

CHALKE TALK

for the Parishes of the Chalke Valley Team Benefice

December 2008

*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,*

How might I be different?

I was looking at some old photographs - a friend as a small boy, then as a teenager, and finally as an adult. Amazingly, his eyes, his look and expression have scarcely altered over the years – he is easily recognisable at every stage. But, he is also *very* different. The small child looked quite timid, clinging hard to his father's hand. The teenager looked more confident, very proudly sporting his school uniform; and the adult – well, he's now a doctor, a leader in his local Church and has recently been licensed as a Lay Minister. He's come a long way in his faith and Church involvement over the years, but he can clearly see God at work in his life.

Might we say the same about our own life and faith? Have we recently stepped out into a new area of Church life or service? Have we even considered how we might be different?

This is the question which a small group of us pondered for the valley. ***By Pentecost 09, how might we be different? Might we be doing something more, or different from now?***

In 2009, the Bishop wants all of us to be more aware of our Baptism, which is our membership of the Church, our calling to follow Christ, and our mandate for service. Baptism is what we all have in common, so we are not talking of a Church in-crowd!

The challenge of change ...

The Team Council has agreed a programme of teaching and reflection, from **Advent to Pentecost**. It's to help us *all* grow in confidence as Christians, to discover our God-given gifts and find our place in the life of the Church. The Lent talks '*Fully Alive*' by Timothy Radcliffe will help. So too our study weekend with Tom Stuckey in March. We hope that Pentecost 09 will see all of us take a step forward in faith – maybe only a little step, but important. And perhaps, by 2010, you will have felt a prod to take on some new area of service? Who knows?

And it all begins this Advent. Charles Hatton will give a key note sermon for Advent – repeated in several places on different dates - to make it easy for us all to hear. There will be a simple leaflet for everyone, to help us reflect on the Advent theme at home, with readings and prayers, and questions to ponder. We do hope that *everyone* will catch the theme, talk about it, and that through these months, we may *together* encourage one another. Advent is all about looking forward; so let's do that and trust God to lead us!

Alison Williams

PS And, by the way.....

HAPPY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE!

**BUILDING FOR TOMORROW
BROAD CHALKE CHURCH DEVELOPMENT
PROJECT**

YOU are invited to come and join in prayer for this important project at 9am on **1st December** in URC Chapel

MEDITATION

Meditation session in
The Chapel, Broad Chalke, led by Anna Watson
All are welcome at these lovely, refreshing sessions,
In silence we welcome God
into our hearts and minds.
Always on the 2nd Wednesday of the month
at 2.30pm

Teddy Bears

All babies and young children, together with their parents and carers, are always welcome to attend **Teddy Bears** on Wednesdays at 2pm in Broad Chalke Village Hall.

Starting after half term, **each session will end at 4pm (not 4.30pm).**

The term will end with the Christmas Party on December 10th in the Village Hall, starting at 2pm.

For further information, please telephone Jans Holland (780373)

***Carol Singing
in Broad Chalke***

In aid of the Morning Star Charity for the Homeless in Salisbury

Tuesday, 22nd December

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

*Meet at 6.00pm
at the Lychgate, All Saints Broad Chalke*

Christmas Fayre in the Chapel

Saturday, 6th December

10.00 am – 3.00 pm

Refreshments throughout the day including coffee, tea and homemade soup and bread lunch

Saturday, 13th December at 7.30pm

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Chalke Valley Ladies Choir

present

Christmas by Candlelight

(music, readings and some audience participation)

Conductor, Marianne Tomkies

in All Saints, Broad Chalke

Tickets: £7.50 (includes a glass of wine)

From Marianne Tomkies (780052)

Janet Roe (01725 519242)

Broad Chalke Post Office

Meeting for Prayer in Broad Chalke Chapel

On Monday evenings we have been meeting at 6.00 p.m. for a short time of silent and spoken prayer. This was begun because of an overwhelming concern for Diana Turin and her family and friends. But we have recognised too, that many people also value an opportunity to meet in a quiet and peaceful place and to offer prayer for other situations.

We shall continue to meet on Mondays throughout December. Please join us, at any time between 6.00 and 6.30pm. Please ring Jackie Lowe on 780008 if you would like further details.

Chalke Talk Delivery

A big thank you to Bridget Denny in Broad Chalke who has now taken over the coordination of the distribution of Chalke Talk and the Sarum Link for the Valley. If you have any queries about the distribution of Chalke Talk, please contact Bridget.

For information about all other aspects of Chalke Talk, please contact Caroline in the office.

From the Administrator

I am receiving a rapidly increasing number of telephone calls, emails and personal visits from people both at my home or when I see them out of the office enquiring about Benefice matters or entries in Chalke Talk. All Benefice and Chalke Talk information is kept in the office, so please telephone or email the office. **THANK YOU!**

January 2009 Chalke Talk

Please send January 2009 Chalke Talk copy to chalkevalley@googlemail.com by 13th December. Many thanks.

