop: Weekdays 9am - 5pm (until 4pm on Saturdays)

Post Office: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 9:30am- 1:30pm

Chalke Valley Link Scheme

Serving the Valley from Berwick St John to Bodenham since 1996 & awarded The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service in 2006, the Chalke Valley Link Scheme is a Registered Charity that provides good neighbour support with transport help for Valley residents. We can provide, for example: transport to a medical appointment, visiting family members in hospital, collecting prescriptions or changing library books.

If you live between Bishopstone & Britford/Bodenham please phone: **07795 620812** (Geoff Stephens, Jenny Monds or Debby Underhill on rotation).

The co-ordinator answering your call will take your details and contact a volunteer who can help you.

If your call is answered by a recorded message, please leave your contact details and a co-ordinator will respond as soon as possible. There is no set charge, but you are invited to make a donation towards our running costs.

All our co-ordinators and drivers are volunteers so please give us much notice as possible to find an available driver.

If you would like to become a volunteer driver to enable us to continue this service to our community, please contact the above number.

Registered as a Charity no. 1076335



Staying in Touch

STaB magazine is a vital source of communication in the village, keeping everyone informed as to what is happening locally. However, to keep up to date with what is going on there are three other important sources of information in Bishopstone - the village website, the Parish Council website and our own WhatsApp network.

The village website – www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk - carries all the latest news on events in the village (see page 2). Information on Parish Council meetings and initiatives is available at: www.bishopstone-pc.gov.uk.

The Bishopstone Network is a WhatsApp messaging service which enables information to be instantly shared to your mobile phone. This includes information on pretty much everything – recommendations on service providers, events, road closures, interruptions to electricity and water supplies, items being given away or for sale and the latest menu from the White Hart! You will need to download the App to your phone and then contact Piers Edwards (piersgedwards@gmail.com or 07920 475009) or Kate Pendlenton (kmpendlenton@hotmail.com or 07769202200) and ask to be added to the group.



Salisbury Foodbank

For this last month there were donations totalling £60 plus food totalling 12.3kgs. Thank you so much.

They are asking particularly for LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE... desperately needed please!

Also any of the usual, but with Easter almost with us then treats would be wonderful.

TINNED FOOD e.g. hot dogs, mince, stew etc; fish (not tuna); potatoes, vegetables (peas, carrots etc), fruit; soup.

DRINKS and DAIRY Long-life fruit juice, UHT Milk(1l), tea, coffee, squash.

CUPBOARD STAPLES Biscuits, crisps, snacks, sponge puddings, jam and spreads.

TOILETRIES and HOUSEHOLD Deodorant, 2 in 1 shampoo/conditioner, shower gel, razors, toothpaste, washing detergent (powder), washing up liquid.

So as you can see, anything but especially long-life fruit juice at the moment.

Thank you for the support you offer and hopefully your continuing support for this great cause.

As usual, you can leave donations either in the church or at The Old Post Office, The Cross, or call me on 01722 780306 if there's something you need collecting

With thanks.

Judy Barrett.



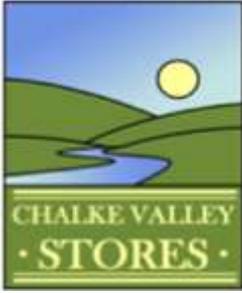
Village Hall Spring Fayre

SATURDAY 9TH MAY at 10 a.m.

Although it may not seem like it as I write, Springtime is coming! Our Spring Fayre is taking place on the 9th May. It will include a plant stall having a wide variety of shrubs, vegetables and flower plants. Please could you let us have any spare plants or seedlings that you may have. This provides a dual purpose of great value plants and generates an interest in gardening as well as helping the funds of the Village Hall.

This year, could you give any donations to me, or bring them to the Village Hall on Friday 8th between 2 and 4 in the afternoon.

Thank you, Norman Barter



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OPENING HOURS

Shop: Weekdays 9.00am - 5pm (until 1pm on Saturdays)

Coffee Shop: Weekdays 10am - 3.30pm (until Midday 12pm on Saturdays)

Post Office: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 9.30am to 1pm

Home deliveries: If you need a delivery, please call the Shop on **01722 780998**.

Our new chef, Ali Blackwell, has been with us for a month now and she is such an asset to our organisation. If you haven't yet sampled her cooking, we thoroughly recommend a visit to the café at the Hub. In addition to our regular menu items she is contributing to the range of cakes we sell in the café and her banana cake and yoghurt cake have proved very popular. Pancakes on Shrove Tuesday were a great success so we look forward to more surprises from her! We are very happy that she has joined us and she is definitely making her own mark on the café and what we can offer.

