



# CHALKE TALK

*for the Parishes of the Chalke Valley Team Benefice*

August 2010

*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*

## Ancient Trees and New Life

Those of us who have enjoyed hot, over-seas holidays may well have sought shade beneath something less familiar than a spreading chestnut tree. All around the Mediterranean olive trees grow in abundance, and have done so for thousands of years. Ancient documents indicate that the trees, native to the region, were cultivated there and in Western Asia as long as 7,000 years ago. Some of the trees we can see today are of a great age. One in the Algarve is 2,000 years old according to carbon dating, and it is claimed that others are even older.

The Olive tree is the tree of the Bible, mentioned there many times, from Genesis to Revelation. Christians and Jews think of it as a symbol of peace, of God's saving love, and of prayer. In the Quran it is considered 'blessed', and it had powerful significance in Ancient Greece and the Roman Empire. Its oil is still thought of as sacred as well as highly nutritional and beneficial.

In the Garden of Gethsemane, on the Mount of Olives, there are many ancient olive trees, and it is suggested that the same trees were growing there when Jesus prayed before his arrest and crucifixion. Perhaps this is true as the olive tree has an amazing capacity for renewal and regeneration. As the old outer trunk begins to crumble and die, or even when it seems to have been destroyed by fire, new shoots emerge from its core. The centre of the old tree regenerates and a new tree grows, eventually to repeat the cycle.

Pilgrims and tourists are not now allowed close to the trees in Gethsemane, but this was not always the case and in the past I have found in their shade an immense sense of peace as well as a closeness to the sorrow, anguish and love of Jesus.

Perhaps we, the Church, have things to learn from olive trees, recognising that they have been part of God's story of love and new beginnings for all time - their gift of shade and protection for those who need it, and the understanding that comes from a new closeness to the life, suffering and sacrificial giving of Jesus Christ. And, while in many places the Church seems to be in decline, we can recognise that, like the olive tree, it is always capable of new life and fruitfulness. The roots of the Church are strong and true and at its heart is life and love of God.

Jackie Lowe

P.S. On Saturday September 25<sup>th</sup>, from 10.00 til 12 noon, a Coffee Morning will be held in the Chapel, Broad Chalke, in aid of the work of 'Wi'am' – The Palestinian Conflict Resolution Centre in Bethlehem. This Centre, in the shadow of the separation wall, works with many people, including at least 1000 children each year, to help them overcome trauma following exposure to danger and violence, and the insecurity of growing up in an occupied land. The money raised will be taken personally to Wi'am by a colleague who is visiting 'The Holy Land' in October this year.

## TEDDY BEARS

The new term for "Teddy Bears" will start on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2010. Babies and young children, together with their parents and carers, are very welcome at Broad Chalke Village Hall on Wednesday afternoons from 2.00p.m. to 4.00p.m. The charges are £2 for one child and £2.50 for two or more children in one family.

We will have some splendid new equipment for the children to use as a result of our successful money-raising event in June.

For further information contact Jans Holland on 780373

### Service for Healing and Wholeness

On Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> August at 11.00a.m. a short **Celtic Service of Prayer for Healing** will be held in Broad Chalke Church. If anyone would like transport or assistance in any way please ring Lavender Buckland on 01722 780488

### **"GENERAL REFLECTIONS"**

#### **An evening with General Sir Mike Jackson**

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September 7.30p.m.  
at

#### **Homington Church**

Wine & canapés £10.00

### MEDITATION

every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month  
at 2.00p.m.

#### **LODGE FARMHOUSE**

Broad Chalke

The meditation lasts about an hour.

Tel : Janet Roe ( 01725 519242 )

or just turn up!

**August 11<sup>th</sup> / September 8th**

### SAVE THE DATE! SEPTEMBER 12th

Jill Bullen and Lucy Butler invite you to an

**OPEN GARDEN from 2.00 - 5.30p.m.**

at

"Corner Cottage"

Woodminton, Bowerchalke.

Teas / Raffle / Stalls

In aid of : Camps International – Borneo

RDA Wilton Group

### ORGANIST RETIRES!

As you will probably have heard, Mary Chalk, the organist at All Saints, Broad Chalke, has decided to retire. Mary has played, not just for Sunday services, but for weddings, funerals and baptisms as well, and for many years played for the assemblies in Broad Chalke School.

