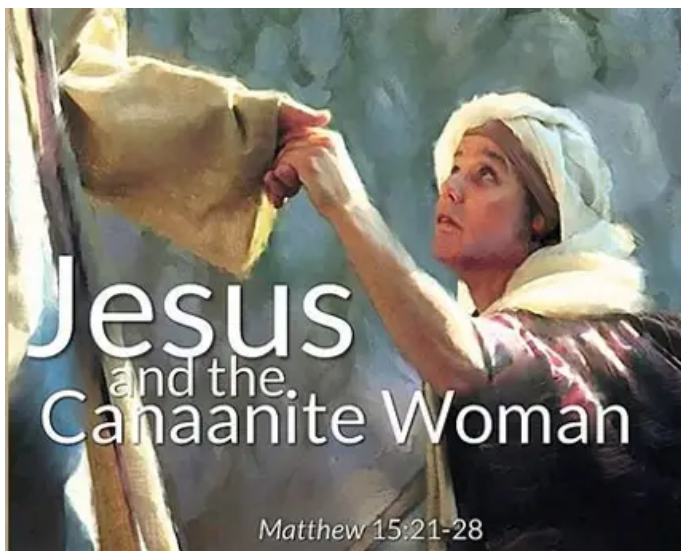


# Church News

## SERVICES THIS WEEK

| Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> August – 11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity |                       |                  |                      |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| 9.30am                                                                 | Parish Communion (CW) | Bishopstone      | Alison Waterhouse    |
| 9.30am                                                                 | Parish Communion (CW) | Odstock          | Ruth Howlett-Shipley |
| 11.00am                                                                | Family Communion (CW) | Ebbesbourne Wake | Ruth Howlett-Shipley |
| 11.00am                                                                | Parish Communion (CW) | Berwick St John  | Alison Waterhouse    |
| 4.00pm                                                                 | Sunday Praise         | Bowerchalke      | Kate Woolven         |
| 4.00pm                                                                 | Sunday Praise         | Coombe Bissett   | Don & Ruth Morgan    |



**The Gospel reading for Sunday 16th August - the 11th Sunday after Trinity**

**Matthew 15 v 21 - 28- The Canaanite Woman's Faith**

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that moment.



**Readings for Sunday 16th August - 11th Sunday after Trinity**

**Old Testament :** Isaiah 56 v 1, 6 - 8 **New Testament :** Romans 11 v 1 - 29 & 29 - 32

**Gospel:** Matthew 15 v 21 - 28 **Psalm** 67

# Sunday Praise

Holy Trinity, Bowerchalke  
16<sup>th</sup> August 4pm with tea



**ALL ARE WELCOME**

Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month  
Following the Church of England course  
Welcome to the Lord's Table

At the end of which any children who would like to may  
take their First Holy Communion



## Sunday Praise

A Church service with a  
difference.

**This Sunday**  
**August 16<sup>th</sup> at 4pm**  
Coombe Bissett Church



Tea & cake followed by a  
short service suitable  
for all ages



**ALL WELCOME**

exploring art around Jonah & the  
Whale ...



**FREE**

For anyone aged  
5yrs and upwards ...  
To book ... ring 07717110200

## General Synod Elections 2026

This summer, elections will take place for the  
next General Synod, the Church's national  
assembly, bringing together members from  
across the country to make decisions about  
the Church's life and work.



for more information on General Synod and becoming a  
member [CLICK HERE](#)

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 -**  
**'Discovering Mary at**  
**Walsingham'**

A service exploring the mysteries of the  
Virgin Mary



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

from Chichester  
Cathedral during the  
Southern Cathedrals Festival



## Berwick St John Country Fayre 2026

18th - 20th September 2026

Join us this September for the Berwick St John  
Country Fayre, a wonderful day out celebrating  
the best of the countryside and village life!  
Proudly supporting the wonderful Stars Appeal  
Salisbury District Hospital's Charity.

Enjoy displays of steam engines, vintage  
tractors, and historic vehicles, browse a wide  
range of craft and trade stalls, and discover local  
produce and entertainment throughout the day.  
Take a break in our welcoming Tea Tent, serving  
homemade cakes and refreshments or head for  
the Beer tent to enjoy a drink with family &  
friends.