



CHALKE TALK

for the Parishes of the Chalke Valley Team Benefice

March 2012

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*St Mary's, Alvediston - St John the Baptist, Berwick St John - St John the Baptist, Bishopstone
Holy Trinity, Bowerchalke - St Peter's, Britford - All Saints, Broad Chalke - All Saints, Charlton All Saints
St Michael and All Angels, Coombe Bissett - St John the Baptist, Ebbesbourne Wake - St Martin, Fifield Bavant
St Mary's, Homington - St Andrew's, Nunton - St Mary's, Odstock*

A Springtime of the Soul

Lent, despite its gloomy image, is the sign that Spring is on the way. The word comes from the Old English for "lengthening days". These 40 days leading up to Easter can be a Springtime of the Soul, an opportunity for reassessment and renewal in our lives. Gardeners know that for growth you need preparing of the soil in the early stages and serious tidying up and pruning when the plants are getting older. Hopefully we have a bit of all of that in the Chalke Valley churches this Lent.

Revd Roger Redding. Roger has informed the Bishop that he will be retiring from his post as Diocesan Chaplain to Travellers and as our part-time Team Vicar at the end of June 2012. He and Celia are moving to Somerset. They have been in the Chalke Valley Team for 17 years, and Roger has had pastoral care for many of our parishes up and down the Valley before his ministry to Gypsies and Travellers developed. He will be preaching in different churches from Easter for a local farewell. There will then be a Benefice Farewell Service at Berwick St John at 6.00pm on Sunday 8th July – more on this in due course.

New Help. Two retired clergy have offered to give us support over the coming months. You may have already met Revd Michael Turner, formerly Vicar of the Close at the Cathedral. He and his wife Sheila live in Harnham, and he is also helping them as they await a new vicar. Revd Sally Wells and her husband Andrew have recently moved to Salisbury after many years living in Europe – Sally has ministered at Anglican churches in Vienna and the South of France. I know we will make them very welcome.

New Bishop. Meanwhile our new Bishop of Salisbury, Right Revd Nicholas Holtam, is spending Tuesday 20th March here in the Chalke Deanery. Our deanery consists of 38 village churches covering 200 square miles – quite a change from St Martins in the Fields in Central London. He will be getting to know clergy, churchwardens and headteachers from across our deanery, and finding out what makes us tick.

Confirmation Preparation. When it comes to preparing new seeds for the extravagant blossoming of high Summer, maybe you or someone you know would like to consider being Confirmed. The Bishop of Sherborne will be conducting a Deanery Confirmation Service locally on Sunday 24th June. Confirmation preparation is open to children from Year 5 upwards, teenagers and adults – meeting in separate groups. Beginning the preparation does not commit you to being confirmed, although most people find that their enthusiasm steadily grows. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact one of the clergy.

What about you! Whether it is digging over new spiritual soil or vigorous pruning that you need, there should be something for you in our Chalke Valley programme this Lent. As the days lengthen and the sun returns, have a happy and rewarding "Springtime of the Soul".

David Henley

Ash Wednesday – 22 February-Holy Communion with Ashing – 12pm at Fifield Bavant & 7 pm at Coombe Bissett. Also : Each Thursday in March - Holy Communion - Noon at Fifield Bavant

**Chalke Valley Benefice 2012 Lent Project
for Morning Star Salisbury - "Bringing Hope to Broken Lives"**

Bangers & Mash Lunch-Saturday 3rd March 2012 - 12.30 pm -Coombe Bissett Village Hall

Tickets – Adults £5.00 Children £3.00

Tickets available from Coombe Bissett Village Shop from 4th February

For Further Detail contact:-

Shirley Evans: 718709 or Heather Oliver 718646

“BRINGING HOPE TO BROKEN LIVES”

A video highlighting Morning Star’s work for the homeless will be shown and founder Bev Kidley will explain the achievements and objectives of this local charity.

**Advance Notice: Come and join us for a
PASSOVER SUPPER Radnor Hall
5th April 6 pm**

£7.50 per person including wine

Bookings 01725 510983 or 07777 665903

Tommy or Caroline Winternitz

MEDITATION continues

every 2nd Wednesday of the month
at 3.30 pm

LODGE FARMHOUSE, Broad Chalke
the meditation lasts about an hour

Tel; Janet Roe (01725 519242)

or Anna Watson (01747 828693)

or just turn up.

Spring Supper 22nd March 2012 Coombe Bissett Village Hall 7pm

"Love yourself! - Have we all been seduced by the cult of self-esteem?"

Speaker : Glynn Harrison, -Emeritus Professor of Psychiatry at Bristol University & Member of General Synod .

Tickets: (£10 to inc a glass of wine)from Fiona Stacey, Janet Roe, Coombe Bissett and Broad Chalke PO, Katie- Jayne Jennings, Christopher Panes, Alison Williams, Debbie Underhill, and Wendy Duke.

MUGABE and the WHITE AFRICAN - Broadchalke Village Hall – Wednesday
7th March - Everybody welcome – Tickets £1.

Donations to the Mike Campbell Foundation which aims to seek justice for those who have none, seek freedom for the oppressed and bring hope to the people of Zimbabwe.