Moving on to the shop, the Cook range of frozen meals has been in stock for a few weeks now and is proving to be very popular. You will find it in two Cook freezers just inside the café. There is a good choice of one and two portion meals to suit most palates.

We know that the bread from Hendersons' bakery in Salisbury which we stock on Saturdays is very popular. In order to have it when we open on Saturday mornings, someone has to drive in to collect it. We are short of people who would be prepared to do this, so if you might be able to offer to do this once in a while, perhaps once a month, it would be very much appreciated. Please email tony@chalkevalleystores.co.uk if you can help us provide this very good range of breads on a Saturday.

Another reminder that the Annual Members' Meeting of Chalke Valley Community Hub Limited will be held at the Hub at 7.00pm on Wednesday 11 March. This is open to all shareholders to attend.

Chalke Valley Fete and Produce Show 2026

We are already starting to get activities lined up ready for this year's fete. As usual it is on the third Saturday in August, the 15th.

We have some new classes added to the produce show so please take a look so you can plant your seeds. We will also have the ever popular dog show, Classic cars, craft and local produce stalls.

Please take a look at our website chalkevalleyfete.co.uk to get details of classes, or maybe you would like to bring a stall?



CHALKE VALLEY
SPORTS CENTRE
sport for all

Facilities for all the Chalke Valley
SPORTS SCENE
MARCH 2026

TENNIS UPDATE

The Chalke Valley Tennis Club have entered a new coaching and tennis development programme with local business, FAR Sports and Rory Smith.

Rory and his Team are developing a varied midweek programme for both junior and adult players, with a range of daytime and evening sessions to suit all schedules.

They will be introducing cardio tennis, doubles mornings, matchplay sessions, children’s holiday camps and more. In addition to group sessions, 1:1 and small group private lessons will be available. The programme is set to begin after the Easter break, with details of some exciting taster sessions coming very soon.

E: info@farsports.co.uk

OUR NEXT CHALLENGE!

We highlighted last month the next major project being the replacement of water services and showers that are now 22 years old. We are applying for grants and seeking to raise around £15,000 to achieve this in 2026. Any help is welcomed.

RACE NIGHT- SATURDAY 18
APRIL- 7.00pm
TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE
CHANGING ROOM AND WATER
SERVICES WORKS

Tickets on sale from the Village Shop, scan the QR code on the Race Night Poster or email Michaela.

£18 including meal. Bar, Raffle and prizes.

If you can’t attend but wish to support the Sports Centre, we would welcome donated raffle prizes to help raise funds on the night.

Race Night
Experience the excitement of a night at the races at your very own Sports Centre.
Join us for an unforgettable night of thrills and spills with a chance to bet and win on real races.
Food included with your entry ticket.
Bar and Raffle on the night.

Saturday, 18 April 2026
Doors open 6.30 1st Race 7pm

Chalke Valley Sports Centre
Broad Chalke

ENTRY & FOOD £18
Raising funds for the Shower Refurbishment

MINIMUM BET PER RACE £2 – BRING CASH IF YOU CAN

CHALKE VALLEY SPORTS CENTRE
sport for all

Payment Details:
Lloyds Bank
Sort Code 309741
Account 01351926

To pay for tickets by credit card visit www.chalkevalleysportscentre.co.uk

For tickets email
michaela.johns@chalkevalleysportscentre.co.uk
OR go to the Hub and ask at the till

