



# CHALKE TALK

*for the Parishes of the Chalke Valley Team Benefice*

February 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,*

## Let's make a difference!

*Snow had fallen, snow on snow....* Yes, we have had a real winter with wonderfully wintry views. Beautiful – until my boiler went! Jolly cold it was, smelly too with an oil leak, and my mood and countenance were suddenly less than pretty! It doesn't take much to throw us, does it? Schools shut, transport was cancelled and there was massive disruption to daily life.

But if you live in some parts of the world, disruption is an everyday occurrence, not just when the weather takes a turn for the worse. Electricity may only function for a few hours a day; government wages may not be paid; education or good healthcare only for the rich; and running water, functioning toilets or telephones *not* a given. Add a local history of civil war with religious tensions and the problems mount. So for Christians to gather together safely, with a paid, trained minister – well, that is simply not always possible! Which is why we Christians, in comfortable Britain, cannot turn a blind eye. We CAN make a difference.

Salisbury Diocese is linked with the Sudan. Our Lent project for this year has been chosen to raise money for one Diocese there. Caroline Lamb visited Kajo Keji in September and was deeply moved. Their Bishop Anthony Poggo has given some very practical suggestions so we can make a difference : the annual salary of a Diocesan support worker - £2600; a motorbike to enable him to travel - £750; laptop and printer - £800; equipment for the local school £250. In the Sudan, money goes further than over here! This is not a huge national charity where our money will be lost in the millions; this is a link between the Chalke Valley and one Sudan Diocese. Caroline will return to the Sudan in September to see how our money will be spent and to report back to us.

Lent is usually a time of looking inwards and finding spiritual refreshment. Important, of course. But let it also be a time when we look outwards to our brothers and sisters, where life is harder and often a struggle practically. I do sense however that they could teach us a thing or two about trusting God in tough times! But that's another matter .....

*Alison Williams*

## Confirmation 2010

The Bishop of Ramsbury is coming to conduct a Deanery Confirmation Service on Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> May 2010 at 7.30 pm. We have started preparation for Confirmation for adults and for young people but it is not too late to join us. The minimum age for young people is 10 years.

At present the preparation for young people is on Tuesdays in the Chapel in Broad Chalke from 6.00 - 6.45pm each week through term time.

The clergy will lead the preparation as a team and therefore can cope with a variety of age groups. Adults will, if they wish, prepare separately, although last year some adults preferred to join with the young people. This was particularly helpful for parents who wished to be confirmed themselves.

Beginning the preparation does not commit anyone to being confirmed, although in practice we hope that you will find the course stimulating and encouraging and that you will increasingly want to continue. If you would like to join the course please contact me (01722 780262).

**David Henley**

### Ash Wednesday & Mid Week Communion Services.

There will be an Ash Wednesday service at 12.30 pm on the 17<sup>th</sup> February in Broadchalke Chapel and at 6.30 pm in Bishopstone Church.

From the 24<sup>th</sup> February throughout Lent there will be a Communion service at 12.30pm in the Chapel and at 6.30pm in Bishopstone Church (this will replace evening prayer normally held at 5 pm). All welcome.

*David Henley*

### A CELEBRATORY CONCERT

Please join us for a concert to celebrate the refurbishment of the organ in Holy Trinity Church, Bowerchalke on Saturday February 27<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm.

Musicians include Dr Richard Seal & The Chalke Valley Ladies Choir

Tickets £7 (to include refreshments) available from : Sue at the PO, Ann and Ron Thomas 780084 & Gill Riley 780538

### Bowerchalke Services

**NB No Healing and Wholeness** service on the third Thursday in February. These resume in March

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**Lay Led Service February 21st 2010  
Holy Trinity Church at 9.30 am**

Brigadier Vere Hayes (ex Diocesan Secretary to the Sudan Link) will be discussing Peace Keeping, Peace Making and Reconciliation from a Christian point of view.

Vere has been involved with these processes in many troubled areas of the world.

Please do come with your questions and join us.

### MEDITATION

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 2.30pm a silent meditation session is held at Lodge Farmhouse, Broad Chalke

The session lasts about 1 hour

The next afternoons are: Feb 10 Mar 10

For more information, call Janet Roe (01725 519242) or just turn up!

### Benefice Resource Centre The Chapel - Broadchalke

The centre is open

Tues 10am-12pm & Thurs 12.30-4pm.

We have a library of faith inspiring and building books, a photocopier to use and Traidcraft goods for sale. Do pop in for coffee and a chat. We'd also like your ideas for future stock.

### Tuesday Morning Fellowship

Men and women are now welcome at all meetings from 10am -12noon.

