



# Parish Magazine

February 2026



Winter Sun on Faulston Barns

Photo by Rob Pendleton

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**Bishopstone Village Website**

[www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk](http://www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk)

The village website carries a wealth of useful information about Bishopstone. Everything from the practical, such as street and footpath maps, the local weather forecast and service announcements, to full details of what's on in the village. There are pages devoted to the church, the Village Hall, amenities and services, including local organisations and shops. There are even digital copies of this magazine.

If you want to have any information included on the website please contact:  
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**A warm welcome to Bishopstone and Stratford Tony...**

*Please let us know if you know of anyone who moves into Bishopstone or Stratford Tony - or indeed if you yourself have recently moved in, please do introduce yourselves! - so that we can offer them/you a welcome in STaB.*



## Hello from the Revd Ruth Howlett Shipley



Happy New Year!

I can't believe that as I write this we are already over half way through January and Christmas seems to be fading into the background! The decorations may have been taken down and packed away for next year but it is still Christmas Season in the church calendar until Candlemas on February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

I want to thank everyone who made Christmas so special in our churches this year. I estimate that across the Chalke Valley Benefice over 1200 people came to Carol Services and Services on Christmas Day. There were over 190 people at the Carol Services in Stratford Tony and Bishopstone, Carols Round the Crib and on Christmas morning in Bishopstone. That is a fantastic number and something really to be celebrated!

But these events and services do not happen without a huge amount of work from a large number of people. Those who clean the churches and those who decorate them; those who provide the Christmas trees, the mulled wine and the mince pies; all those who prepare and perform the music and do the readings without which a Carol Service would be sadly lacking and all the volunteers who keep our churches running throughout the year. A huge '**Thank you!**' to everyone who contributed this year, and to everyone who came along and made Christmas so special!

If you are already missing the carol singing please put a date in your diaries for a future event when we will be treated to some fantastic music. On **Monday May 11th**, there will be a recital in St. Michael's Church, Coombe Bissett by the **Salisbury Cathedral Girls Choir**, conducted by David Halls, to which all will be welcome. It is likely to be a well subscribed event. To apply for tickets in advance, please email [treasurercbh@btinternet.com](mailto:treasurercbh@btinternet.com), otherwise they will be on sale in the Coombe Bissett Stores from the end of March.

Revd Ruth with 'mini Mary' at the Carols Round the Crib in Bishopstone on Christmas Eve.

*Photo by Alix Ricketts*



## Friends of Bishopstone Church

We were very sorry to hear of Jilly Ford's death over Christmas. As secretary to The Friends, she had been a valuable member of our committee. She was very loyal and supportive, and we all send our thoughts to Dennis and the family.

The Village Hall gave a donation of £250, which was collected from the Village Christmas Card at the Christmas Fayre. With many thanks to all who kindly contributed.

We have had success with our sales of merchandise – cards, church guides, jigsaws and tea towels. So far we have raised £625.70. Thank you so much to everyone who has bought something to help the Roof Appeal Fund. I still have a couple of jigsaws, some church guides and greetings cards. We are going to order another batch of tea towels depicting village views.

We are happy to welcome Kay Mills to join us on The Friends committee.

### **Future fund-raising events**

Please note that there have been a couple of date changes to our events:

**Friday 6 March.** Francis Taylor will be giving a talk on DNA. See poster in STaB.

**Friday 10 April** Jerry Smith is giving a talk on Removing Assad's Chemical Weapons in Syria in the Village Hall. More details in the next issue of STaB.

**Wednesday 28 May** A Garden Party at Faulston House (by kind permission of Sarah and Jason Blank). More details to follow.

The Navy Larks concert has been postponed until the autumn.

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 The Friends AGM will be held in the Village Hall.

Please come along and join us for a glass of wine.



Our account details for donations and payment for events is:

Friends Roof Appeal  
A/c 88097160  
Sort code 30-97-41

## Bishopstone Church Roof Repairs



### HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND BID FOR REPAIRS TO THE ROOF OF THE NORTH TRANSEPT OF OUR CHURCH – JANUARY 2026 UPDATE

On 19<sup>th</sup> January we received the fantastic news that the bid for a grant of nearly £250,000 from the National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF) for the repair of the church roof has been successful! At the time of writing full details have yet to be received and it is likely to take some time to iron these out with the NHLF. More information will be included in the next edition of STaB.

In the meantime a great deal is being done to prepare for the work to start and to continue the fund raising effort (see the separate report in this STaB from the Friends of Bishopstone Church). **It is important to remember that the lottery funding is only a proportion of the total costs of this project.** That includes not only works to the roof structure but also the delivery of wider environmental and social outcomes which are essential as they are conditions of the lottery grant.

So it is great news and a small glass of champagne may be appropriate, but much more remains to be done!

#### *The Bid Team*



There is now a dedicated page for the Church Restoration project on the Village Website. Go to:

[www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk/bishopstone-church-restoration](http://www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk/bishopstone-church-restoration).

This page contains the latest news on events and goods you can purchase in aid of the restoration fund and how to make a donation.

## Bishopstone Parish Council

The Parish Council met on the evening of Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January. The meeting was preceded by an open session with Mark Cherrington from Cherrington Planning who showed drawings of the revised Whitlock Development. This was well attended by the Parish and overall was well received. The application will not be made until the end of the January, and they have indicated that they will return for another public session if requested. Please email the clerk if you are interested.

The council met at 19.30 and was preceded by a public session where comments about the development were noted. Councillor Edwards chaired the meeting which was quorate. We still have two vacancies on the council and the appropriate procedure has been completed so that we can now co-opt members rather than elect them to the council. If you have any interest in taking on one of these roles, please email the clerk for further information.

The minutes of the meeting will be published on the council web site and on the Parish noticeboards. The main discussion point was the speed reduction on the C12 where the 40mph section passes the recreation field and White Hart Pub. This will be reduced to 30mph. Wiltshire Council have offered to reduce the speed in the village to 30mph at their cost. This will mainly affect the Hamlet of Croucheston. Following discussions, the council have agreed with Wiltshire Council's proposals and hopefully this will be completed within the next six months. This will involve repeater signs and road markings in the village and the rough position of these can be seen on the council website under minutes of the meeting. To help with controlling speed down this section of road, we are going to request posts for the Speed Indicator Devices to be positioned towards the eastern end of the High Road.