The PCC would like to mark this achievement and so there will be a special service at "All Saints", Broad Chalke on **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September**, at 9.30am to which all are warmly welcomed.

If you would like to contribute towards a gift for Mary, please hand or send your contribution to one of the Churchwardens, David Hitchings or Janet Roe. (Any cheques should be made out to "All Saints PCC").

### WEDNESDAY, 18<sup>th</sup> August : 7.00 - 9.00p.m.

The new Salisbury group of the "**Progressive Christianity Network**" is now meeting in the URC Chapel, Broad Chalke, on the third Wednesday of each month from 7.00 – 9.00p.m. for welcoming discussion and hospitality. The group welcomes questioning Christians from all denominational traditions and understandings. This is for all who value an open, progressive and theologically radical voice within Christianity, and want to maintain and promote that generous understanding of faith.

The new term starts on 15<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00p.m.

If you are interested please contact Lavender Buckland on 01722 780488.

### **COMING...COMING...COMING...**

#### **The Chalke Valley Churches Website [under construction]**

This new website will aim to provide an overall picture of Chalke Valley church life: from Tuesday Fellowship to Men's Breakfasts, from Discussion Groups to our Sudan Project, from Treasure Seekers to Festivals, and much, much more. There will be an online diary of events, booking information for Valley suppers, concerts and Talks, a Talent Bank, and opportunities to join in.

**We would welcome your help in finding lively, outdoor photographs of people doing things to include on the website!**

**Please send them to Lavender Buckland on [ljbfish2@btinternet.com](mailto:ljbfish2@btinternet.com)**

## STEPS TO FUTURE CHURCH IN SCHOOL – WALKING ON WATER

*Taking Risks* was the subject of the Family Service held at Broad Chalke School on Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> June. On a beautiful morning, the Service got off to a good start with bacon butties, croissants and coffee. Thankfully the team did not have to feed 5,000 before the real action started!

Children from the “Secret Agents” Christian Club at the school, entertained everyone with dancing before boarding the Ark. It has to be said that the puppy, rabbit, duck and other animals were certainly taking a *risk* be embarking alongside two crocodiles!

The “Open the Book” team who regularly act out bible stories in school assemblies provided a very compelling portrayal of Jesus walking on water. We heard how the Head of Broad Chalke School had taken a *risk* on this new initiative in the autumn term, which has now turned into a highlight for the children, and a memorable way of them hearing about Jesus.

There was an interview with Monde from the South African Fezeka Choir. He was asked about the *risks* he had taken when his grandmother suggested he join the choir, not a normal activity for boys in his township. Monde took that *risk* and is now studying at University to become a music teacher.

A DVD meditation also compelled us to take the *risk* of trusting in the Lord with all our heart rather than to lean on our own understanding.

Our understanding of church was stretched by approaching the service in a fresh way, a *risk* for all those involved. This was rewarded by positive feedback and encouragement to “step out of the boat” again.

Vanessa Colyer

### Sudan Lent Project

In September I am going back to Kajo Keji in Southern Sudan. Bishop Anthony and Joseph are so grateful for all that has been donated and I shall be seeing all the goods that your money has been used for. I am spending a week with “Flame International” again and then five days on my own so that I can meet Joseph’s family and see more and learn more about what goes on in the diocese.

I am planning to take used and no longer needed reading glasses, children’s pens ( new) and men’s jackets ( this is because Bishop Anthony says that many of his clergy cannot afford them when they need to replace them). Jackets, or even suit, need to be cleaned and for a fairly slim fit person. If you would like to give any of these from your own supply please can you drop them at our front door and / or email me [caroline@knightonmanor.com](mailto:caroline@knightonmanor.com) . I also plan to take some cash to them and possibly some Christian teaching materials on DVD.

Caroline Lamb

**PLEASE NOTE** : The Office in the URC Chapel will not be open at all during August, due to holiday commitments. Janet Roe

### **Clergy Team**

*Team Rector:* The Revd Canon David Henley, The Rectory, Broad Chalke SP5 5DS 01722 780262

*Team Vicar:* The Revd Alison Williams, The Vicarage, Nunton SP5 4HP 01722 330628

*Diocesan Chaplain to Travellers and Gypsies and Team Vicar:*

The Revd Roger Redding, The Vicarage, Ebbesbourne Wake SP5 5JL 01722 780408

*NSM Team Vicar:* The Revd Jenny Taylor, 27 Viking Way, Salisbury SP2 8T 01722 503081