General e.mail: info@chalkevalleysportscentre.co.uk

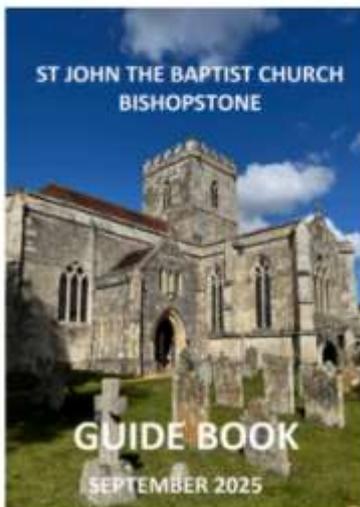
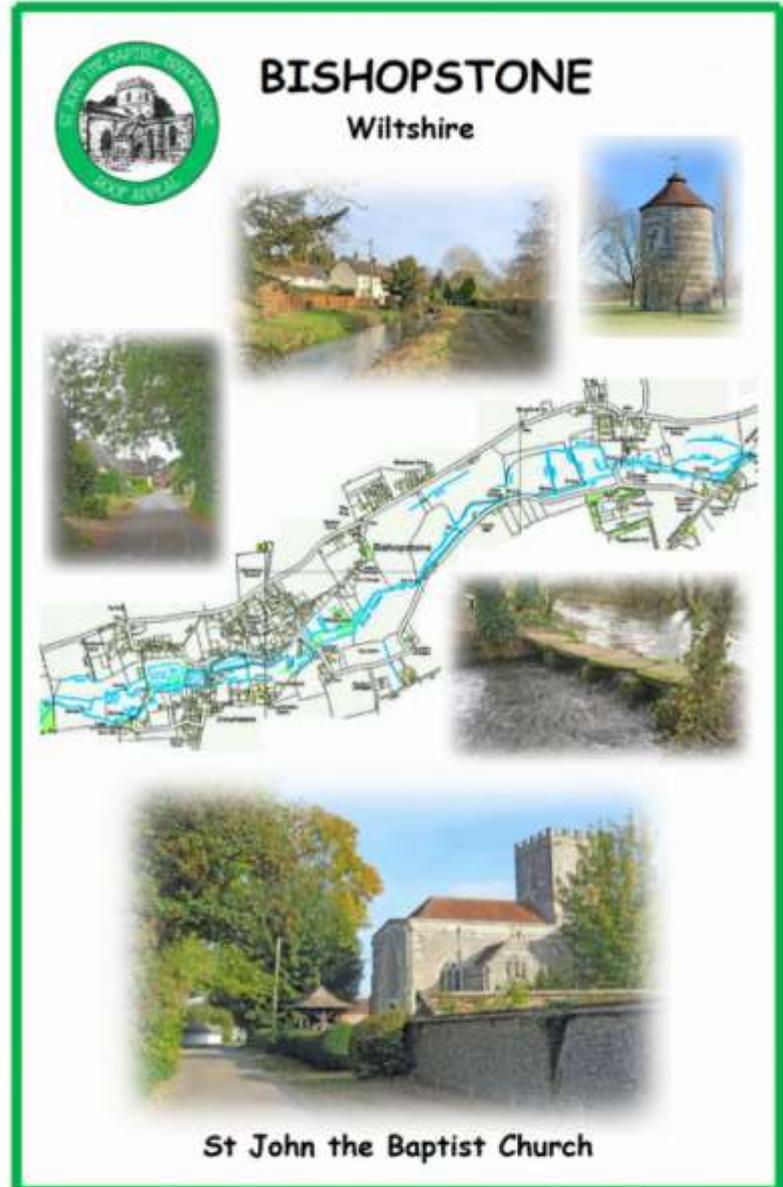
More details can be found on our website: www.chalkevalleysportscentre.co.uk



TEA TOWEL TWO

The first tea towel produced in support of the church roof appeal sold out very quickly. This second design, with scenes from around the village, was advertised on the WharsApp network and sold out in an hour! A new batch is being produced so get your order in now.

These are good quality tea towels and cost only £8.00. All proceeds go to the church roof appeal. To get yours please contact: Mike Ash (07905606156 or mash@btinternet.com).



And don't forget to get your copy of the new booklet all about our church. (£8.00).

Support our 2026 Lent Project!

Join us for our

Lent Lunch

in Bishopstone Village Hall

on Saturday 7th March

12.30pm-2.00pm



Your donations will support The Bridge Youth Project taking Christian teaching and pastoral support to children in our valley schools

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LENT COFFEE MORNING

10.30am - 12noon
Saturday 14th March
at "Bow Meadow" (SP5 5EN)
(home of Julian and Julia Thomas)



Donations will go to the Lent project,
The Bridge, which takes Christian Teaching into
our schools.

coffee/biscuits/cake/raffle



CHRISTIAN QUIET DAY

Thursday 19th March 2026

at

Lodge Farmhouse, Broad Chalke, SP5 5LU

10:30am – 4pm

Coffee/Tea/Biscuits/Cake provided

Stay all day, or drop in for the odd half hour
(if staying all day, please bring your lunch)



LENT FILM AFTERNOON

followed by discussion and tea

RISEN

starring Joseph Fiennes



Broad Chalke Village Hall

Wednesday 18th March

2.30pm

(donations will go towards the Lent Project)

Lent Film Afternoon

RISEN

starring Joseph Fiennes

The film is about Clavius, a Roman Tribune, who is tasked with finding the body of a freshly crucified Nazarine rumoured to have risen from the dead.

