




# Church News

## SERVICES THIS WEEK

<b>9 November REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY</b>  	10.45am	Remembrance Service	Berwick St John	Barney Hopkinson
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***Fear not November's challenge bold.***

***We've books and friends,***

***and hearths that never can grow cold.***

***These make amends.*** Alexander L Fraser



Even in challenging November, the brilliance of the autumn sun causes the beech trees to dazzle with their yellows, gold, copper, and russet. But by now many of the other trees have lost their leaves. Without them the true size and shape of each is revealed; the girth of the trunk; the way they have grown to endure wind and weather; the size and direction of their branches. They stand strong, gaunt, mighty, and immovable.

Idly gazing at a large, naked ash the other day, I thought about the strength we need to cope with the storms of life when they hit, and where we find it when we are stripped of our equilibrium and wellbeing, and we discover that we may not be the people we thought we were.

In the Bible, King David suffered intense persecution at the hand of King Saul before he was finally crowned. Yet, some of his most beautiful psalms were written during this time of pain and struggle. For example, Psalm 61



*1 Hear my cry, O God;  
listen to my prayer.*

*2 From the ends of the earth I call to you,  
call as my heart grows faint;  
lead me to the rock that is higher than I.*

*3 For you have been my refuge,  
a strong tower against the foe.*

David understood that when we are really struggling there is only one place to turn. God is indeed our strong tower. He is our refuge and our strength. But we need to understand that, before we can turn to God for his help and protection. We may know this but there are many who don't.

We are holding an Alpha Course in the New Year, starting on 15th January in the Broad Chalke Village Hall. The course is an introduction to God and Christianity. The first session will be an overview of the course. We are asking our congregations to come and to bring a friend, someone who may at some point need to know that God can provide the strength and help they need to see them through their own November storm.

Revd Kate Woolven

## 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



They shall not grow old,  
as we that are left grow old.  
Age shall not weary them,  
not the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun  
and in the morning  
We will remember them.

## Readings for this Sunday:

### Old Testament

Job 19 v 23-27a

### New Testament

2 Thessalonians 2 v 1-5, 13-end

### Gospel

Luke 20 v 27-38

### Psalm

17 v 1-9

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



**8.10am BBC Radio 4**

A service of Remembrance from Wellington College

**10.30am BBC Radio 4**

A service of Remembrance from the Cenotaph



**3.00pm BBC Radio 3 'Choral Evensong'**

Choral Evensong from the Old Royal Naval College, Greenwich

Friends of Bishopstone Church  
IN AID OF BISHOPSTONE CHURCH ROOF APPEAL

## It's Not Rocket Science (Well, it is actually . . .)

Come and join me, Toby Mills,  
a real Rocket Scientist and learn about

- The history of rockets
- How rockets work
- Getting into orbit
- Travelling the cosmos
- The future of rocketry and much more



No mathematical knowledge required!

Never again will you wonder how a rocket works  
Amaze your friends with your new found knowledge

on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at 7.00pm for 7:30pm  
in the Bishopstone Village Hall

Tickets £12.50 – includes first drink and snacks  
(18 years old and under: £5)

CONTACTS FOR TICKETS

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## BONFIRE BASH

**Saturday 8 November  
at 6 pm**

**Charlton All Saints Barn**

**Tickets from Chris Clark  
01725 510891**

**Or online**

<https://bit.ly/4n3FSvn>



<b>Early Bird By 6 Nov</b>	<b>Standard 7-8 Nov</b>
<b>Adults £8</b>	<b>Adults £10</b>
<b>Kids 5-14 £4</b>	<b>Kids 5-14 £5</b>

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

## Evensongs

An evening with Bishop Andrew Rumsey

Featuring songs from his new album and readings from his acclaimed book English Grounds: A Pastoral Journal (described as "a total delight" by Simon Jenkins), Evensongs follows Andrew's poetic route through unlikely corners of our country's heritage.

Thursday 6th November -7pm  
St Michael's Church, Mere

Tickets: £10 (advance) £12 (on the day)



"Really beautiful... Andrew Rumsey has a voice like all your favourite records from the 60's & 70's... reminiscent of George Harrison, Leonard Cohen or Tim Hardin."