The council also discussed repair work to the swings and multiplay in the playground and have agreed for KOMPAN to do the work following a successful bid. This will ensure longevity to our equipment.

There were six planning applications received since the last meeting, all of a minor nature and can be found on the links in the minutes. The council were content to support all of them.

The finances of the council are healthy at the present time and discussions were had about saving for future replacement of the play park and other future projects.

Finally, a discussion was had about the Annual Parish meeting which must legally be held by the Parish between the 1<sup>st</sup> of March and 1<sup>st</sup> of June in every year. Previously the meeting has been held prior to the council meeting in May so this is likely to be held on the 11<sup>th</sup> of May 2026. The format of the meeting was discussed, and it was suggested that this year's meeting is themed. Councillors will discuss this offline but if anyone in the Parish has any ideas for the meeting, please contact the clerk.

The meeting was closed at 21.00 hrs with the date of the next meeting to be agreed as councillor Pratt is away on the 9<sup>th</sup> March. Please see the Parish Council website for up-to-date information.

### Farewell to Tom and Zara

Amazing turnout, the hall was full to the brim including all their family. Brilliant nibbles and very good disco.

The whole evening was organised by Lisa and Angela. We shall all miss them.

*Alix Ricketts*





# February 2026

### **BISHOPSTONE COMMUNITY CAFÉ**

The Village Hall Café opens every other Thursday and is a great place to relax and catch up with others in the community. Upcoming dates are the 12th and 26th February and the 12th and 26th March.

Opening hours are from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Refreshments are currently offered free of charge.

### **SPECIAL EVENT**

Saturday 14th February.

We are pleased to present a show by Rob Barratt, "a Dudley-born, brain-tickling, word-mangling comic poet and singer from North Cornwall". He combines clever word play and song with satire, parody and audience participation. He regularly appears at folk clubs, and folk, arts and literature festivals in UK and abroad. See more about him at <https://robbarratt.wixsite.com/robbarratt>.

Tickets are £10.00 each and an optional light supper will be available at £7.50.

Doors and bar open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Please book in advance with Caroline Ash on (01722) 781044, or Sue Taylor on 01722 780316, stating whether you require supper, and of any dietary requirements.

### **MOVIOLA at Bishopstone**

Friday 27th February.

The film for February will be 'The Roses'. The Roses is a 2025 satirical black comedy directed by Jay Roach, offers a fresh and modern take on a classic story. The film stars Benedict Cumberbatch and Olivia Colman as a successful couple whose seemingly picture-perfect marriage is tested in unexpected and darkly humorous ways.

Doors open from 7.00pm with the film beginning at 7.30pm. Entry to the film is £7.00. A cash bar with ices and snacks will be available. If possible, please book in advance with Caroline Ash on (01722) 781044 or Sue Taylor on 01722 780316.

A trailer for the film can be seen in the Events section of the village website at [www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk](http://www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk).

The film on Friday 27th of March will be 'The Choral'.

## **BISHOPSTONE COMMUNITY LUNCHES**

A home-cooked lunch is served monthly from October until April.

Booking is essential. Please telephone Caroline Ash on (01722) 781044 and advise her of any dietary requirements. The cost is £8.50 for a two-course lunch and a drink.

The February lunch will be on Wednesday 7th, when the speaker will be Alan Crossley, who will be talking about “Mason Bees.”

The time will be as usual: 12.00 noon for a 12.30 pm start.

The March lunch will be on Wednesday 4th, with Bernard Purrier speaking about Whales and Dolphins and in April, Tara Slater, Manager of the Alzheimer’s Dementia Advisory Service, will talk about the support they provide for people living with dementia, as well as their families and carers.

## **BOOKINGS FOR SOCIAL EVENTS AND WORKSHOPS**

Both halls are available for hire. To enquire or make a booking, please contact the bookings secretary, Margaret Barter (01722) 780471

## **BISHOPSTONE PLAYGROUP**

The playgroup meets on Friday mornings during term time from 9.30 – 11.00 am. Breastfeeding support is available from qualified breastfeeding counsellor Cally Edwards and trained peer supporters. Find further information on our Facebook page, Bishopstone Playgroup or contact Cally [callyedwards@me.com](mailto:callyedwards@me.com) or 07968 797 168.

## **“EXTEND” EXERCISE CLASSES**

For further information about these exercise classes, contact Jenny on 01722 780863, email: [jennyberwynjones@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jennyberwynjones@yahoo.co.uk)

## **PILATES AT BISHOPSTONE**

For further information, contact Claudine on 07788 587937 or email: [claudineblake@aol.com](mailto:claudineblake@aol.com)

## **YOGA WITH HANNAH**

For more details, please contact Hannah Stocker at 0773 856 1888 or by email: [yoga\\_with\\_hannah@outlook.com](mailto:yoga_with_hannah@outlook.com).

## **ART GROUP**

An Art Group led by Russell Bignold meets every Thursday morning between 9.45am and 11.45am. Drawing, painting and sculpture (clay) are taught, covering all genres. Cost £20 per session, tea and biscuits provided.

Contact Russell at [russellbignold@btinternet.com](mailto:russellbignold@btinternet.com).

Website [www.russellbignoldartist.com](http://www.russellbignoldartist.com).

# BISHOPSTONE VILLAGE HALL

*PRESENTS AN EVENING WITH*

## **ROB BARRATT**



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**Doors and bar open at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start.**

Tickets are **£10.00** each and an optional light supper will be available at **£7.50**.

Please book in advance with Caroline Ash on 01722 781044, or Sue Taylor on 01722 780316, stating any dietary requirements if taking the supper.

## **Bishopstone Village Hall rates for private hire**

Bishopstone Village Hall has 2 rooms that are available for hire for a wide range of functions. The larger room is ideal for children's parties with lots of space for running around. It can also accommodate wedding receptions, charity functions and large family celebrations.