The usual meeting pattern is to start with worship & focus on a Christian Charity followed by coffee & teaching at 11 am. There will be seven sessions of studies in St John's Gospel.

### Parenting Course

For parents with children between 5-15 who wish to improve their communication skills with their children Tuesdays at 10.15am for coffee in the Village Hall followed by a one hour course in the Old School House. If you are interested ring Caroline Lamb on 780789 or Katie Jayne Jennings on 781200.

### Lee Abbey, 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> April 2010

Thank you for applying so promptly.

The house is full with people from all over the Benefice and Liz Heaven will be sending out the second letter on the 1st February & will collect the final payment.

*Caroline Lamb*

## Teddy Bears Wed 2-4pm in Broadchalke Village Hall

Babies and young children, together with their parents and carers, are very welcome. Half Term will be on February 17<sup>th</sup>. End of term March 24<sup>th</sup>. Summer term begins April 21<sup>st</sup>. The charges are £2 for one child and £2.50 for two or more in one family.

**For further information contact Jans Holland 780373**



## Lent in the Chalke Valley

We are hoping that every village in the Chalke Valley will join in studying the York Lent course for this year.

Written by Revd Dr John Pridmore, with contributions from Revd John Bell, General Sir Richard Dannatt, Canon Dr Christina Baxter, Revd Dr Colin Morris and Dr David Hope, the course is entitled 'WHEN I SURVEY... Christ's Cross and ours'. The five sessions lead us, at many different levels, through Bible study and thought provoking insights to find, at the foot of the cross, a rock which stands firm under our feet.

The leader(s) of each village Lent study group are invited to an introductory session which will be led by Revd Jackie Lowe on Thursday February 18<sup>th</sup>, at The Chapel, Broad Chalke, at 6.30 p.m.

## Lent Project - Helping a Forgotten Nation - Southern Sudan

### Charlton All Saints

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> March 10.30am – 12 noon at Charlton All Saints Church – Coffee and Cake + Illustrated talk on Sudan.

### Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March 12noon - 2pm Lent Ploughman's Lunch at Longford Farmhouse. Cost £6  
Book in with Debby Underhill 01722 329769

### Coombe Bissett

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> March 12.30 pm - Lunch + Illustrated talk At Coombe Bissett Village Hall. Cost £5.00.

### Bishopstone

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March Lunch + Illustrated talk 12.30pm in Bishopstone Village Hall.

### Bowerchalke

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> March 10-11.30am -Food Fair in Bowerchalke Village Hall. Stock the freezer for Easter!

### Broadchalke

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March Drinks, Nibbles and Illustrated Talk about the Project by Caroline Lamb  
7.30pm: Broad Chalke Village Hall: no charge, but donations please.

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March Aga Demonstration at the home of Jenny Truluck (numbers are limited, so for details, please telephone Jenny: 01722 -780858)

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March Coffee Morning at Puddles Living (home of David and Gwen Hitchings)  
10am – 12 noon with an "anything edible" stall and Raffle

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March Fellowship Supper with Illustrated Talk by Caroline Lamb  
7pm: Broad Chalke Village Hall: £10 (tickets from all the usual sources)

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March Afternoon Tea, Lodge Farmhouse (home of Michael and Janet Roe)  
3.30pm – 5.30pm

### 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

**For the Other service takers please refer to January's Chalke Talk- space at a premium this month!**

## Services in the Chalke Valley – February 2010

<b>7<sup>th</sup> February 2<sup>nd</sup> before Lent</b>	8.00am 9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Holy Communion BCP Parish Communion Parish Communion Morning Service Morning Service Parish Communion Family Service Family Service Evensong BCP	Bowerchalke Britford Broad Chalke Berwick St John Bishopstone Coombe Bissett Ebbesbourne Wake Nunton Homington	Roger Redding David Henley Alison Williams Lay Led Terry Sankey Jenny Taylor Lavender Buckland Adrian Taylor Lavender Buckland
<b>14<sup>th</sup> February Sunday before Lent</b>	8.00am 9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 3.00pm 6.00pm	Holy Communion BCP Communion/Sunday Club Parish Communion Holy Communion Family Service Matins Evensong BCP Evensong BCP	Broad Chalke Chapel Bowerchalke Odstock Alvediston Coombe Bissett Charlton All Saints Fifield Bavant Berwick St John	Jenny Taylor Roger Redding Alison Williams D Henley/L Buckland Alison Williams Denis Blake Sylvia Parrett Lavender Buckland
<b>17<sup>th</sup> February Ash Wednesday</b>	12.30pm 6.30pm	Holy Communion with Ashing Holy Communion with Ashing	Broad Chalke Chapel Bishopstone	
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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 noon on the third Wednesday of the month at the latest. *Earlier would be appreciated if at all possible.*