

CHALKE TALK

for the Parishes of the Chalke Valley Team Benefice

January 2009

*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,*

Becoming what we are meant to be.... Alive, smiling and useful!

A little girl was overheard praying : "Please God, make the bad people good and the good people nice"! I think we understand her complaint! Apparently Mother Teresa of Calcutta required her sisters of charity to be people who **smiled**. They were to be people who really enjoyed life and happily found fulfilment in their vocation; in other words, people who were, in St Irenaeus' words "**fully alive**".

In Advent, we began something new in the valley. In his keynote sermon, Charles Hatton invited us all to consider the part we play in the life of the Church. He talked about us being like *yeast* – a powerful agent of change, bringing taste and goodness to a loaf. God has called us to be agents of change in his world, to bring goodness and life wherever we can. This is our calling as individuals, and as a community together. **We are to be fully alive, joyful and useful.**

In Lent, we shall focus on that phrase "fully alive". But first, we must take delight in our individuality. It is obvious, but we so easily forget that we are all different! If you come to a meal at my house you will see that my wine glasses are hand made, each slightly different. Although I paid less for them because they are 'seconds', I actually love the fact they are all slightly different.

Thankfully, God doesn't make seconds! We are each unique and special, with God-given gifts and personality to express our individuality and to use to God's glory. This Epiphany, as we remember the wise men who offered their gifts to the infant King, before returning to their own country, we shall focus on the gifts God has given to his Church, and how we can, in worship and service, offer them back to his praise and glory. How do we know what our gifts are? Am I in the right job? Am I fulfilling my divine calling? These are some of the questions to ponder this New Year. We may not find quick or easy answers, but if we are thinking about them, then we are surely opening ourselves up to be "**fully alive**" **for God**.

"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do" (Ephesians 2:10)

Alison Williams

Happy New Year!

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

YOU are invited to come and join in prayer for this important project at 9am on
5th January, 2nd February and 2nd March
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

**Meeting of the Team Council
– 18 November**

The following are the main items covered at the meeting.

Alison outlined the proposals for a teaching and reflections programme, also referred to in her article in the December issue of Chalke Talk. The programme has now begun with Charles Hatton's key note Advent sermon, printed copies of which can be obtained from local churches, the Chapel Office, or downloaded from www.newsandnotes.co.uk.

As part of the programme, we are tapping into Timothy Radcliffe's "Fully Alive" talks in the Cathedral. We hope to obtain CD recordings and would like PCCs to meet and consider the challenges for Christians in village churches.

The meeting also received Christopher Panes' interim report on work with Children and Young People, and a copy of his report is also obtainable from the Chapel Office.

The Team Council agreed that The Valerie Taylor Trust shall be the Team's Lent Project in 2009. Bertie and Daphne Woolnough will be providing information and material to all PCCs in the valley.

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.

**For further information, please telephone
Jans Holland (01722 780373)**

Welcome to The Revd Jenny Taylor

On Tuesday 20th January at 7.30pm in Broad Chalke Church, Jenny Taylor will be licensed by the Archdeacon as our new Associate Vicar (i.e. part-time non-stipendiary Team Vicar). She will combine this with her responsibilities as Chaplain of Salisbury Cathedral School. These duties keep her busy during term-time Tuesday to Friday, but she will normally be with us on Sundays and on some afternoons and evenings during the week.

Jenny was ordained in 2001 and for the last seven years has served as a curate at St Thomas's in Salisbury, where her ministry has been greatly appreciated. She has been in the Chalke Valley for a few Services during the autumn "trying us out" (and we "trying her out"!), and I am delighted she wants to join us. Her last Sunday at St Thomas's is 18th January, and she will be leaving behind many friends.

Jenny is a trained teacher and is looking forward to working with families and young people. She will also be getting involved with pastoral care and visiting. She will be in charge of our team of Lay Pastoral Assistants, and will probably take over from The Revd Sue Symons of the Nadder Team as deanery LPA Coordinator.

Jenny and her husband Geoff live on the Rowbarrow estate near the hospital. After serving with the Army, Geoff now works for the Salisbury Diocese in Church House as Diocesan Stewardship and Resources Adviser (he led a workshop at our first non-residential Benefice Weekend here in the Chalke Valley).

We hope they will thoroughly enjoy being part of our Team. Please come if you can to support and welcome Jenny at her Licensing Service on 20th January

David Henley

CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the appeal for the Trussell Trust. About 70 boxes were collected in the URC Chapel and more were taken directly to the Trust. These boxes are greatly appreciated.

Bowerchalke Lay-Led Service

On Sunday 18th January, Bev and Dave Kidley will be speaking about working among the homeless.