The smaller room (The Memorial Room) is a good size for meetings and smaller gatherings.

The modern kitchen is spacious and fully equipped with an electric catering range, a professional 4 minute dishwasher, water boiler, hot cupboard, microwave oven, 2 fridges and a freezer, all suitable for professional caterers. There is also glassware, crockery and cutlery for over 80 people.

The hire charges include use of heating and electricity.

### **The rates are currently:**

	<b>Villagers</b>	<b>Non Villagers</b>
Hire of both rooms (With full use of the kitchen)	<b>£17 per hour</b>	<b>£22 per hour</b>
Hire of both rooms (With tea making facilities but no other electrical kitchen equipment)	<b>£12 per hour</b>	<b>£17 per hour</b>
Full use of the kitchen <u>only</u>	<b>£12 per hour</b>	<b>£17 per hour</b>
Weddings – per event/day	<b>£200</b>	<b>£300</b>
Parties – per event/day	<b>£125</b>	<b>£175</b>

### **Broadband**

An additional charge is made for use of the broadband connection of £6 per hour with a maximum of £25 per day.

### **Large projection screen**

Use of this professional quality screen is charged at an additional £10 per event.

The hire period must include time to set up and clear away after the event.

**For further information and bookings contact: Margaret Barter 01722 780471**

# BISHOPSTONE VILLAGE CHRISTMAS CARD 2025



Ann and Graham Dimmer  
Norman and Margaret  
John and Judy Atkinson  
Roger and Pip Stockton  
Sally Leaver  
Sue Porter  
Anne and Sammy Webb  
Jill and Paul Mildred  
Michael and Alex Ricketts  
Jane and Nigel Peasley  
Jo and Alan Mattick  
Marilyn and Ian  
Chris and Steven  
Pat Benham

Many thanks to all those who signed the Bishopstone Village Christmas Card in the Village Hall wishing their friends and neighbours a Very Happy Christmas.

As a result of your contributions a donation of £250 has been made to the Church Restoration Fund.

Those who signed the card were:

The Rigg Family  
Mary and Ross Colwill  
The Pendlentons  
Sue and David Dunwell  
Shirley Cooke  
Dot and Mike Walker  
Sue and Francis Taylor  
Sarah Seal  
Marilyn and Ian Smith  
Heather and Des Adeley  
Joy and Deric Bailey  
Mike and Caroline Ash  
Alix and Michael  
Maggie Richardson and Family  
Anne and Alan Stutchbury  
Jax and Chris  
George Todd  
Toby and Kay Mills  
John and Judy  
Jilly and Dennis Ford



Maud Gulliver would like to thank her friends in the village for thinking of her, and for all their kindness following the sad loss of her husband John.

## Chalke Valley Community Support

### POLICE

**Call 999 in an emergency:** an emergency is when someone is being threatened or at risk of getting injured, or a crime is in progress.

**Call 101 for non-emergencies:** such as reporting a crime that has already taken place, non-urgent incident, contacting local officers etc

To contact your Community Policing Team about a community-related matter, such as a school visit, then please email [SalisburyAreaCPT@wiltshire.police.uk](mailto:SalisburyAreaCPT@wiltshire.police.uk)

Please note that this mailbox is not monitored 24/7.

You are unable to report crimes of any type via email and please do not report any situations that require an urgent response.

### You can follow us on:

Facebook - [www.facebook.com/salisburypolice](http://www.facebook.com/salisburypolice)

Twitter - [www.twitter.com/SouthWiltsCPT](http://www.twitter.com/SouthWiltsCPT)

Community Messaging: Sign up to Community Messaging for news and updates from your local policing team: [www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk](http://www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk)

### Sixpenny Handley and Chalke Valley Practice

Doves Meadow Surgery, Broad Chalke: 01722 780282

### Broadchalke Surgery is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays

Sixpenny Handley Surgery: 01725 552500

[www.sixpennydocs.co.uk](http://www.sixpennydocs.co.uk)



### MOBILE LIBRARY

The Mobile Library will be calling at The Styles in Bishopstone between 1115-1135 on the following Thursdays:

12 Feb, 12 Mar, 9 April, 7 May, 4 June, 2 July, 30 July



### Coombe Bissett Stores

[www.coombebissettstores.co.uk](http://www.coombebissettstores.co.uk)

shop@coombebissettstores.co.uk Tel: 01722 718852

### OPENING HOURS, SHOP AND POST OFFICE

Mon-Fri: 7am-6pm, Sat: 7am-1pm

### Chalke Valley Stores Broadchalke

w: [www.chalkevalleystores.co.uk](http://www.chalkevalleystores.co.uk)

e: [info@chalkevalleystores.co.uk](mailto:info@chalkevalleystores.co.uk) Tel: 01722 780998

### OPENING HOURS

Shop: Weekdays 9am - 5pm (until 4pm on Saturdays)

Post Office: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 9:30am- 1:30pm

## Chalke Valley Link Scheme

Serving the Valley from Berwick St John to Bodenham since 1996 & awarded The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service in 2006, the Chalke Valley Link Scheme is a Registered Charity that provides good neighbour support with transport help for Valley residents. We can provide, for example: transport to a medical appointment, visiting family members in hospital, collecting prescriptions or changing library books.

If you live between Bishopstone & Britford/Bodenham please phone: **07795 620812** (Geoff Stephens, Jenny Monds or Debby Underhill on rotation).

The co-ordinator answering your call will take your details and contact a volunteer who can help you.

If your call is answered by a recorded message, please leave your contact details and a co-ordinator will respond as soon as possible. There is no set charge, but you are invited to make a donation towards our running costs.

All our co-ordinators and drivers are volunteers so please give us much notice as possible to find an available driver.

If you would like to become a volunteer driver to enable us to continue this service to our community, please contact the above number.

*Registered as a Charity no. 1076335*



## Staying in Touch

STaB magazine is a vital source of communication in the village, keeping everyone informed as to what is happening locally. However, to keep up to date with what is going on there are three other important sources of information in Bishopstone - the village website, the Parish Council website and our own WhatsApp network.

