CHALKE VALLEY BENEFICE

October 29th 2026

Church News

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"Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." — John 15:13

Every November, for two distinct minutes our communities fall silent. The ticking of the clock fades, traffic pauses, and we stand shoulder-to-shoulder in a quietness that spans the generations. We wear the vibrant red poppy – a fragile flower that bloomed amidst the shattered soil of Flanders Fields – as a visible pledge that we will not forget.

In our parishes, this act of remembrance carries a profound spiritual weight. When we say the words,"At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them,"it is our pledge. We are honouring the ultimate sacrifice of the brave men and women who gave up their youth, their dreams, and their lives so that we might inherit a world of freedom, democracy, and peace. We also hold in our hearts not only those who fell on the battlefields of the past, but also the veterans living among us today, many of whom still carry the wounds of conflict, both visible and invisible.

However, true Christian remembrance cannot simply be a backward glance at history. It must be an active commitment to the future. In the Gospels, Jesus repeatedly calls us to be peacemakers. The peace bought by the sacrifice of our armed forces is a precious but fragile gift, and it is our responsibility to guard it. We live in a world that is still fractured by division, fear, and conflict. Therefore, our remembrance should bear fruit in the way we live our lives today.

The poppies we wear, should be a challenge to us:a challenge to build bridges where there are rifts in our own families and neighbourhoods: to practice forgiveness and seek reconciliation in our daily lives, and to pray fervently for world leaders, that they may be guided by wisdom, justice, and compassion.

This Remembrance Sunday, let us lay our grief, our gratitude, and our hopes at the foot of the cross. We trust in a God who promises a future where war shall be no more, and where every tear will be wiped away. Until that day comes, we remember, we give thanks and we pray for peace.



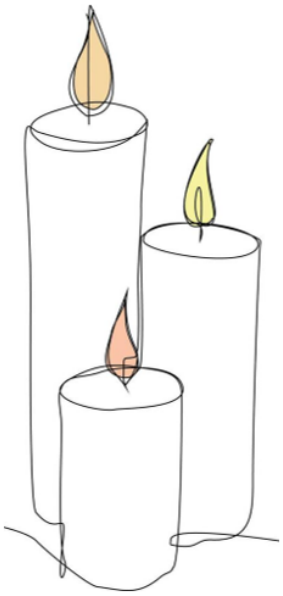
Readings for Sunday 1st November - All Saints

Old Testament : Revelations 7 v 9 - end **New Testament :** 1 John 3 v 1 - 3

Gospel: Matthew 5 v 1 - 12 **Psalm** 34 v 1 - 10

The Chalke Valley Churches invite you to one of the

Services for All Souls



Sunday 1st November 6.30pm
Holy Trinity, Bowerchalke or

6.00pm St John the Baptist, Bishopstone or

Monday 2nd November
All Saints, Charlton all Saints
5.30pm

These will be short services of words and music to remember and give thanks for the lives of family members and friends who are no longer with us

Saintly Café

The Saintly trio of coffee, cake and community!



Friday 30 October
10am – 12 noon

WHERE
All Saints' Church, Charlton All Saints

Pop in for a cuppa, homemade cake and a good natter with friends and neighbours.

Get ahead for Christmas!
- Church Christmas cards
- Scout Post stamps
- 175th anniversary mugs

Everyone welcome
And save the date: next Saintly Café Friday 27 November

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

CONTACTS FOR TICKETS
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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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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

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH
CHARLTON ALL SAINTS

4-8 December

Friday 4 Dec 7pm
Opening Night
Drinks Reception Fundraiser

Countdown
Carols
Santa
Bar

Tickets £15
newsandnotes.net
Chris Clark 01725 510891

Saturday 5 Dec 2–5pm
Saintly Cafe

Sunday 6 Dec 2–5pm
Saintly Cafe

Tuesday 8 Dec 7.30pm
Downton Band Concert

The Gift of Christmas

Services in the Chalke Valley Benefice: November 2026

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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	Ruth Howlett-Shipley
Sunday 15th November – 2nd Sunday before Advent			
8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Fifield Bavant	Ruth Howlett-Shipley
9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bishopstone	Alison Waterhouse
9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Odstock	Ruth Howlett-Shipley
11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Berwick St John	Alison Waterhouse
11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Ruth Howlett-Shipley
4.00pm	Sunday Praise	Bowerchalke	Kate Woolven
4.00pm	Sunday Praise	Coombe Bissett	Lay Led
Sunday 22nd November – CHRIST THE KING			
9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Broad Chalke	Alison Waterhouse
9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Charlton All Saints	Ruth Howlett-Shipley
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11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Berwick St John	Lay Led
11.00am	Family Service	Nunton	Adrian Taylor
6.00pm	Evening Prayer	Homington	Ruth Howlett-Shipley
Sunday 29th November – 1st Sunday of Advent			
10.00am	Benefice Communion (CW)	Odstock	Alison Waterhouse

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 'Grief and Justice'

A service on Grief and Justice from West Croydon Baptist Church to mark All Saints and All Souls



6.00pm - BBC Radio 4 Choral Evensong

from St James's Picadilly with the Genesis Sixteen Alumni

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