



# Church News

## SERVICES THIS WEEK

<b>5 July 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b>	9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Berwick St John	Ruth H-S
	9.30am	Family Communion (CW)	Broad Chalke	Kate Woolven
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### Matthew 11:16-17; 28-30

**16: 'To what can I compare this generation?**

**They are like children sitting in the market-places and calling out to others:**

**17: "We played the pipe for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn."**

**28: Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.**

**29: Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.**

**30: For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.'**

In preparing this talk, I came across this story told by Michael Marsh, an American pastor.

When he was about three his father, served for a time in the Korean war. One day, shortly after he came home Mike was behaving like one of the children who wouldn't dance to the music or mourn when the dirge was sung. "There's nothing to do," he whined. He was bored. "Why not play outside?" His parents suggested. "No." "Or do some colouring." "No." "How about playing with your cars?" "No."

Finally, his father said, "You know, Mike, the children in Korea didn't have any of the games and toys you've got, but I saw them playing with sticks sometimes, and they were having fun." At which point Mike burst into tears and said, "But I haven't got a stick."

We can all spend time looking for the stick that will satisfy us and make us happy; the stick which will give our lives meaning and purpose .I've looked for the stick everywhere, in my work, my relationships, trying to be successful, seeking approval, meeting expectations...

What's the stick you've been searching for?

I think it's a question of dislocation.A dislocated heart is always looking for the answer, 'the stick', in the wrong places. In Matthew 11:16-17 Jesus seems a little exasperated with the stubborn 'children' in the marketplace. They have become disconnected from one another, from themselves, and most of all from God.

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### Readings for Sunday 5th July - 5th Sunday after Trinity

**Old Testament :** Zechariah 9 v 9- 12 **New Testament :** Romans 7 v 15 - 25a

**Gospel:** Matthew 11 v 16 - 19 & 25 - 30 **Psalm** 145 v 8 - 15

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Yet it is to these very people, the ones who can't find the stick that Jesus says, "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." What a profound relief to receive that invitation. Then he says, "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me."

To accept Jesus' yoke is to receive life and liberation, a way of life intent on Shalom, the restful well-being and peace which God desires for all creation.

The stick we are all looking for can only be found in Jesus, 'the way, the truth and the life'. "Come to me," Jesus says. "All you who are weary and carrying heavy burdens, come to me. All you who are tired of trying to work it out by yourself, come to me. All you who are worn out from trying to keep life under your control. Come to me, for my yoke is easy and my burden is light, and you will find rest."

Rev'd Kate Woolven

# WellSpring

WellSpring is a midweek morning meeting of people who enjoy being part of an informal Christian community where faith grows, and deep friendships are formed.

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

We meet 10 am-12 noon in Broad Chalke Village Hall SP5 5DN

Our remaining meetings for the Summer Term are June 30th and July 7th....

....we'd love to meet you.

# Sunday Praise

**Holy Trinity, Bowerchalke**  
19<sup>th</sup> July 2026 at 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

## WAYWARD WORLD

Thursday, 2 July 2026

Gracious Father,  
by the obedience of Jesus  
you brought salvation to our wayward world:  
draw us into harmony with your will,  
that we may find all things restored in him,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY



## 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



**8.10am - BBC Radio 4**  
**Sunday Worship - 'Faith & Fairytales'**

In search of hidden treasure: Faith and Fairytales from Hereford Cathedral



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

from the Chapel of The Queen's College, Oxford



## Services in the Chalke Valley Benefice: July 2026

BCP = Book of Common Prayer (Traditional Language), CW = Common Worship (Contemporary Language)



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	11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Coombe Bissett	Maggie Metcalfe
	11.00am	Family Service	Odstock	Adrian Taylor
	11.00am	Morning Service	Bishopstone	Sally Leaver
<b>12 July</b> <b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b> <b>after Trinity</b>	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bowerchalke	Jenny Taylor
	9.30am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Charlton All Saints	Rhoddy Voremberg
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Nunton	Maggie Metcalfe
	11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Homington	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	All Age Service	Alvediston	Biddy Trahair
	3.00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Fifield Bavant	Biddy Trahair
<b>19 July</b> <b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b> <b>after Trinity</b>	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bishopstone	Alison Waterhouse
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Odstock	Maggie Metcalfe
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Vernon White
	11.00am	Choral Eucharist	Berwick St John	Alison Waterhouse
	3.00pm	Choral Evensong (BCP)	Stratford Tony	Maggie Metcalfe
	4.00pm	Sunday Praise	Coombe Bissett	Lay Led
	4.00pm	Sunday Praise	Bowerchalke	Kate Woolven
<b>26 July</b> <b>8<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b> <b>after Trinity</b>	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Broad Chalke	Alison Waterhouse
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Charlton All Saints	Ruth H-S
	11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bishopstone	Ruth H-S
	11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Alvediston	Alison Waterhouse
	11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Berwick St John	Lay Led
	11.00am	Family Service	Nunton	Adrian Taylor
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer	Homington	Ruth H-S
<b>2 August</b> <b>9<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b> <b>after Trinity</b> <b>TRANSFIGURATION</b>	9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Berwick St John	Alison Waterhouse
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### Ministry Team:

Team Rector ~ The Revd Dr Ruth Howlett-Shipley: 01722 697022

Team Vicar ~ The Revd Alison Waterhouse: 07904 034221 / 01722 697404

Associate Priests ~ The Revd Maggie Metcalfe: 01722 325825, The Revd Kate Woolven: 07754 582395

Team Administrator ~ Mrs Emily Broomhead: 07890 262376

**Assisting Clergy:** Revd Canons: Anthony Hawley 01794 390607, Tony Monds 07808 614597, Jenny Taylor 01722 503081, Vernon White 01722 327042



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## Faculty Permissions 101

This event will cover the basics of the different types of permissions required for carrying out works to a church or churchyard. It will also cover the process, top tips and the online faculty system. If you are new to the faculty process or need a refresher, please do sign up, we look forward to seeing you.

**for more information [CLICK HERE](#)**