The village website – [www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk](http://www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk) - carries all the latest news on events in the village (see page 2). Information on Parish Council meetings and initiatives is available at: [www.bishopstone-pc.gov.uk](http://www.bishopstone-pc.gov.uk).

The Bishopstone Network is a WhatsApp messaging service which enables information to be instantly shared to your mobile phone. This includes information on pretty much everything – recommendations on service providers, events, road closures, interruptions to electricity and water supplies, items being given away or for sale and the latest menu from the White Hart! You will need to download the App to your phone and then contact Piers Edwards (piersgedwards@gmail.com or 07920 475009) or Kate Pendleton (kmpendlenton@hotmail.com or 07769202200) and ask to be added to the group.



## Salisbury Foodbank

For December there was another £30 donation plus food totalling 14.1 kgs.

They are asking particularly for the following, although will be grateful for anything that you can give:

Long Life Fruit Juice  
Tinned Meat/Meals  
Tinned Fish  
Chocolate  
Rice 500g

UHT Milk  
Tinned Fruit  
Packet and Sponge Puddings  
Pulses  
Coffee

Please give whatever you can at this time. There are many people struggling even more with this harsh winter and need as much help as we can give them to get back on their feet.

Thank you for the support you offer and hopefully your continuing support for this great cause.

As usual, you can leave donations either in the church or at The Old Post Office, The Cross, or call me on 01722 780306 if there's something you need collecting

A very happy New Year to you all.

Judy Barrett.



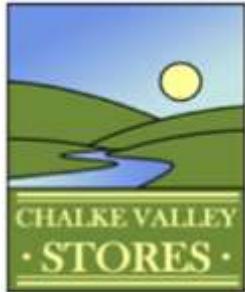
## Village Hall Spring Fayre

SATURDAY 16TH MAY at 10 a.m.

Although it may not seem like it, as I write, Springtime is coming! Our Spring Fayre is taking place on the 16th May. It will include a plant stall having a wide variety of shrubs, vegetables and flower plants. Please could you let us have any spare plants or seedlings that you may have. This provides a dual purpose of great value plants and generates an interest in gardening as well as helping the funds of the Village Hall.

This year, could you give any donations to me, or bring them to the Village Hall on Friday 15th between 2 and 4 in the afternoon.

Thank you, Norman Barter.



***Shop at the heart of the Community  
Owned by YOU, Run by YOU, Here for YOU.***

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**OPENING HOURS**

**Shop:** Weekdays 9.00am - 5pm (until 1pm on Saturdays)

**Coffee Shop:** Weekdays 10am - 3.30pm (until Midday 12pm on Saturdays)

**Post Office:** Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 9.30am to 1pm

**Home deliveries:** If you need a delivery, please call the Shop on **01722 780998**.

We are delighted to welcome Ali Blackwell to the Hub team. Ali joins us as our new cook in the café and she will be providing delicious hot and cold food to our customers. Ali lives on the outskirts of Salisbury and is mum to a 13 year old daughter, Izzy. Ali will also be helping run the shop on some Saturdays in due course. Ali likes to interact with people in her work so she will be a great asset to the team and she looks forward to meeting you and getting to know you. She will be joining us on 2<sup>nd</sup> February. We know that you will make her very welcome.

Many of you have heard already that we will soon be stocking the Cook range of frozen meals and we are very happy to confirm that this is indeed the case. The Cook representative visited the Hub in early January and she was happy that our shop is just the type of retail outlet they welcome to stock their products. You will find the Cook freezers just inside the door from the shop to the café. Cook frozen meals will be available for purchase from February 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will be stocking one and two portion sized main courses. We anticipate that these will be very popular and we are excited about this great addition to our product range.

Once again we are appealing for a community minded adult to get involved with the running of the Hub by becoming our secretary. This requires someone who would work to ensure the smooth running of our organisation, in particular, preparing compliance documents for filing online, preparing agendas and minutes of meetings, processing share applications, maintaining the share register, dealing with insurance and ensuring compliance with our Rules. Terry is happy to be involved in providing some training. We're looking for someone who is happy to work on a voluntary basis as part of a team, share knowledge and help to arrive at consensus decisions. The secretary does not just carry out administrative tasks but can actively take part in the running of the Hub so it is a rewarding post. Please contact Derek Brown ([derek.brown45@btinternet.com](mailto:derek.brown45@btinternet.com)) if you are interested or contact Terry Jolly ([terry.jolly23@gmail.com](mailto:terry.jolly23@gmail.com)) if you wish to know more.

**The Annual Members' Meeting of Chalke Valley Community Hub Limited will be held at the Hub at 7.00pm on Wednesday 11 March. This is open to all shareholders to attend. Further details will be provided nearer the time.**

*(Please see note on p35 of this magazine, regarding shares in the shop).*

**NB There is a Trussell Trust Collection Point in the Hub for any donations of foodstuffs you may wish to make.**

***Your generosity will help those most in need.***

If you would like to join the Church Electoral Roll please fill in the form below, and return to Anne Stutchbury, Wheelwright Cott, Bishopstone SP5 4BZ or via the email below. If you are already on the list in the church, you don't need to do anything else!

## APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT ON THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL OF THE PARISH OF: Bishopstone and Stratford Tony



Full name .....

Full Address .....

..... Postcode .....

I declare that

1. I am baptized and am aged 16 or over, (or, become 16\* on .....
2. (Tick one only of boxes 2A, B or C)

**A** I am a member of the Church of England (or of a Church in communion with the Church of England) and am resident in the parish.

Or

**B** I am a member of the Church of England (or of a Church in communion with the Church of England) and, not being resident in the parish, I have habitually attended public worship in the parish during the period of six months prior to enrolment.

Or

**C** I am a member in good standing of a Church (not in communion with the Church of England) which subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity and also declare myself to be a member of the Church of England and I have habitually attended public worship in the parish during the period of six months prior to enrolment.

I declare that the above answers are true and I apply for inclusion on the Church Electoral Roll of the parish.

