



# Church News

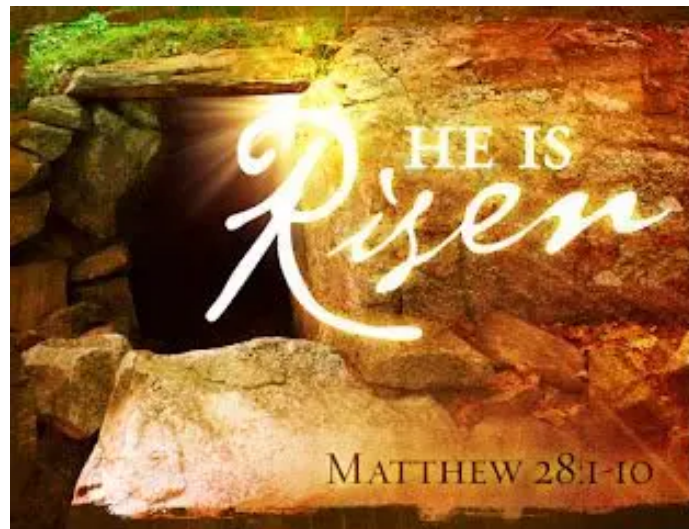
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### The Gospel reading for Easter Day

#### Matthew 28 v 1 - 10 - The Resurrection of Jesus

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."



### Readings for Sunday 5th April - Easter Day

**Old Testament :** Jeremiah 31 v 1 - 6 **New Testament :** Acts 10 v 34 - 43

**Gospel:** Matthew 28 v 1 - 10 **Psalm:** 118 v 1 - 2 & 14 - 24

## An Easter Message from Revd Alison

Today with the children in Berwick St John, we made Easter gardens on a plate, the children were creative and questioning. "What's the yogurt pot for?" then I explained that this is the Tomb of Jesus Christ. Then we talked about the crosses, the plants, the stone that was rolled away, who was there and the living water that flowed as a stream (as a length of foil) in their garden and the gravel path (made of bird seed) leading from the cross to the tomb and from the tomb to resurrection.



Explaining what resurrection was, was interesting the children take it on face value that Jesus came so that we might be forgiven. That hope of a fresh start every time we repent, turn around, turn back to Christ is awesome.

Forgiveness has a strong Christian resonance it is a powerful, refreshing, enabling, it enables us to bring to God our troubles, our woes and worries.

There is so much in this world to worry us, at the moment with war, oppression, starvation and water deprivation, that our prayers may seem in vain against the might of foreign powers.

But prayers are never in vain, as we pray, God hears us, by praying to him in love, taking time to sit with him and to listen to what he might have to say.

To let him lift our worries and concerns gives us the space to exalt him and affect those pools in which we live and to live in the example of Jesus Christ. But in our pools these ripples spread, as ripples of living water, his word and way of living amongst those ripples spreading, circling, moving outwards, meeting other waves and becoming one.

Easter is awesome a fresh start for us all, so lets shout from the roof tops, Alleluia, alleluia, Christ is risen, he is risen indeed. Alleluia!!

## How is Easter celebrated in other parts of the world?

Easter is the most important festival in the Christian calendar and is celebrated by people all over the world.

On the Greek island of Corfu, old pots are thrown out of the windows on to the streets as an Easter Saturday morning tradition. It's thought the tradition was copied from the people of Venice, in Italy, who throw out their possessions.

In Poland, people throw water over each other on Easter Monday. It's known as Wet Monday and happens in many other countries too.

It's a tradition that is connected with the baptism of a Polish prince hundreds of years ago.

In the small town of Bessieres in the south of France, people gather every Easter Monday to share a massive... omelette!

Around 15,000 eggs are used, and it's big enough to feed thousands of people.

Legend has it that the French Emperor Napoléon Bonaparte liked an omelette he'd eaten in a small town and wanted a huge one made for him and his army, and from that this tradition was born.



Throughout history, people have given each other eggs to mark spring festivals and new life.



**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April  
Easter Crafts for Children**



**Bowerchalke Village Hall  
10.30-12**

**All welcome. Come and join us!**



**Arty  
Easter**

**Good Friday 3 April at 10 am**

The Barker Room, Nunton

Lego, paints, nature, and of course hot cross buns, for children of all ages

*Come along and bring your friends for an hour or so of fun and creativity, looking for and finding signs of Easter all around us!*

Contact Rev Maggie Metcalfe on 07989 895149 for more information

**Britford and its Church  
Buildings & Landscape**



*An Evening with Local Historians  
Dr Hadrian Cook & Dr John Elliott*

**Thursday 21 May at 7 pm**

**St Peter's Church  
Britford**

Tickets £12.50 to include a glass of wine from Britford Farm Shop 10.30 am-2 pm  
Shelagh Lamb 07917 195242  
newsandnotes.net

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



**6.35am BBC Radio 4  
Sunrise Service**  
recorded at Laudato Si Centre, Salford



**8.10am BBC Radio 4  
Sunday Worship**  
Live from Canterbury Cathedral



**3.00pm BBC Radio 3  
Choral Evensong**  
From the Chapel of Kings College, Cambridge

**175<sup>th</sup> Birthday Communion  
All Saints' Church on 26 April**

**175<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY COMMUNION**

1851 - 2026

Sunday 26 April at 10 am

**ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, CHARLTON**

led by

**BISHOP ANDREW**

followed by

**BIRTHDAY CAKE**

at 11 am

You are most welcome to join us for the service or come just for the cake!

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 10<sup>th</sup> 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)

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Anne Stutchbury - [annewheelwright@gmail.com](mailto:annewheelwright@gmail.com)



Sunday 26 April 2026, 5pm

A service of Easter readings from the bible and poetry reflecting on the Easter story, interspersed with musical items. This service includes popular Easter congregational carols and Easter anthems sung by the Cathedral Choir, and this year will include music by Ralph Vaughan Williams and his 'Five Mystical Songs' (settings of five of George Herbert's poems, including the Easter-themed "Rise Heart").

The preacher will be Canon Professor James Woodward, Principal of Sarum College.

All are welcome, no booking required.



Salisbury Cathedral's Easter Garden will return to

outside the Visitor Entrance into the Cloisters 5th April - 8 June. The Mediterranean plants will draw visitors back to the landscape and story of Jesus. Three crosses and a sealed tomb will remind us of his sacrificial death and burial on Good Friday before the stone is rolled aside and the tomb opens on Easter Sunday as we recall Jesus' defeat of death and promise of salvation. The garden will continue throughout the season of Eastertide.

**Alleluia! Christ  
is Risen: An  
Easter Carol  
Service**







## Services in Chalke Valley Benefice: April 2026

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<b>19 April 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 4.00pm 4.00pm	Parish Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Family Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Sunday Praise Sunday Praise	Bishopstone Odstock Ebbesbourne Wake Berwick St John Coombe Bissett Bowerchalke	Ruth H-S Jenny Taylor Alison Waterhouse Ruth H-S Lay Led Kate Woolven
<b>26 April 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	9.30am 10.00am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Parish Communion (CW) 175 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Holy Communion (BCP) Morning Prayer (BCP) Evening Prayer	Broad Chalke Charlton All Saints  Bishopstone Alvediston Berwick St John Homington	Alison Waterhouse Bishop of Ramsbury  Tony Monds Alison Waterhouse Lay Led Ruth H-S

### 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.

Revd Ruth Tel: 01722 697022 - Revd Ruth's non-working day is a Monday.

Revd Alison: 01722 697404 or 07904 034221 - Revd Alison's non-working day is a Friday.

Revd Kate: 07754 582395

Revd Maggie: 01722 325825