"Bring Hope to Broken Lives"

Jewellery Afternoon

On a cold, wet Saturday afternoon in November, eleven girls met up in Bowerchalke Village Hall and spent a very enjoyable and creative time designing and making all different types of necklaces, pendants and bangles from a wonderful selection of beads provided by Annabel Panes.

After a very short break for tea (no one wanted to stop!), Annabel explained why she had become an ethical jewellery designer and how she felt God had helped in her choice. He had brought her through various situations and felt she had total confidence that God would always help her in future decisions.

The time passed all too quickly and suddenly parents arrived to take everyone and their creations home. Sincere thanks are due to Annabel and the Panes family for all their encouragement and support for a very worthwhile afternoon.

Gill Riley

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 so please join us, at any time between 6.00 and 6.30pm. Please ring Jackie Lowe on 780008 if you would like further details.

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

Clergy Team

<i>Team Rector:</i> The Revd Canon David Henley, The Rectory, Broad Chalke SP5 5DS	01722 780262
<i>Team Vicar:</i> The Revd Alison Williams, The Vicarage, Nunton SP5 4HP	01722 330628
<i>Diocesan Chaplain to Travellers and Gypsies and Team Vicar:</i> The Revd Roger Redding, The Vicarage, Ebbesbourne Wake SP5 5JL	01722 780408
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<i>Associate Clergy:</i> The Revd Jenny Taylor, 27 Viking Way, Salisbury SP2 8TA	01722 503081
<i>URC:</i> The Revd Jackie Lowe, Sun Cottage, Broad Chalke, Salisbury SP5 5EN	01722 780008
<i>LLM:</i> Mrs Lavender Buckland, Benedictus, Church Street, Bowerchalke, Salisbury SP5 5AY	01722 780488

Other service takers

<i>Associate Clergy:</i> The Revd Terry Sankey, 7 Charnwood Rd, Salisbury SP2 7HT	01722 324031
<i>Retired Clergy:</i> The Revd Westley Cole, Cranborne Farm Bungalow, Coombe Bissett SP5 5LF	01722 718240
<i>Retired Clergy:</i> The Revd Kate Rosslyn Smith, The Old School House, Bowerchalke SP5	01722 780011
<i>Retired Clergy:</i> The Revd Rob Eardley, Bridge Cottage, Martin, Fordingbridge	01725 519423
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<i>Lay Leader:</i> Adrian Taylor, Florida, Nunton Drove, Nunton, Salisbury SP5 4HZ	01722 325862

Services in the Chalke Valley

4 th January Christmas 2	8.00am Holy Communion BCP 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 Broad Chalke Britford Berwick St John Bishopstone Coombe Bissett Nunton Homington	David Henley David Henley Alison Williams Lay led Terry Sankey Alison Williams Adrian Taylor Alison Williams
11 th January Epiphany 1	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am P. Comm./Sunday Club 9.30am Parish Communion 11.00am Family Service 3.00pm Evensong 6.00pm Evensong	Broad Chalke Chapel Bowerchalke Odstock Coombe Bissett Fifield Bavant Berwick St John	Kate Rosslyn Smith Alison Williams David Henley Alison Williams Sylvia Parrett Lavender Buckland
18 th January Epiphany 2	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Communion 9.30am Family Communion 9.30am Family Service 9.30am Parish Communion 11.00am Parish Communion 11.00am Matins BCP	Berwick St John Homington Bishopstone Bowerchalke Nunton Ebbesbourne Wake Broad Chalke	David Henley Kate Rosslyn Smith D Henley/A Williams Lay led Charles Hatton David Henley Annabel Tier
25 th January Epiphany 3	9.30am F. Comm. + baptism 9.30am Parish Communion 11.00am Parish Communion 11.00am Parish Communion 11.00am Matins	Broad Chalke Odstock Berwick St John Bishopstone Coombe Bissett	David Henley Charles Hatton Alison Williams Jenny Taylor Charles Hatton
1 st February Candlemas	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Parish Communion 9.30am Family Communion 11.00am Morning Service 11.00am Parish Communion Check time Christingle 11.00am Morning Prayer 11.00am Fam. Service + baptism 6.00pm Evensong	Bowerchalke Broad Chalke Britford Bishopstone Coombe Bissett Ebbesbourne Wake Berwick St John Nunton Homington	Kate Rosslyn Smith C Hatton/A Williams Jenny Taylor Lavender Buckland Jenny Taylor Kate Rosslyn Smith Lay led Alison Williams Alison Williams

The services in bold print will include Alison Williams' Epiphany Sermon

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