Signed ..... Date .....

\* Those who become 16 during the next 12 months may complete the form, and become eligible to be entered on the Roll on their sixteenth birthday.

### Notes

1. The only Churches at present in communion with the Church of England are other Anglican Churches and certain foreign Churches.
2. Membership of the electoral roll is also open to members in good standing of a Church not in communion with the Church of England which subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity where those members are also prepared to declare themselves to be members of the Church of England.
3. Every six years a new roll is prepared and those on the previous roll are informed so that they can re-apply. If you are not resident in the parish but were on the roll as an habitual worshipper and have been prevented by sickness or absence or other essential reason from worshipping for the past six months, you may write "would" before "have habitually attended" on the form and add "but was prevented from doing so because ...." and then state the reason.
4. If you have any problems over this form, please approach the clergy or lay people responsible for the parish, who will be pleased to help you.
5. In this form "parish" means ecclesiastical parish.

### Additional information (This is not part of the statutory application form) Consent Form

By signing this section of the form you agree that the contact information you provide may also be used to keep you informed about news, events, activities and services in the parish, for example by your Parish Priest. Your personal data will not be used for any other purpose without your explicit consent.

Email address:

Telephone number:

Signed:

*You may withdraw your consent at any time by contacting The Revd Canon Jenny Taylor - 01722 503081*

## STOP PRESS - Bishopstone in print...

As we say "thank you and farewell" to Zara and Tom we can reflect on previous licensees of the White Hart. Tom and Zara are taking over another establishment. Some previous licensees were less lucky!

# Bought Drinks From Drayman

## BISHOPSTONE LICENSEE FINED £10

**M**ANY times throughout his 33 years as licensee of the White Hart public-house at Bishopstone, 64-year-old Leonard Percy Gould was asked by brewers' draymen to buy "extra" crates of drinks from them. Each time he refused them, knowing there might be a possibility that the goods were stolen.

Towards the end of last year, a driver, named Maxwell Truckle, made a similar offer, adding with it a "hard-luck" story about his financial hardship. Mr. Gould succumbed to temptation and bought goods from him.

This was told to the Salisbury County Magistrates Court on Tuesday by Mr. David Kirkeonel. He represented Mr. Gould, who had two charges against him of receiving stolen property belonging to Messrs. Gibbs, Mew & Co., Ltd. Defendant admitted the charges, of receiving two dozen bottles of Guinness and six dozen bottles of Babycham.

For the prosecution, Mr. J. E. Hatt-Cook said Maxwell Truckle, who had been a driver for Messrs. Gibbs, Mew, had already been convicted for stealing the goods which he sold to Gould. He had told the police that the two dozen bottles of Guinness valued at £1 4s. 8d. he had sold to Gould for 17s. 6d., and the Babycham, which was valued at £3, he had sold for 2s.

### "Cannot stay on at the Inn"

Mr. Kirkeonel said defendant admitted receiving the drinks knowing they were stolen. He had been licensee at Bishopstone for 33 years and was a man of previously good character. As a result of this case he would have two convictions against him which meant he could not stay on at his inn. This was punishment already for his lapse, he submitted. This was not the first time Mr. Gould had had goods offered to him by drivers, he alleged, but this had been the first time he had ever succumbed to temptation. On this occasion, Truckle had told him a "hard-luck" story about financial hardship and short wages, and defendant had agreed to accept cases of drinks from him. Defendant, he said, only did it to try and help the driver, as a good turn.

Gould was fined a total of £10.

**SELLING BEER AT ILLEGAL HOURS.**—Joseph Cross, of the White Hart, Bishopstone, was charged with keeping his house open for the sale of beer at illegal hours, on Sunday, January 2nd. Mr. Kelsey appeared for the defendant. The charge was proved, but the case being a very light one, the defendant was only fined five shillings and the costs.

Another, from the Salisbury and Winchester Journal in 1859.

## SALISBURY.

**PIG STEALING.**—John Kerley, a pig-dealer, has been committed for trial at the next City Sessions for stealing a pig, belonging to Isaac Witt, of Fordingbridge. The prosecutor brought twenty pigs into the market on Tuesday, and sold eighteen of them. The other two he left in the pen, but shortly afterwards one of them was missing. The prisoner was seen driving the pig down Exeter-street; and on arriving at the Swan Inn, East Harnham, he caught it and put it into his cart, and drove off in the direction of Bishopstone. On hearing this, the prosecutor went in pursuit, and meeting a police-constable on the road, took him into his cart, and caused him to apprehend the prisoner at the White Hart Inn, Bishopstone. The pig was still in his cart, and he accounted for its possession by saying that he had found it, and intended having it killed. He said nothing to the effect, however, to the policeman whom he had previously met on the road.

Finally, more wrong doing. From the Wiltshire Independent of April 1863. John Kerley, a pig dealer, was accused of stealing a pig in Salisbury market. He was seen "driving the pig down Exeter Street". It was put into a cart at Harnham and, following a dramatic police chase by horse and cart, the perpetrator was apprehended at the White Hart, Bishopstone. Hurrah!

He claimed he had "found it and intended having it killed (slaughtered)". We do not know the outcome of the case.

Some in the village may remember this case - reported in the Salisbury and South Wilts Gazette in 1958. The licensee, Leonard Gould, who had been at the White Hart for 33 years, bought some "extra" drinks from the Gibbs Mew Drayman which had, in fact, been stolen. He said he was only doing a good turn for the driver who was in financial hardship. However, as a result of his conviction, he lost his licence.

## New Year Rambling with Jazzie



Well, it is some time since our last despatch, so Jazzie wishes all her readers a Very Happy 2026, with many walks and much fun and treats!! She is in fine form, having had her winter trim some time ago which has now grown to keep her warm. She even passed her six month health test yesterday.

With no sales at the Artcare Winter Exhibition in the hospital, we went to London to join regimental friends at our annual Irish Rangers Officers Club Lunch. We were well fed and wined and entertained by the pipes and bugles and drums of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn from Northern Ireland after the meal. So it is now up to painting more of what people want on their walls.

