

# Church News

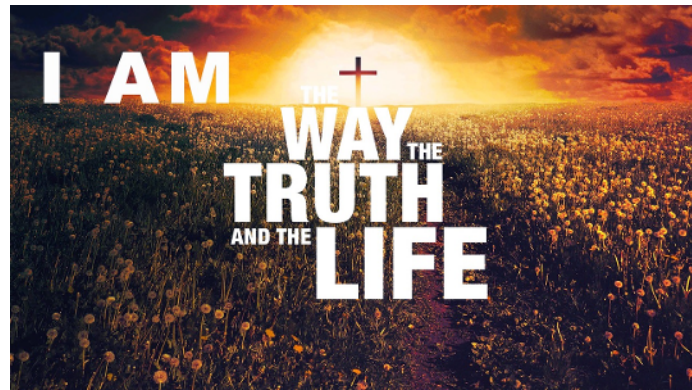
## SERVICES THIS WEEK

<b>3 May</b> <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b> <b>of Easter</b>	9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Berwick St John	Ruth H-S
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Britford	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Biddy Trahair
	11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Coombe Bissett	Ruth H-S
	11.00am	Family Service	Odstock	Adrian Taylor
	11.00am	Morning Service	Bishopstone	Sally Leaver

### The Gospel reading for Sunday 3rd May - the 5th Sunday of Easter

#### John 14 v 1 - 14 - Jesus the Way to the Father

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”



Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe

because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

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**  
**'Sing to the Lord a new song'**

A service hosted by Swarzy Shire from Maida Vale



**6.00pm - BBC Radio 3 Choral Evensong**

live from the Chapel of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford

### Readings for Sunday 3rd May - 5th Sunday of Easter

**Old Testament :** Acts 7 v 55 - end **New Testament :** 1 Peter 2 v 2 - 10

**Gospel:** John 14 v 1 - 14 **Psalm:** 31 v 1 - 5

A CONCERT OF SACRED MUSIC  
**SALSBURY CATHEDRAL  
 CHOIR (GIRLS & LAY VIGARS)**

in support of the churches of Coombe Bissett and Homington

MUSIC BY BYRD, GIBBONS, LLOYD, PARRY AND WEEKES  
 Directed by David Halls with John Challenger, organ

THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS  
 Coombe Bissett, Salisbury SP5 4PA

MONDAY, MAY 11<sup>th</sup> AT 7.30PM  
 Doors open from 6.45pm for a pre-concert drink

TICKETS £15 (children under 16 £10.00)  
 Please email: [treasurerch@btinternet.com](mailto:treasurerch@btinternet.com)  
 or purchase from, by kind permission of, the Coombe Bissett Stores



**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](http://newsandnotes.net)

Friends of Bishopstone Church  
 IN AID OF BISHOPSTONE CHURCH DEVELOPMENT

**Garden Party**

Thursday 28th May from 5:00 pm till Sunset



Join us under a Flower Moon in the garden of **Faulston House**  
 for an evening of summer delight

Enjoy a wander through the garden with highlights to include  
 an abridged production of **Romeo & Juliet** by 440, singing by  
**The Navy Larks** and **Catch of the Day** and a **Foraging**  
 demonstration

Bring a **picnic** or order a **delicious hamper** of local goodies from  
 Coombe Bissett Stores

*Hamper order sheet available when you book tickets*  
 Orders in by 1<sup>st</sup> May

**Bar: cash & card**



**Faulston House, Faulston Lane**  
 Bishopstone, SP5 4BQ  
 Tickets £15

(Children under 18 with an adult: £5)

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**SECRET GARDENS**

Discover the Secret Gardens of the Close,  
 hosted by Salisbury Cathedral Friends (£15  
 per person, under 16s free)  
 Sunday 24 May, 13:00-17:00.

Take a look around twelve stunning  
 gardens as well as the incredible botanical  
 art exhibited by Sally Pond in the  
 Medieval Hall. Tickets are available at the  
 tent on Choristers' Green on the day, and  
 there is an early bird discount available  
 for members: [friends@salcath.co.uk](mailto:friends@salcath.co.uk)



A wonderful anniversary celebration was  
 enjoyed by all at Charlton All Saints last  
 Sunday. More pictures to follow next week.

**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



**THE RESURRECTION**

Wednesday, 29 April 2026

Almighty God,  
 whose Son Jesus Christ  
 is the resurrection and the life:  
 raise us, who trust in him,  
 from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,  
 that we may seek those things which are above,  
 where he reigns with you  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and for ever.  
 Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