It is not a preachy, simplistic conversion story - it is driven from the viewpoint of Clavius, a non-believer, the overworked henchman of Pontius Pilate.

Clavius sees things he cannot deny, he cannot explain and he cannot ignore.

The producers have rendered biblical history with a high degree of authenticity, recreating the look and feel of 33AD Judea, casting actors who don't make the whole thing sound like a Hollywood/Shakespearean version of antiquity.

There is plenty to discuss afterwards over tea.

The afternoon is free, but donations towards the Lent Project will be gratefully received.

STOP PRESS - Bishopstone in print...

From the national newspaper archives this month. It is perhaps not surprising that the Rectors of St John the Baptist, Bishopstone often feature in press reports. Sometimes for reasons other than for conducting marriages or baptisms!

The contribution of the Rev George Augustus Montgomery (Rector 1821-1842) to the fabric of our church is well documented in the Church Guide. His tomb in the South Transept has an inscription about his untimely death when an arch fell on him at an unfinished church in East Grafton. The press report, opposite, contains the full gory details.

George Montgomery was the son of the illegitimate son of the 10th Earl Pembroke and owed his position as Rector to the Earl. However, it was another Rector who had to weather a charge in the press of nepotism.

MELANCHOLY OCCURRENCE.—We are sorry to announce the death of the Rev. G. A. Montgomery, Rector of Bishopstone, near Salisbury, which occurred through a lamentable accident which happened while he was engaged in the duty of inspecting the progress that had been made in the erection of a new church, building under the auspices of the Earl and Countess Bruce, at East Grafton. On Thursday morning, Mr. Montgomery left Wilton-house, with Earl Bruce, for the purpose of looking over the building. During the preceding week, the eastern portion had been covered in with a stone vault, and the construction had been carefully examined by the architect, and by persons connected with the works, and they unanimously considered it to be perfectly secure, and this, too, but a very short time before the fatal occurrence which we have now the painful duty of recording. At half-past one o'clock, Mr. Montgomery, accompanied by Earl Bruce, the Rev. Mr. Ward, his nephew, Mr. Gabriel, Mr. Ferrey, the architect, the clerk of the works, and the contractor, entered to inspect the new church, from which the centres of the arches had been removed the same morning. They had not advanced many paces, when a crack was heard, and the arch fell in to the extent of about eight feet of the whole width of the nave. The Rev. Mr. Ward escaped by springing into one of the side aisles, and Mr. Gabriel secured himself in the other; but Mr. Montgomery, unhappily, moved towards the centre, and was completely covered by the falling mass, and life was immediately extinct. Independently of fractures of the skull, both in the forehead and at the base, there was a compound fracture of the left thigh, and the right arm was broken close to the elbow. The estimated weight of the stone which fell is three tons. An inquest has been holden on the body, and a verdict of "Accidental Death" returned.—A Correspondent of a Morning Paper, referring to this very distressing occurrence says, "It was a part of the unfinished compartment of the vaulting in the nave which accidentally fell, owing to the very culpable negligence of the mason in not wedging up the centering when ordered; had this duty been attended to, no calamity could possibly have happened.

Ecclesiastical Intelligence.

EPISCOPAL.

EX-CATHEDRA FAMILY ARRANGEMENTS.—Under this head, "S. G. O." writes to the *Times* :—

Allow me to call the attention of the public generally, and the clergy of the diocese of Salisbury in particular, to the very pleasant family arrangements just made to fill up a residential stall in the Cathedral of Sarum, and a good living.

I know the world too well to expect even men of the highest honour and holiness to be exempt from a natural desire to further the interest of their own immediate connexions; and I was not, therefore, so surprised or hurt as many others seemed to be when the lucky possessor of the best living in the diocese—806*l.* a-year, population about 600—being yet a young man, was made a Prebend of the Cathedral, and also its Chancellor. He was chaplain to the bishop and his brother-in-law; I could, therefore, quite understand these honorary additions to his position.

But, sir, this fortunate man is also son-in-law to one of the canons; they have now given him a residentiary stall, say 600*l.* a-year, with, of course, a house, &c. So that the old working clergy of the diocese, who have for long lives done their work, not simply as incumbents, but as Churchmen, whom successive bishops have held up to esteem, see 600*l.* a-year quietly put into the pocket of a rich incumbent much their junior, and inferior in position to them as long known hardworking parish priests.