The tea towel on sale for the Church Roof repairs is a really striking design and sold out completely, as did the lovely and difficult jigsaw puzzle of the church. The best news is that the HLF have approved the application for a grant, and that means work can start very soon on the repairs to the roof of the north aisle. The bid team and the PCC have worked very hard to this end, and deserve hearty congrats from us all.

Our hedgehogs remain true to the garden, despite odd weather, not much frost, and lots of rain. We continue to feed them most nights, and Jazzie looks for them every night. This week we had two youngsters feeding on Monday. However, the garden is in a mess as I have not been that well over Christmas, and things have slipped a bit! As the rain dries up, like the spider, I will get out again and climb!



Christmas, as usual was very busy with the Day itself closely followed by two birthdays. We managed to see most of the family, and Jazzie was very pleased to see them all and sit on them, or be cuddled by them!

Walks for Jazzie have been restricted by my being ill and the weather. We hope to get out and about a bit more as spring begins to appear, and to meet old and new friends again. The daffs and the snowdrops seem confused, both coming at the same time, when they should follow after some good frost. I do miss the frosts and the little snow we used to enjoy. I notice too, that we seem to have lost many songbirds since we arrived here in 1997. Goldfinches, collared doves and



bullfinches are now very rare visitors, and we seem to be overtaken by wood pigeons and red kites. However the robins, our wrens and the dunnocks keep us well amused! Sadly, they do not seem to like the birdboxes I have made for them. Perhaps the entrance holes are too small?

Enough rubbish from me, and Jazzie needs a walk, as it is not raining ... tomorrow!

(JHST 20.01.26)

## Charity News and Events



### November 2025 - A School that is Growing!

The success of the 2025 Appeal, Save Our School, has only been exceeded in our expectations by the progress of work on the Cueibet Church Primary School Project in South Sudan. Our Appeal Target of £20,000 was achieved in May thanks to the generosity of donors in Bishopstone, the Chalke Valley and wider Chalke Deanery.

The building of the new Primary School to replace the storm damaged original school funded by Chalke Deanery in 2016, is the biggest project undertaken since the formation of our Charity, the Chalke-Cueibet Partnership in 2013. The building of the two classroom blocks has been planned in phases to enable funding to be put in place and fit in with the rainy season which tends to be May to October. When Dr Sherwood Elcock, a charity trustee from Nunton, reported back on his visit in February this year, the exterior of the first block of four classrooms was nearing completion.



'This structure is impressive. It is a total rebuild and built to a much higher standard. The doors and windows are all in place with strong locks on the doors and shutters for the windows. The internal walls are rendered and await painting. The builders are in the process of levelling the floor which will then be covered by a layer of mud bricks and surfaced with a cement screed. Finally the external rendering

will be applied to the lower parts of the external walls. The furniture for both phases has been purchased and is awaiting completion of the work prior to installation. There has been a specialist roofing contractor as well as an overall site manager. I have met both and congratulated them on their work. The head teacher Moses Mayan has overseen the project. **Most importantly, the whole community is proud of the school and is committed to completing all phases of the project.**'

The ambition and determination to continue with the project's second block of classrooms has impressed us. Work began in April, then was discontinued for the rainy season, but also because of a lack of funds at the time. The plan is larger than originally envisaged and the work is of a higher specification than the first block, using fired 'red' bricks which we have not previously seen in Cueibet. It is now intended to build five classrooms and two offices rather than the original two and one. Building has reached window sill height and is now paused awaiting further funds. We and the School Building Committee have agreed that completion will have to be in two phases lasting into 2026. We have the funds to send out this November for the next phase. Thereafter, we are relying on new donations!.



The Diocese of Cueibet is currently at a time of change. While the School Project and other activities continue, Bishop Elijah Matueny Awet reached the retirement age of 65 for bishops in the Province of South Sudan at the end of May 2025. The search is on for his successor. This process is likely to take at least twelve months. Meanwhile, we are in contact with Archbishop Alapayo Manyang Kuetiel of Rumbek who has oversight of Cueibet Diocese. We know him. Dr Sherwood Elcock met him earlier this year. The Archbishop has permitted us to continue to use Bishop Elijah, who is also based in Rumbek, as an intermediary in our regular dealings with Cueibet.

Stéphane Barbey,  
with the aid of his trusty Mother-in-law,  
Janet Roe,  
will be presenting his new Symphony

# ARTOS

at an evening of classical music and chat, with drinks and nibbles,

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in Broad Chalke Village Hall.

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We look forward to seeing you! Stéphane and Janet

### **Why are we hosting this?**

Stéphane's presentation of his modern take on the Theatrum Mundi classical style is his way of saying a BIG THANK YOU to everyone locally – and further afield – who has been involved in, or shown interest in and moral support for, his recent unusual journey back into the world of music and composition. This will also be an opportunity for Stéphane to share a little bit about what's next, as well as revealing an exciting new nation-wide musical project which is scheduled to launch in July.

### **What is the music?**

In this modern classical symphony, Stéphane retells the 5<sup>th</sup> Century story of the Romano-Celts in their struggle against invading tribes and the dangerous power vacuum after Rome's retreat. This sweeping cinematic soundscape reimagines the personal story of quasi-mythical Artos and depicts the Brittonic people's dogged fight for their own ancient identities, cultures, and ways of life – and for peace and freedom – across the land.