Kathryn Williams

"These recordings in a church are an inspiration. I love the way Andrew's songs tell such unique stories."

Chris Diford

Tickets available at [www.friendsofstmichaels.org](http://www.friendsofstmichaels.org)  
or Sprout and Flower

Chalke Deanery  
Autumn Synod Meeting

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN BOARD OF EDUCATION

'Our Church of England Schools -  
how the Deanery can work with them &  
the Diocesan Board of Education to  
enable the flourishing of all'

with  
Katie Fitzsimmons  
Salisbury Diocesan Director of Education  
&  
Suzy Fletcher  
Head of Safeguarding, Diocese of Salisbury

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November  
Dinton Village Hall  
Bratch Lane, Dinton SP3 5EB

6.30pm for a 6.45pm start

all welcome

ST MARY'S CHURCH, ALVEDISTON SP5 5LE  
Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 6.30 for 7pm

**Tim Laycock**  
concertina and melodeon  
**Colin Thompson**  
fiddle, viola & guitar

present traditional folk music from Wessex

## TO DRIVE THE COLD WINTER AWAY

Cheery songs, seasonal tales and toe-tapping tunes by candlelight

Tickets in aid of St Mary's Tower Appeal  
£15 / under-16s £7.50  
from [pen.teamtower@gmail.com](mailto:pen.teamtower@gmail.com) in advance please

BACS payments - St Mary's PCC  
sort code 30-97-41 a/c no 00391193 ref FOLK  
CC payments - 07836 647330

Donations welcome for mulled cider & apple juice


Celebrating our new heaters!  
[www.alvedistonappeal.co.uk](http://www.alvedistonappeal.co.uk)



# Services in Chalke Valley Benefice November 2025

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



<b>2 November ALL SAINTS' DAY</b>	9.30am	Patronal Festival Communion	Broad Chalke	Alison Waterhouse
	9.30am	All Souls Service	Berwick St John	Lay Led
	9.30am	Parish Communion	Britford	Maggie Metcalfe
	11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Pen Milburn
	11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Coombe Bissett	Alison Waterhouse
	11.00am	Family Service	Odstock	Adrian Taylor
	6.00pm	All Souls Service	Bishopstone	Sally Leaver
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<b>16 November 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent</b>	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bishopstone	Ruth H-S
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Odstock	Maggie Metcalfe
	9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Bowerchalke	Alison Waterhouse
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Kate Woolven
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Coombe Bissett	Ruth H-S
	11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Berwick St John	Alison Waterhouse
<b>23 November CHRIST THE KING</b>	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Charlton All Saints	Ruth H-S
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Broad Chalke	Alison Waterhouse
	11.00am	Family Service	Nunton	Adrian Taylor
	11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bishopstone	Ruth H-S
	11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Alvediston	Alison Waterhouse
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	Berwick St John	Lay Led
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer	Homington	Ruth H-S
<b>30 November 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>	10.00am	Benefice Communion (CW)	Bowerchalke	Alison Waterhouse
	11.00am	Benefice Communion (CW)	Nunton	Ruth H-S
<b>7 December 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>	9.30am	Family Communion (CW)	Broad Chalke	Kate Woolven
	9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Berwick St John	Alison Waterhouse
	9.30am	Parish Communion	Britford	Ruth H-S
	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
	6.00pm	Carol Service	Stratford Tony	Ruth H-S

**Ministry Team:** Team Rector ~ The Revd Dr Ruth Howlett-Shipley: 01722 697022  
 Team Vicar ~ The Revd Alison Waterhouse: 07904 034221  
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 Team Administrator ~ Mrs Emily Broomhead: 07890 262376

## Clergy 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.

We welcome Revd Alison back from her travels to India. Revd Alison's non-working day is a Friday.

Revd Ruth will be taking annual leave until Saturday 8th November. Revd Ruth's non-working day is a Monday.

Revd Maggie's non-working days are Mondays and Fridays.