This, of course, is to be merely taken by the public as an ordinary family "transaction." A shorter word would more clearly define it.

Francis Lear was rector from 1850 to 1914. In 1862 he was made a Canon Residentiary at the cathedral. This prompted several press reports with the headline "Church Scandal in the Diocese of Salisbury" on the basis that he was (a) young, (b) brother in law of the bishop and (c) son in law of another Canon Residentiary. The extract here is a somewhat satirical letter to The Times on the matter.

Francis Lear died at the age of 90 having been one of Bishopstone's longest serving Rectors.



Save the date - the Chalke History Festival returns on the 22nd to 28th June 2026

In partnership with **Evelyn Partners**, this year's dazzling lineup already promises to have something for everyone - from lifelong history enthusiasts to curious newcomers – and boasts an impressive list of VIP names, some of whom will be appearing at the festival for the very first time. The popular streamlined ticketing system, introduced last year, now ensures that festival entry grants access to all talks at no additional cost. Under-16s can attend for free, and early bird pricing is available until 21st April, making this festival more accessible than ever before.

This summer bestselling author and Britain's most celebrated classicist **Mary Beard** will make her debut when she chats with her son **Raphael Cormack** about family histories and why the deep past really does affect us all. Chalke will also be marking the 250th anniversary of the US Declaration of Independence with a series of events including renowned American journalist and commentator **Anne Applebaum** with radio presenter and journalist **James Naughtie**, and **Simon Jenkins** presenting his latest book *A Short History of America: From Tea Party to Trump*. Former White House Communications Director and financier **Anthony Scaramucci** makes a welcome return to discuss the road to war in the 1920s and 30s with **James Holland**. Elsewhere there will be a distinctly naval theme this time, with Thursday's **Second World War Morning** being devoted to discussing U-boats, convoys and the battle for the maritime supremacy, and distinguished historian **N.A.M. Rodger** talking about *The Price of Victory: A Naval History of Britain*.

The stellar lineup for 2026 already includes: **Antony Beevor** on *Rasputin*, the wild mystic who laid the ground for the Russian Revolution; **Kate Williams** on her highly anticipated book *Regina: A New History of Women and Power*; **Alan Allport** on how the Second World War reshaped the world; **Alice Loxton** on following in the footsteps of Eleanor of Castile; **Lawrence Freedman** on strategists and strategy; **Andrea Wulf** on the life and times of the explorer and revolutionary George Foster; historical fiction sensation **Elodie Harper** on *Boudicca's Daughter*; Shadow Leader of the House of Commons **Jesse Norman** and former chief economist at the Bank of England **Andy Haldane** on the 250th anniversary of the Wealth of Nations; **Gordon Corera** and **John Tregonying** on biological warfare; **Justine Picardie** on *Fashioning the Crown*; and **Tracy Borman** on her new historical novel *The House of Boleyn*.

Age UK Support

Age UK Wiltshire's Community Support service is helping older people in South West Wiltshire

Age UK Wiltshire's South West Wiltshire Community Support service is here for older people who need a bit of extra help.

Our Community Connector offers face-to-face support, practical help, and access to information for older people in the South West Wiltshire area who may be feeling lonely, isolated, or worried about managing day-to-day.

Some clients want to get out and socialise but don't know where to start. Others worry about money or bills and want to check they are receiving all the income they are entitled to. Some find it harder to get to the shops or chemist. Many just want a little support to be more active.

We have helped people reconnect with their community by finding local social activities and volunteering opportunities. We have provided information about reliable cleaning and gardening services when these jobs became difficult. We have offered advice about grab rails and home adaptations to make everyday life safer. We have helped people explore community transport to get to shops, appointments, and local events such as Daytime Discos. We have also shared information about home security and telecare for those feeling vulnerable.

People who contact us often feel worried and unsure what to do next. After a home visit and advice, clients tell us they feel reassured, more confident, and more in control.

If you are an older person living in South West Wiltshire, or know someone who could benefit from this service, please get in touch. Call 01722 444840, email communitysupportsw@ageukwiltshire.org.uk, or visit <https://www.ageuk.org.uk/wiltshire/our-services/swwcommunitysupport/> to find out more.

South West Wiltshire Community Support

- Would you like to go out and socialise if you had some information about what's going on, support with transport options or someone to go along with initially?
- Do you feel lonely or isolated?
- Are you worried about how you can afford to pay for the things you need?
- Would you like to check you're receiving all the income you're entitled to?
- Do you feel, with a little support, you could be more active?
- Do you find it difficult to get the things you need from the shops or chemist?
- Would you like information about aids and adaptations for your home?

