CHALKE VALLEY BENEFICE

November 5th 2026

Church News

Sunday 8th November – REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY			
10.45am	Remembrance Service	Berwick St John	Barney Hopkinson
10.45am	Remembrance Service *Followed by Communion*	Bowerchalke	Kate Woolven
10.45am	Remembrance Service *Followed by Communion*	Broad Chalke	Alison Waterhouse
10.50am	Remembrance Service	Bishopstone	Jenny Taylor
10.50am	Remembrance Service	Coombe Bissett	Tony Monds
10.45am	Remembrance Service	Nunton	Maggie Metcalfe
11.20am	Remembrance Service	Alvediston	Pen Milburn

The Gospel reading for Sunday 8th November

Matthew 25 v 13 - end - The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids



"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.



Readings for Sunday 8th November - Remembrance Sunday

Old Testament : Amos 5 v 18 - 24 **New Testament :** 1 Thessalonians 4 v 13 - end

Gospel: Matthew 25 v 1 - 13 **Psalm** 70

In Flanders' Fields

In Flanders' fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders' fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch, be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders' fields.

Major John McCrae, 1915



BONFIRE BASH

Saturday 7 November at 6pm

Charlton All Saints Barn

Tickets from	**Chris Clark 01725 510891**
or online newsandnotes.net	
Early Bird by 5 Nov	**Standard 6-7 Nov**
Adults £10	**Adults £12**
Kids 5-14 £5	**Kids 5-14 £6**

Bar with Beer & Mulled Wine
Fireworks * Hot dogs * Raffle

Friends of Bishopstone Church
IN AID OF BISHOPSTONE CHURCH DEVELOPMENT

Parables of Palestine

Join us for this fascinating talk given by
The Very Reverend Nicholas Papadopulos,
Dean of Salisbury

'Nick lived in East Jerusalem for three months in early 2024, and worked as a human rights monitor for an international church programme. In his talk he will tell stories of what he saw - observations of everyday life in an occupied city during Israel's war on Gaza – and he will reflect on what the experience is still teaching him'.

Tuesday 10th November at 7.30
Bishopstone Village Hall, SP5 4AA
Tickets **£12.50** to include canapés. Cash & Card Bar

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Compline at Fifield Bavant

As usual, we will hold a service of Compline in Fifield church on Wednesday, 11th November at 5.30pm, as this is St. Martin's Day as well as Remembrance Day.

All are very welcome to join us for this short service with time for silent prayer.

There will be no Evensong on 8th November, as the Remembrance Sunday service for our parish will be in Alvediston church this year, at 11.20, after Acts of Remembrance at 10.45 at the crosses at both Ebbesbourne and Alvediston.

Coombe Bissett CE VA Primary School

SCHOOL ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

Wednesday 11th November

10.50am

The Cross

Coombe Bissett Churchyard

ALL WELCOME

Friends of Bishopstone Church
IN AID OF BISHOPSTONE CHURCH DEVELOPMENT

Christmas Garland Workshop

With Emily Broomhead

Join us for a festive workshop led by Emily, a professional flower arranger and an RHS Chelsea Gold Medallist. Learn how to create a beautiful Christmas Garland. All materials will be provided; however, Emily requests that you bring your own bag of evergreen foliage.

Saturday 28th November 10.00 – 12.00
Bishopstone Village Hall, SP5 4AA

Tickets £20: includes **Tuition, Materials, Coffee & Cake**
Tickets limited so book early to avoid disappointment

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CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH
CHARLTON ALL SAINTS

4-8 December

Friday 4 Dec 7pm	**Saturday 5 Dec 2–5pm**
Opening Night	*Saintly Cafe*
Drinks Reception Fundraiser	
Countdown Carols Santa Bar	**Sunday 6 Dec 2–5pm**
	Saintly Cafe
Tickets £15 newsandnotes.net Chris Clark 01725 510891	**Tuesday 8 Dec 7.30pm**
	Downton Band Concert

The Gift of Christmas

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 'A Hope for Peace'

Choral Eucharist for Remembrance Sunday from Belfast Cathedral



6.00pm - BBC Radio 4 Choral Evensong

from the Collegiate College of St Mary, Warwick



10.30am - BBC Radio 4

Paddy O'Connell leads live coverage from Whitehall of the Service of Remembrance when the nation remembers the sacrifice made by many in the two world wars and recent conflicts