Team Benefice Office

For the time being the office will be open on the following days at the following times:

Mon 10.00am – 12.00noon
Wed 8.30am – 4.00pm (closed 1.00 - 2.00pm)
Fri 10.00am – 12.00 & 2.00 – 4.00pm

A huge thank you to all the volunteers, both past and present. Without them, the office would not be open as often as it is. Ideally the office could be open every day if we had a few more volunteers. If you think you could offer two hours a week or a fortnight, do contact Caroline at the office.

Opening times over the Christmas/New Year period may vary so please telephone in advance before making a special journey.

IT WILL SOON BE 2009
AN ENTRY FOR YOUR NEW DIARY
Sunday, 12th July - Open Gardens in Bishopstone
Make a note of it now.

Carol Service

11.00 am Bishopstone Village Hall

Sunday, 21st December

Bishopstone Singers

Wind Quintet

Mulled Wine

Mince Pies

Music for Advent

Alison Williams will be holding three afternoon sessions in the Broad Chalke Chapel
2.30 – 4.00 on December 1st, 8th and 15th.
All are welcome

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
Associate Clergy: The Revd Charles Hatton, 4 Longhill Drive, Salisbury SP2 8TD 01722 501409
Associate Clergy: The Revd Jenny Taylor, 27 Viking Way, Salisbury SP2 8TA 01722 503081
URC: The Revd Jackie Lowe, Sun Cottage, Broad Chalke, Salisbury SP5 5EN 01722 780008
LLM: Mrs Lavender Buckland, Benedictus, Church Street, Bowerchalke, Salisbury SP5 5AY 01722 780488

Other service takers

Associate Clergy: The Revd Terry Sankey, 7 Charnwood Rd, Salisbury SP2 7HT 01722 324031
Retired Clergy: The Revd Westley Cole, Cranborne Farm Bungalow, Coombe Bissett SP5 5LF 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 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

7th December Advent 2	8.00am Holy Communion BCP 9.30am Family Service 9.30am Parish Communion 9.30am Parish Communion 11.00am Morning Service 11.00am Morning Service 11.00am Parish Communion 11.00am Family Service 6.00pm Evensong BCP	Bowerchalke Ebbesbourne Wake Broad Chalke Britford Berwick St John Bishopstone Coombe Bissett Nunton Homington	Kate Rosslyn Smith David Henley L Buckland/tbc Alison Williams Lay led Terry Sankey A Williams/C Hatton Adrian Taylor Alison Williams
14th December Advent 3	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am P Comm/Sunday Club 9.30am Parish Communion 11.00am Holy Communion 11.00am Family Service 3.00pm Evensong tbc Carol Singing	Broad Chalke Chapel Bowerchalke Odstock Alvediston Coombe Bissett Fifield Bavant Berwick St John	David Henley Jenny Taylor A Williams/C Hatton tbc Alison Williams Sylvia Parrett
21st December Advent 4	9.30am Family Communion 9.30am Family Communion 11.00am Parish Communion 11.00am Matins BCP 11.00am Carols in Hall 3.30pm Christingle 5.00pm Carol Service 6.00pm Carol Service 6.00pm Carol Service 7.00pm Carol Service	Britford Homington Ebbesbourne Wake Broad Chalke Bishopstone Bowerchalke Nunton Berwick St John Broad Chalke Coombe Bissett	Alison Williams Charles Hatton tbc Annabel Tier D Henley/J Lowe D Henley/L Buckland Alison Williams David Henley Jackie Lowe Alison Williams
24th December Christmas Eve	4.00pm Crib Service 6.00pm Crib Service 6.00pm Carol Service 6.00pm Christingle 10.00pm Midnight Eucharist 11.30pm Midnight Eucharist 11.30pm Midnight Eucharist	Bishopstone Ebbesbourne Wake Homington Broad Chalke Fifield Bavant Broad Chalke Coombe Bissett	D Henley/L Buckland Jackie Lowe Alison Williams David Henley Roger Redding David Henley Alison Williams
25th December Christmas Day	8.00am Holy Communion 8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Communion 9.30am Family Communion 9.30am Family Communion 9.30am Family Communion 11.00am Family Communion 11.00am Family Service 11.00am Family Communion 11.00am Parish Communion	Homington Alvediston Bowerchalke Broad Chalke Britford Odstock Bishopstone Coombe Bissett Ebbesbourne Wake Berwick St John	Alison Williams Roger Redding Rob Eardley David Henley Alison Williams Charles Hatton Jenny Taylor Alison Williams Roger Redding David Henley
28th December Christmas 1	9.30am Family Communion 11.00am Parish Communion	Broad Chalke Coombe Bissett	D Henley/J Taylor Alison Williams

The services in bold print are those referred to in Alison Williams' front page article.

*Chalke Talk Copy, preferably by email
by the 3rd Friday of each month (December = 2nd Friday)
to chalkevalley@googlemail.com,
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