If you said YES to any of these, or if there's any other way we can support you, please make contact with us on 01722 444840 or use our [online contact form](#) by searching 'South West Wiltshire Community Support Age UK Wiltshire'



Wellspring Christian Community

Wellspring is a midweek morning meeting of people who enjoy being part of an informal Christian community.

It's a place where faith grows, where deep friendships are formed, and the ups and downs of life can be shared.

It's a sociable and relaxed morning with members coming from different denominations and different villages up and down the Chalke Valley

10 am-12 noon in Broad Chalke Village Hall SP5 5DN, most Tuesdays in term time.

Includes sung worship, a Christian speaker, and a half hour coffee and cake break with a lot of chatting!.

If you'd like to try us out, just turn up on any of the following dates this term

March 3rd, 17th & 24th.....we'd love to meet you.

Wellspring has the blessing of The Chalke Valley Clergy Team.

The Valley's own Sophie Ibbotson will be speaking at the Sherborne Travel Writers' Festival on Saturday 11th April at 2pm. She will be talking about her recent trip to discover the source of the River Oxus in Afghanistan.



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CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

A Christian Meditation is held every second Wednesday of the month at 2.30pm at Lodge Farmhouse, Broad Chalke (SP5 5LU)



Do join us on one of the dates to see if you like it. One visit does not tie you in to anything. We have prayer, a short talk, music and then Meditate for about 30 minutes in silence. Tea and biscuits available afterwards!



Dates for 2026:

Jan. 14th Feb. 11th March 11th April 8th May 13th
June 10th July 8th August 12th Sept. 9th
Oct. 14th Nov. 11th Dec. 9th

New Year Rambling with Jazzie

No, Jazzie is not impressed with all this rain and those puddles. It has reduced walks and is very uncomfortable on her woolly coat. We have hardly been out at all over the last four weeks, as she and I do not enjoy the rain anymore! Actually, I had enough of damp dark woods during those exercises we used to do in Germany.



However, many congrats again to the PC and the Flood Wardens for all your hard work during the rains and the flooding. It seems that only a few families have been badly affected, thanks to past planning and quick reaction from the wardens. Being well prepared, makes for better safety. We wish you all dry homes and tootsies very soon!

In spite of all the rain and wet, the garden looks very green and fresh, and the daffs and crocuses (croci?) and snowdrops are thriving, all at the same time. Pansies and primroses are also showing in beds, and last year's hanging baskets. Even the fruit trees are showing swelling buds already.



More good news on the church fundraising front, with a most generous gift recently and continuous sales of tea towels and gifts from WhatsApp ebay sellers. The first batch of new tea towels sold out in the afternoon of their being offered for sale! Did you know that of all the churches in the Chalke Benefice, our St John the Baptist is the only one included in Simon Jenkins excellent anthology of "England's Thousand Best Churches", with a good half-page entry?

Hedgehogs have not been in view so much. Perhaps they fear the rain and the wind, and of course tend to hibernate in the cold. Where they have gone is a guess, but somewhere dry and warm, we are sure! They will be back soon to their reroofed and dry hutches!

The Whitlock housing development seems to be going ahead, and might bring some new and younger folk to our shores to enjoy the pub, the village hall and even join us in church. We are a good sized village, with good amenities, and with care there is always room for a few more families.

Finally, a fond farewell to Tom and Zara and their girls, Evie and Poppy, and to Lisa and Angie for all they have done for so long to keep the spirits going in The White Hart. It is a really good pub and they developed it so well over the years. Thank you all, and the very best of good luck go with you. We will miss your cheery welcome, but look forward to meeting the new team soon.

So enough from me, and maybe a walk on this uncommon warm Saturday afternoon. See you soon!

(JHST 21.02.26)

Spring alphabet challenge



For every letter of the alphabet can you come up with an Spring related word?