*Associate Clergy:* The Revd Charles Hatton, 4 Longhill Drive, Salisbury SP2 8TD 01722 501409

*URC:* The Revd Jackie Lowe, Sun Cottage, Broad Chalke, Salisbury SP5 5EN 01722 780008

*LLM:* Mrs Lavender Buckland, Benedictus, Church Street, Bowerchalke, Salisbury SP5 5A 01722 780488

### **Other service takers**

*Associate Clergy:* The Revd Terry Sankey 07929 927849

*Retired Clergy:* The Revd Westley Cole, Cranborne Farm Bungalow, Coombe Bissett SP5 5L 01722 718240

*Retired Clergy:* The Revd Kate Rosslyn Smith, The Old School House, Bowerchalke SP5 01722 780011

*Retired Clergy:* The Revd Rob Eardley, Bridge Cottage, Martin, Fordingbridge SP6 3LD 01725 519423

*LLM:* Mrs Sylvia Parrett, Pear Tree Cottage, Upper Woodford, Salisbury SP4 6PA 01722 782392

*Deaconess:* Mrs Annabel Tier, 7 Shaftesbury Rd. Barford St. Martin SP3 4BL 01722 744110

*Lay Leader:* Denis Blake, Yew Tree House, Lower Road, Charlton All Saints SP5 4HQ 01725 511743

*Lay Leader:* Adrian Taylor, Florida, Nunton Drove, Nunton, Salisbury SP5 4HZ 01722 325862

## Services in the Chalke Valley – August 2010

<b>1<sup>st</sup> August Trinity 9 Proper 13</b>	8.00am 9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Holy Communion Parish Communion Parish Communion Matins Morning Service Parish Communion Family Service Choral Evensong	Bowerchalke Britford Broad Chalke Berwick St John Bishopstone Coombe Bissett Nunton Homington	David Henley Jenny Taylor David Henley Lay Led Terry Sankey Alison Williams Adrian Taylor Alison Williams
<b>8<sup>th</sup> August Trinity 10 Proper 14</b>	8.00am 9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 3.00pm 6.00pm	Holy Communion Communion/Sunday Club Parish Communion Parish Communion Family Service Choral Matins Evensong Evensong	Broad Chalke Bowerchalke Odstock Alvediston Coombe Bissett Charlton All Saints Fifield Bavant Berwick St John	Roger Redding Charles Hatton Alison Williams Roger Redding Alison Williams Denis Blake Sylvia Parrett Lavender Buckland
<b>15<sup>th</sup> August Trinity 11 Proper 15 B.V.M</b>	8.00am 8.00am 9.30am 9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion Holy Communion Parish Communion Parish Communion Family Communion Family Communion Matins	Berwick St John Britford Bishopstone Odstock Homington Ebbesbourne Wake Broad Chalke	Roger Redding Alison Williams +John Kirkham D Henley / L Buckland Alison Williams Roger Redding Annabel Tier
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> August Trinity 12 Proper 16</b>	9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Family Communion Parish Communion Family Service with Baptism Choral Matins Parish Communion Parish Communion Morning Service Holy Communion	Broad Chalke Charlton All Saints Odstock Coombe Bissett Berwick St John Bishopstone Alvediston Bowerchalke	David Henley Alison Williams Alison Williams Sylvia Parrett D Henley / L Buckland Charles Hatton Lay Led D Henley / L Buckland
<b>29<sup>th</sup> August Trinity 13 Proper 17</b>	10.00am 10.00am	United Parish Communion Parish Communion	Bowerchalke Odstock	D Henley / K R Smith Jenny Taylor
<b>5<sup>th</sup> September Trinity 14 Proper 18</b>	8.00am 9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Holy Communion Parish Communion Parish Communion Matins Morning Service Parish Communion Family Service Family Service Choral Evensong	Bowerchalke Britford Broad Chalke Berwick St John Bishopstone Coombe Bissett Ebbesbourne Wake Nunton Homington	Jenny Taylor David Henley Jenny Taylor Lay Led Terry Sankey David Henley Lay Led Adrian Taylor Lavender Buckland

Please send news items for “Chalke Talk” to [chalketalk@gmail.com](mailto:chalketalk@gmail.com) or by mail to “Golden Cottage”, Mead End, Bowerchalke by 12.00noon on the third Wednesday of the month at the latest.

*Earlier would be appreciated, if at all possible.*