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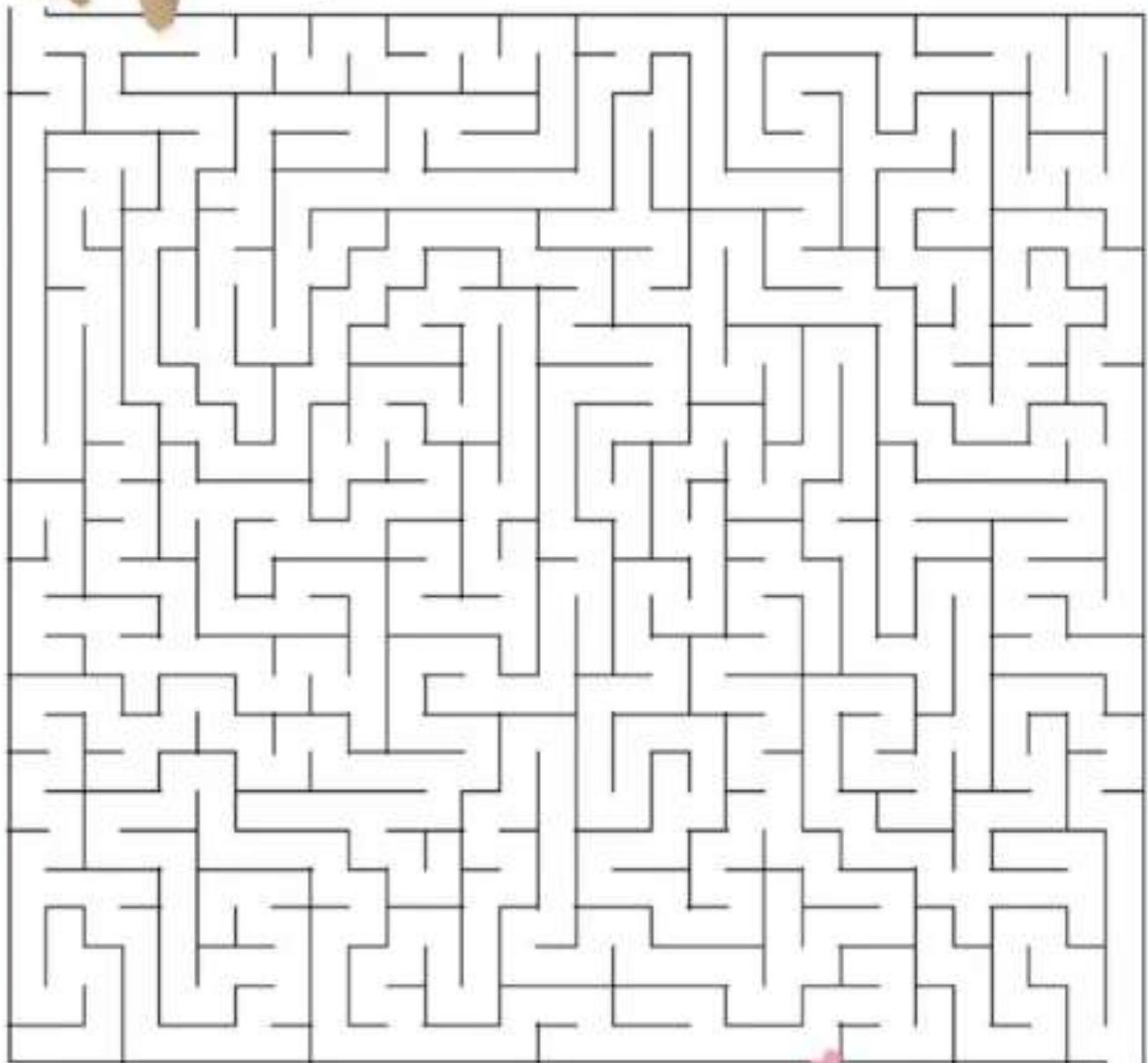
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# valentine's Day maze



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## Police Bulletin

*A monthly newsletter from  
Philip Wilkinson, Police and Crime  
Commissioner for Wiltshire.*



As we move into 2026, the challenges facing policing and the wider Criminal Justice System remain significant—and they affect every community, including yours.

Financial pressures continue to bite. Rising costs and tight budgets mean police forces and partner agencies are working hard to maintain services with less flexibility. This impacts everything from neighbourhood policing and crime prevention to victim support and it's a reality we cannot ignore.

The Home Office's much-anticipated Policing White Paper, which was expected to set out a clear vision for policing reform and investment, appears to have been delayed further. Without this strategic direction, forces are left planning year-to-year rather than building for the long term, whilst navigating much speculation in the media of what reform could look like, including the suggestion of a reduction in the number of police forces and implementing regional ones. But without that white paper, clear direction from the Home Office and long-awaited detail, speculation is all we are left with.

I also continue to be concerned about the lack of commitment or confirmation from the Home Office on what funding will look like from March for key national initiatives that we deliver locally, such as the Serious Violence Duty and ASB hotspot policing. This poses a real risk to continuity of services that make a tangible difference in our communities—such as street wardens, increased Wiltshire Police patrols in ASB hotspots, and specialist early intervention schemes aimed at supporting those at risk of committing serious violence.

These programmes are designed to divert individuals away from crime and help them make better life choices. Without clarity on future funding, these vital efforts could stall just as we are starting to see them having a positive impact.

Despite these challenges, I want to reassure you: your concerns are heard. My office continues to press for timely funding and clear policy direction. We are working with the Chief Constable and her operational teams to ensure that, even under pressure, the focus remains on keeping our communities safe.

Please keep sharing your views, because strong community voices help us make the case for Wiltshire and Swindon and in January, I will be consulting with you on the policing budget for the next year and your local priorities for community safety.

2026 will continue to provide significant challenge across the criminal justice system but with a partnership approach I will ensure our parishes remain safe places to live and thrive.