A	_____	P	_____
B	_____	Q	_____
C	_____	R	_____
D	_____	S	_____
E	_____	T	_____
F	_____	U	_____
G	_____	V	_____
H	_____	W	_____
I	_____	X	_____
J	_____	Y	_____
K	_____	Z	_____
L	_____		
M	_____		
N	_____		
O	_____		



Spring Multiplication Mosaic

Multiplication 3x, 4x, 6x, 7x, 8x, 9x, 11x and 12x tables

Solve the maths problems to reveal the hidden picture. Each answer has a special colour:

20, 24, 27, 30, 40, 77, 81, 88,

90, 96 or 144 = blue

8, 9, 12, 14, 42 or 66 = pink

3, 4, 6, 7, 28, 33, 36, 54, 60,

80, 84, 108 or 132 = grey

15, 16, 21, 45 or 72 = black

8×3	9×4	4×15	20×4	6×5	12×9	6×9	6×22	3×30
3×11	12×3	3×4	4×21	9×3	7×12	11×6	4×33	11×12
6×15	48×3	8×1	6×6	4×36	12×5	2×6	4×5	36×4
5×4	6×24	7×2	27×4	32×3	12×11	1×9	15×6	3×8
30×3	18×8	3×3	9×6	8×5	6×18	6×7	22×4	9×16
4×22	3×9	33×4	7×4	14×6	4×9	9×4	3×48	11×7
6×4	22×6	12×7	5×3	9×12	3×15	12×3	6×6	12×12
4×36	3×12	5×12	11×12	4×20	6×22	11×3	27×4	4×24
16×6	4×27	6×14	9×4	6×11	4×33	4×21	21×4	27×3
3×27	24×4	4×20	18×6	33×4	15×4	4×7	3×32	5×6

Memories of a Bishopstone Childhood

This is taken from 'Memories of my Childhood: Bishopstone 1913-1924' by Ted Compton. Born Edmund Albert Compton, Ted was born in Bishopstone in 1913 and died in 2005. His book of memories was passed to Canon Hendry in 2007. Sections of this booklet will be reproduced in STaB over the coming months.

My father had an old parchment document dated about 1780. It was issued by the steward of the estate of the Earl of Pembroke who owned all the land in the Chalke Valley and dealt with the sale of a piece of land belonging to John Compton, Yeoman, of Mousehole Farm Broadchalke. Unfortunately this interesting document was lost during the war.

Apparently the Compton family moved to Bishopstone where another John Compton – my great-grandfather was born in 1805 the year of Trafalgar.

He became a blacksmith and lived next to the Three Horseshoes inn which may have taken its name from the forge nearby. In 1840 he was living there with his wife Rachel, the daughter of a farmer George Wright. His brother George lived in a cottage down the lane with his blacksmith's forge and a stable. In 1848 George Wright died and John Compton was an executor of his will. It is interesting to know that George Wright also lived at Mousehole Farm Broadchalke so there is obviously some family connection

John Compton had several children – the eldest son Edward also became a blacksmith. The second son – Albert Compton, my grandfather became a baker and grocer with a shop on the corner of Pitts Lane. My grandfather also had the first Post Office in Bishopstone.

My father told me that as a boy he had to get up in the early hours to take in the mail-bag, delivered by horse and van which must have started out from Salisbury. No doubt a post horn was sounded to warn the unfortunate people who had to receive the mail. My father, Walter Compton carried on his father's business, a bake house had been added and bread was delivered round the villages of Bishopstone and Stratford Tony. I remember the thrill of driving through the ford at Stratford Tony in the baker's van.

In 1909 Walter Compton married Helena Bailey whose family had recently moved to Bishopstone. She was teaching at the school. They were both members of the Church choir. I was born at Pitts House on the 19th November 1913.

Police Bulletin

*A monthly newsletter from
Philip Wilkinson, Police and Crime
Commissioner for Wiltshire.*



Following the Police and Crime Panel's approval of my proposed 2026/27 budget, Wiltshire Police will be able to protect officer numbers and maintain community visibility. The decision comes as forces across the country face significant financial pressures, and Wiltshire is no exception. The Police and Crime panel is a cross party panel of councillors from across the county who oversee the work of the PCC.

Due to a real-time reduction in government funding and despite delivering £8 million in efficiencies this year, Wiltshire Police must still find a further £4.6 million of savings in the next financial year as costs continue to rise across policing. To meet these pressures, the Panel approved an increase of £15 per year for a Band D household, around £1.25 a month. This forms a crucial part of the overall police budget, alongside Government funding, and directly helps protect the frontline services residents tell us matter most.

As I said to the Panel, this was not an easy decision, but it was but it was the only option to protect vital services and support the continued progress Wiltshire Police is making for our communities. Wiltshire remains one of the lowest funded forces in the country, but continues to improve visibility, outcomes and public confidence. If Wiltshire Police was funded to the national average we would have an additional £49.6 million to spend on front-line services.