Clare and Zac Freeth will be available to answer questions and to bring us up to date

7.00pm doors open, Wine/ soft drinks and nibbles served you are welcome to come early to browse the linen sale

7.30pm film starts (duration 1 hr 30min)

Tickets available from Tuesday Fellowship group, Broad Chalke post office, Sarah Panes, or you can contact phone 01722 781200 or e-mail katiejaynejennings@gmail.com

On **Friday 2nd March 2012** Alabaré are holding their **Annual Sleep Out** event in the Cloisters of **Salisbury Cathedral** and earlier in the evening there is a **pantomime – Aladdin** produced by the **“Alabaré Learning Disability crowd”** at St Mark’s Church in Salisbury. Tickets £6 :For further information please contact: Tony Richmond, Church & Community Support Fundraiser, Alabaré Christian Care & Support, Tel: 01722 322929, Mobile: 07775 716660,
Email: t.richmond@alabare.co.uk

The Valerie Taylor Trust



Advance Notice - Wednesday 16th May

at Coombe Bissett Village Hall.
Come to Supper when Valerie Taylor
will update us on her work at the
Centre for the Rehabilitation of the
Paralysed in Bangladesh.
More details next month.
Bertie Woolnough 01722 718542

Bowerchalke's Lent Project

At our **Lay Led Service on the 4th March**
we shall be welcoming
Morning Star to hear about their work and
the progress they are making, as part of our
worship.

Food Fair- MAKE! BAKE! BUY!!
On the **31st March** we will be raising money
for Morning Star
within the Saturday Bowerchalke Market
Starts 9.30am
Please support us, enjoy a coffee with your
breakfast in the cafe and bring & buy some
delicious food to help the Charity.

Women's World Day of Prayer

**"Let Justice Prevail"
Praying for Malaysia**

**Friday 2nd March
2.15pm
at the URC Chapel, Broad Chalke**

**Speaker: Revd Alison Williams
refreshments after the service**

**All are welcome – men, women and young
people**



Teddy Bears

The Spring Term will end on the
21st March when we will be making Easter
Baskets.
We will meet again at the start of the Summer
Term on the 11th April.
We have had a happy term and any newcomers
are always made very welcome at Broad Chalke
Village Hall on Wednesdays between 2pm and
4pm.
For further information contact Jans Holland
780373

The Chalke Valley Link Scheme

The CVLS provides good neighbour support with transport and other practical help for residents.

For Transport requests please telephone:

From Bishopstone to Bodenham, phone Anna Mynott: 718780

From Berwick St John to Broad Chalke, phone Jennie Brown: 780800

For Care and Support, phone Debby Underhill: 421270

There is no set charge, but you are invited to make a donation towards our administrative costs. Our co-ordinators and drivers are all volunteers and there may be times when we do not have a volunteer available. Please give as much notice as possible.

Please ensure copy is sent to chalketalk@gmail.com before the 15th February 2012. Thank you.

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Services in the Chalke Valley – March 2012

In and around Lent this year, the clergy will preach on some difficult issues facing us today, and the challenge to Christian faith. It is hoped that congregations will take up this challenge and discuss the topics further ...

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| 4th March 2nd Sunday of Lent | 9.30am 9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm | Service with Morning Star Parish Communion Parish Communion Family Communion Matins Morning Service Parish Communion Family Service Choral Evensong | Bowerchalke Britford Broad Chalke Ebbesbourne Wake Berwick St John Bishopstone Coombe Bissett Nunton Homington | Lay Led / Morning Star David Henley Roger Redding Alison Williams Lay Led Terry Sankey Jenny Taylor Adrian Taylor Roger Redding |
| 11th March 3rd Sunday of Lent | 8.00am 9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm | Holy Communion Parish Communion Parish Communion Morning Service Family Service Choral Matins URC Morning Service Evensong | Broad Chalke Bowerchalke Odstock Alvediston Coombe Bissett Charlton All Saints Broad Chalke Chapel Berwick St John | David Henley Roger Redding Jenny Taylor Lay Led Alison Williams Denis Blake Julian Thomas Alison Williams |
| 18th March 4th Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday | 8.00am 8.00am 9.30am 9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 4.00pm | Holy Communion Holy Communion Parish Communion 'Revive' Parish Communion Parish Communion Mothering Sunday Service Mothering Sunday Service | Britford Bowerchalke Bishopstone Broad Chalke School Nunton Berwick St John Homington Fifield Bavant | Alison Williams Roger Redding Jenny Taylor Lay Led Michael Turner David Henley Alison Williams S Parrett / D Henley |
| 25th March 5th Sunday of Lent <i>British Summer Time begins</i> | 8.00am 9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm | Holy Communion Family Communion Parish Communion Family Service Holy Communion Choral Matins Parish Communion Holy Communion | Berwick St John Broad Chalke Charlton All Saints Odstock Alvediston Coombe Bissett Bishopstone Bowerchalke | Roger Redding Alison Williams Jenny Taylor Lavender Buckland David Henley Alison Williams Roger Redding Jenny Taylor |
| 1st April Palm Sunday | 9.30am 9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm | Morning Service Parish Communion Parish Communion Family Communion Matins Morning Service Parish Communion Family Service Choral Evensong | Bowerchalke Britford Broad Chalke Ebbesbourne Wake Berwick St John Bishopstone Coombe Bissett Nunton Homington | Lay Led Jenny Taylor David Henley Roger Redding Lay Led Terry Sankey Alison Williams Adrian Taylor Alison Williams |

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