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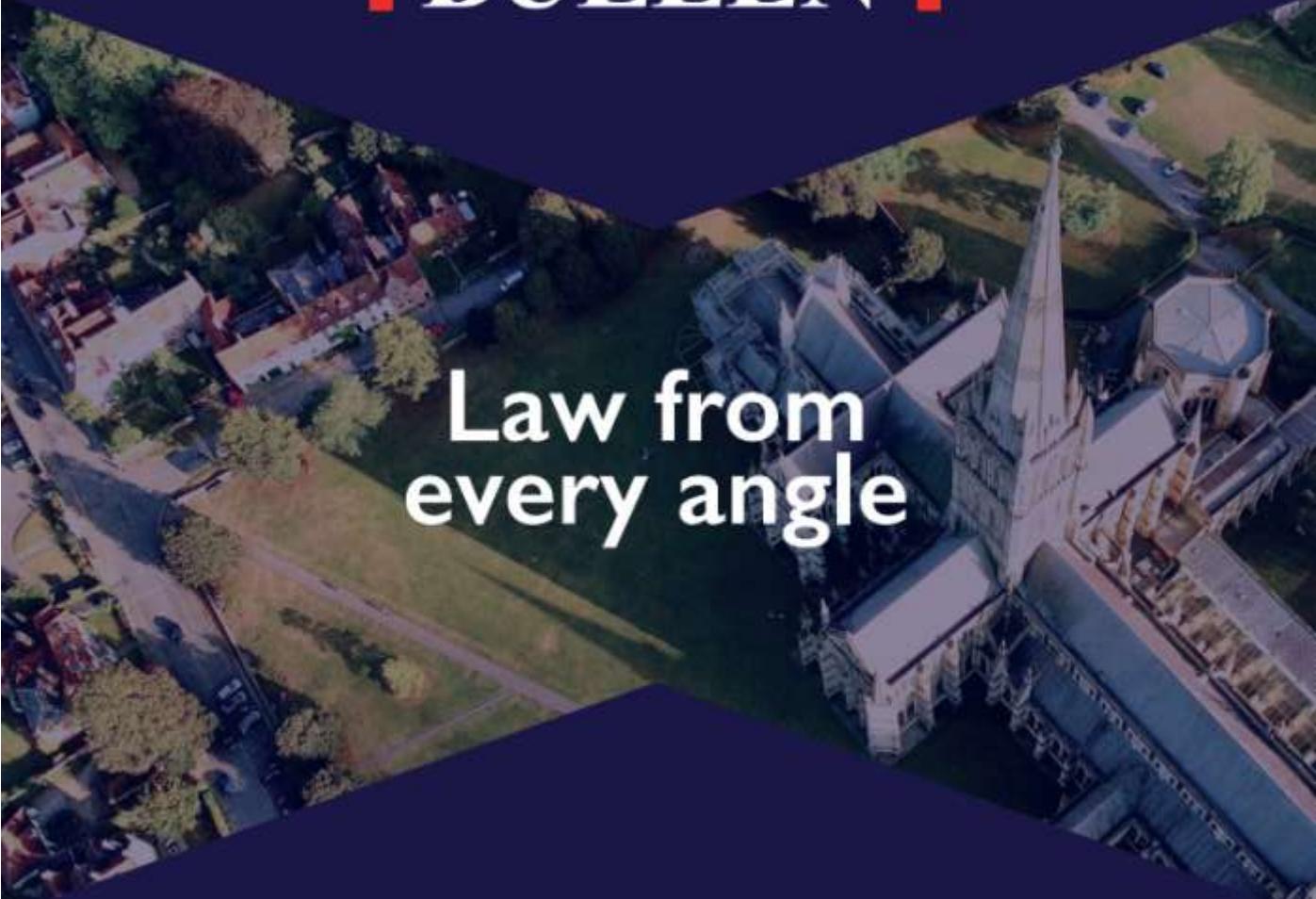
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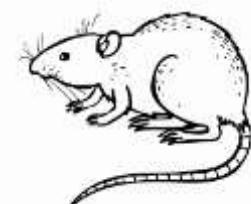




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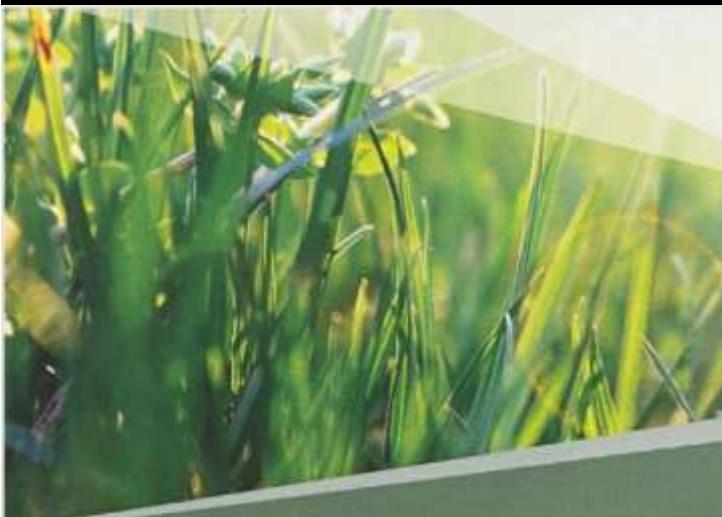
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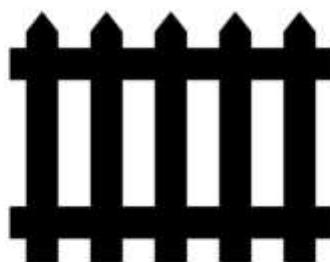
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<b>1 February CANDLEMAS</b>	9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Berwick St John	Alison Waterhouse
	9.30am	Family Communion (CW)	Broad Chalke	Kate Woolven
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Britford	Ruth H-S
	11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Biddy Trahair
	11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Coombe Bissett	Ruth H-S
	11.00am	Family Service	Odstock	Adrian Taylor
<b>8 February 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent</b>	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bowerchalke	Kate Woolven
	9.30am	Family Communion (CW)	Nunton	Alison Waterhouse
	10.30am	Worship Together	Broad Chalke Hub	Janet Roe
	11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Homington	Ruth H-S
	11.00am	All Age Service	Alvediston	Biddy Trahair
	3.00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Fifield Bavant	Biddy Trahair
<b>15 February Sunday next before Lent</b>	4.30pm	Evensong (BCP)	Charlton All Saints	Ruth H-S
	9.30am	Holy Communion	Bowerchalke	Alison Waterhouse
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bishopstone	Maggie Metcalfe
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Odstock	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Maggie Metcalfe
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	6.00pm	Communion with Ashing	Bowerchalke	Alison Waterhouse
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<b>22 February 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Charlton All Saints	Maggie Metcalfe
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	11.00am	Family Service	Nunton	Adrian Taylor
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	11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Berwick St John	Lay Led
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