I have been clear that there are no simple savings left. Without this increase, we would face reductions to services that people rely on every day. Protecting neighbourhood policing and public facing services must come first. This budget ensures we can maintain visible policing, strengthen neighbourhood teams and continue investing in modern operational capability so we can respond effectively to changing demand.

I am grateful to the 1,015 residents who took part in our consultation, with 56% supporting the proposal. Their feedback played a vital role in shaping the final recommendations. After detailed scrutiny, the cross party Panel agreed the proposal strikes a fair and responsible balance in a challenging financial climate.

This budget enables Wiltshire Police to save, sustain and transform—continuing its improvement while remaining rooted in the communities it serves. While no decision involving increased costs is easy, this one is essential to maintaining an effective, visible and resilient police service for Wiltshire and Swindon.



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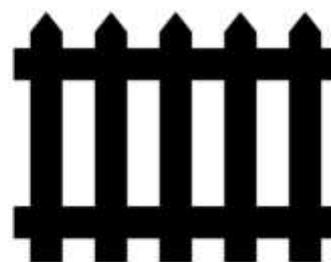
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8 March 3rd Sunday of Lent	9.30am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Morning Prayer (BCP) 9.30am Worship Together 11.00am Family Communion (CW) 11.00am Parish Communion (CW) 11.00am All Age Service 3.00pm Evening Prayer (BCP)	Bowerchalke Charlton All Saints Broad Chalke Hub Nunton Homington Alvediston Fifield Bavant	Ruth H-S Alison Waterhouse Janet Roe Ruth H-S Alison Waterhouse Biddy Trahair Biddy Trahair
15 March MOTHERING SUNDAY	9.30am All Age Communion (CW) 9.30am Parish Communion (CW) 9.30am Parish Communion (CW) 11.00am Family Communion (CW) 11.00am Parish Communion (CW) 4.00pm Sunday Praise	Bowerchalke Bishopstone Odstock Ebbesbourne Wake Berwick St John Coombe Bissett	Kate Woolven Alison Waterhouse Ruth H-S Ruth H-S Alison Waterhouse Lay Led
22 March 5th Sunday of Lent	9.30am Parish Communion (CW) 9.30am Parish Communion (CW) 11.00am Family Service 11.00am Parish Communion (CW) 11.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.00am Morning Prayer (BCP) 6.00pm Evening Prayer	Charlton All Saints Broad Chalke Nunton Bishopstone Alvediston Berwick St John Homington	Maggie Metcalfe Alison Waterhouse Adrian Taylor Ruth H-S Alison Waterhouse Lay Led Ruth H-S
29 March PALM SUNDAY  <i>Clocks go Forward</i>	10.00am Family Communion+Baptism 10.00am Benefice Communion (CW) 10.00am Benefice Communion (CW) 3.00pm Procession & Sing Hosanna!	Broad Chalke Homington Britford Charlton	Ruth H-S Alison Waterhouse Maggie Metcalfe Ruth H-S
31 March, 1 & 2 April	6.00pm Holy Week Compline	Coombe Bissett	Clergy
2 April MAUNDY THURSDAY	6.00pm Commemoration of the Last Supper (CW)	Bishopstone	Ruth H-S
3 April  GOOD FRIDAY	11.00am St John's Passion 12 noon Stations of the Cross 12 noon The Passion Devotions 2.00pm At the Foot of the Cross	Alvediston Berwick St John Bishopstone Nunton	Lay Led Alison Waterhouse Sally Leaver Maggie Metcalfe
4 April EASTER EVE	6.00pm Easter Fire & Communion 7.00pm Easter Eve Service	Homington Charlton All Saints	Alison Waterhouse Ruth H-S
5 April EASTER DAY 	6.00am Dawn Communion (CW) 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Parish Communion (CW) 9.30am Parish Communion (CW) 9.30am Parish Communion (CW) 9.30am Parish Communion (CW) 11.00am Parish Communion (CW) 11.00am Parish Communion (BCP) 11.00am Parish Communion (CW) 11.00am Family Communion (CW)	Lodge Farmhouse Fifield Bavant Broad Chalke Bowerchalke Britford Odstock Coombe Bissett Berwick St John Ebbesbourne Wake Bishopstone	Alison Waterhouse Ruth H-S Alison Waterhouse Kate Woolven Maggie Metcalfe Ruth H-S Ruth H-S Alison Waterhouse Kate Woolven Maggie Metcalfe

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