



# CHALKE TALK

*for the Parishes of the Chalke Valley Team Benefice*

October 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*

## The autumn of Life...

Autumn. "Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness" as Keats described it. Blackberries, heavy-laden apple trees, falling leaves, lighting the first fires as an evening chill sets in; clearing away in the garden, bonfires and Harvest Festivals.

*Come, ye thankful people, come!  
To thee, O Lord, our hearts we raise in hymns of adoration!*

Some people find autumn depressing. Everything dies back in the garden and colours fade. Winter creeps in with its hint of frosts. "I hate the dark evenings" people say, "I won't go out after dark" So some older people stay at home, keep themselves to themselves and withdraw from the community as days shorten. It can be lonely.

I guess that as I now have my bus-pass and senior rail-card, I am in the autumn of my life. Autumn seems an apt metaphor for older age. We slow down. We get tired. So there is time to reflect. Time to make sense of life, to spend time with those we love. A line from an Autumn poem by Laurence Binyon says : "*Now is the time for stripping the spirit bare*" As I get older, I need to come to terms with who I really am and find peace of mind, so I realise the importance above all of spending time with God. Before him, my Spirit, my character, my life is stripped bare.....

I love my work at the hospital with older people. I do a lot of listening, as people share their memories, or hopes and fears about getting old. Sometimes I just sit with people who are frail or weary and pray for them. It is an immense privilege. I hope and pray that in our churches and communities we can respect, love and care for those in the autumn or evening of their life.

***Alison Williams***

**COMING...COMING...COMING...**  
**The Chalke Valley Churches Website [under construction]**

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

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

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

**Bible Study Group**

There is a small Christian Group which meets in Coombe Bissett on a Wednesday evening for Bible Studies, using a guide from the Scripture Union or from a similar publication. We would be very pleased to welcome anyone who would like to join us. We meet in one of the Group's homes on subsequent Wednesdays at 7.30.p.m. - please speak to one of the Group for details of where we will be meeting on any particular Wednesday [names given below].

Diana & Graham Rushforth - 718506; Helen Baynes - 718395; Teresa Seabright - 718360;

Ruth & Don Morgan - 718557; George Brutton - 718539; Heather & Graham Oliver - 718646; Brian Childes 718600

**TEDDY BEARS**



We look forward to seeing any young children and babies, together with their parents and carers at Broadchalke Village Hall.

Charges are £2 for one child and £2.50 for two or more children in one family  
2pm – 4pm every Wednesday  
For further information contact Jans Holland 780373

**Fellowship Supper**

**Monday 18th October 2010.**

Broadchalke Village Hall 7.00pm

Cost £10 to include a glass of wine

Lt Col (rtd) Jan Ransom OBE

served in the British Army for 24 years.

Today she leads small teams to areas of the world where people have been traumatised by wars. She has founded Flame International a charity to do this. The majority of her work has to date, been in Africa. At the supper she will be showing the DVD made about her charity work and also telling us of the importance of forgiveness in her work, and in our lives today. She has visited the Chalke Valley on several occasions speaking at the men's breakfasts and the Tuesday group. **Book early to avoid disappointment** as she is a popular speaker. Tickets on sale from Sept 21st from Fiona Stacey, Janet Roe, Broadchalke P O, Katie-Jayne Jennings, Christopher Panes, Alison Williams, Debbie Underhill, and Wendy Duke

**Healing and Wholeness Service**

Every third Thursday in the month  
a short Celtic Service of Prayer  
for Healing and Wholeness is held in  
**Bowerchalke Church at 11am.**

Next service is on the 21 October

If you would like transport or  
assistance in any way please ring  
Lavender Buckland on 01722 780488

**MEDITATION**

every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month  
at 2pm

**LODGE FARMHOUSE**

Broad Chalke

the meditation lasts about an hour

Tel; Janet Roe (01725 519242)

or just turn up

Next meeting 13 October

## A Thank You from a Treasure Hunter

I learnt so much at Treasure Hunters about God and Jesus.

The activities were such fun .

Not only I thought the club was good but so did everyone else, I could tell this because all around me there was a sea of smiles.

Thank you to everyone who helped organise Treasure Hunters for us.....the brilliant leaders through to the yummy cake makers – EVERYONE – thank you!

*Jessica Watts*

*St Andrew's Church, Nunton*

**Minerva String Quartet**

Playing music to suit all tastes

9th October at 7.30pm

Another chance to hear our resident string quartet - not to be missed!

Tickets £7 (incl. glass of wine & snacks)

from Adrian Taylor 01722 325862

*in aid of the Nunton Church Appeal Fund*

**A CONCERT BY SALISBURY CATHEDRAL CHOIR** WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY 15<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER

AT 7.30pm IN BOWERCHALKE CHURCH IN AID OF THE CHURCH FABRIC FUND

TICKETS : £10 TO INCLUDE REFRESHMENTS

TICKETS FROM: BROADCHALKE POST OFFICE, SHEILA NELL 781 120 , THELMA HUTTON PENMAN, 780 148

### **Take Part in Salisbury Cathedral's 2011 Flower Festival 14-18 June 2011**

To launch the 2011 Flower Festival preparations, an Open Meeting is taking place in the Cathedral at **10.30 am on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2010**. Flower arrangers interested in participating, either as individuals or as part of a parish group, should send a representative to this October meeting having let the Cathedral know in advance whether they are volunteering as an individual or representing a larger group. E-mail to

[flowerfestival@salcath.co.uk](mailto:flowerfestival@salcath.co.uk)

### **Last Push for the Fifield Church Restoration Project**

On Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October, Michael Beck (renowned Wally Wheelbarrow fundraiser for the Stars Appeal and Fifield Bavant's oldest resident) will be undertaking a pram push to raise funds for the Fifield Church Restoration Project. He will be visiting churches of the Chalke Valley Benefice that day, ending up at Salisbury Cathedral. If you would like to sponsor Michael, sponsorship forms will be available in the following churches that Michael will visit on the day.

Berwick St John, Alvediston, Ebbesbourne Wake, (Fifield Bavant - church is currently closed for building works) Bowerchalke, Bishopstone, Coombe Bissett, Homington, Odstock, Nunton,

If you would like to sponsor Michael but can't get to any of the above churches or would like more information on this event please contact The Appeal Co-ordinator Will Hillary on 01722 780271

Thank you.

#### **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 listed on last month's Chalke Talk

## Services in the Chalke Valley – October 2010

<b>3<sup>rd</sup> October</b> <b>Trinity 18</b> <b>Proper 22</b>	8.00am 9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Holy Communion Parish Communion Harvest Festival Communion Matins Harvest Festival Communion Harvest Festival Communion Harvest Family Service Family Service Harvest Festival	Bowerchalke Britford Broad Chalke Berwick St John Bishopstone Coombe Bissett Ebbesbourne Wake Nunton Homington	Charles Hatton Alison Williams D Henley / L Buckland Lay Led Jenny Taylor Alison Williams Lay Led Adrian Taylor Alison Williams
<b>10<sup>th</sup> October</b> <b>Trinity 19</b> <b>Proper 23</b>	8.00am 9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 3.00pm  6.00pm	Holy Communion Communion/Sunday Club Parish Communion Harvest Festival Family Service Choral Matins Thanksgiving for Harvest & Fundraising Evensong	Broad Chalke Bowerchalke Odstock Alvediston Coombe Bissett Charlton All Saints Fifield Bavant  Berwick St John	David Henley Jenny Taylor Charles Hatton David Henley Alison Williams Denis Blake Sylvia Parrett  Lavender Buckland
<b>17<sup>th</sup> October</b> <b>Trinity 20</b> <b>Proper 24</b>	8.00am 9.30am 9.30am 9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Holy Communion Parish Communion Parish Communion Family Communion Songs of Praise Parish Communion Matins Harvest Festival	Britford Bishopstone Nunton Homington Bowerchalke Ebbesbourne Wake Broad Chalke Berwick St John	Alison Williams A Jeans / J Taylor David Henley Kate Rosslyn Smith Lay Led Alison Williams Annabel Tier Lay Led
<b>24<sup>th</sup> October</b> <b>Last Sunday in</b> <b>Trinity</b> <b>Bible Sunday</b> <b>Proper 25</b>	9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Family Communion Parish Communion Choral Matins Parish Communion Parish Communion Parish Communion Family Service Holy Communion	Broad Chalke Charlton All Saints Coombe Bissett Berwick St John Bishopstone Alvediston Odstock Bowerchalke	David Henley Alison Williams Lavender Buckland Roger Redding Alison Williams David Henley Adrian Taylor D Henley / L Buckland
<b>31<sup>st</sup> October</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b> <b>before Advent</b> <b>(All Saints)</b>	10.00am 10.00am 6.00pm	Parish Communion Parish Communion Reflection for All Souls	Broad Chalke Coombe Bissett Bishopstone	D Henley / J Taylor Alison Williams Jenny Taylor
<b>7<sup>th</sup> November</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday</b> <b>before Advent</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	David Henley Alison Williams K R Smith / L Buckland Lay Led Terry Sankey Jenny Taylor Lay Led Adrian Taylor Jenny Taylor

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 12.00 noon on the third Wednesday of the month at the latest.

*Earlier would be appreciated, if at all possible*