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*Hello from the
Revd Jenny Taylor*

So, Lent is almost upon us! I hope you have all had an opportunity to see what is going on in the Valley during Lent. There are all sorts of activities and groups – something for everyone so if you haven't tried something before why not make it your Lent challenge for this year?

For many in our Village the beginning of 2014 has been a disaster due to the extreme weather conditions and the thought of taking up a challenge for Lent will not be a priority. But actually one thing we can all do is follow the example of so many in the community who have opened their hearts and homes to those in need. The community spirit has been quite amazing and shows what a caring, loving community can do and be.

And of course, those of us who follow the church's seasons would hope that by entering into them fully through prayer, group activities, bible study and giving to those in need, we too can help our communities reach their full potential. So do join in if you can and just imagine what we might achieve together!

A community praying together gives strength, gives focus and gives comfort so here is a prayer for us all this Lent:

We commend to your fatherly goodness all who are suffering in any way; we especially remember those enduring the flooding and its after effects. Comfort and relieve them in their need, give them patience in their sufferings and hardships, and please help all of us to grow closer to you as we grow closer to each other. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.



PLEASE COME
TO

TEA & TREASURES

Bishopstone Village Hall
Sunday, 23rd March 4.00p.m.

Enjoy a cup of tea and delicious cakes
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Caroline Lamb will give a short talk on the work of CRESS
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BISHOPSTONE VILLAGE HALL EVENTS FOR MARCH – APRIL 2014

MOVIOLA FILMS

Friday 28th March: “Captain Phillips” (12A)

Friday 25th April: “Philomena” (12A)

Tickets for all films £6. Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm. Licensed cash bar available, snacks and ices on sale. Phone 781044, 780002, or book online at byhticketoffice@btinternet.com

LUNCH CLUB

WEDNESDAY 5th MARCH: Speaker Michael Lee - “**Moondials and Sundials**”

WEDNESDAY 2nd APRIL: Speaker Dr Hugh Pelly. This will be a quiz, entitled “**Bizarre Bits about Bishopstone**”. 12.30 for 1pm, cost £6, including first glass of wine. All are very welcome, especially newcomers. Please book a place or arrange transport in advance. Phone Caroline (781044) or Pat (780002). This is the last Lunch Club of the season.

RURAL ARTS PRESENTS “BUFFALO GALS”, SATURDAY 8TH MARCH,

Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start.

“Buffalo Gals” are a really entertaining group of musicians, whose music is derived from traditional roots music of Southern USA. The ensemble of fiddle, banjo, guitar, ukulele, bass and “stepatune” uses lively and soulful tunes, delicious harmonies, flamboyant percussive step-dance and warm engaging humour to entertain and delight audiences of all ages. Don’t miss this one, it will be a lively evening. An optional hot supper of chilli and baked potatoes (or veggie alternative) will be served in the interval, for £5 per meal. Licensed cash bar available. Tickets available from bvhticketoffice@btinternet.com or phone Pat on 01722 780002. **Ticket prices for Buffalo Gals** are as follows: Adults £7, Concessions £6, Children £4.50, Family (2+2) £20. **When booking please state what food is required.**

“DRAWING FOR THE NERVOUS BEGINNER”

Everyone can draw! EVERYONE! Remember how exciting it was to draw and paint as a child? We all just created pictures for the sheer fun of it. Forget experiences that put you off at school; you drew as a child and can still draw now. Just believe you can. Come along and learn some basic skills on this course and build up your confidence. Get back to the FUN!

You will experiment with exercises to get you thinking about drawing in different ways; try out various media; learn about elements of drawing, (composition, proportion, tone, perspective, line etc.) and have fun in the process. You will also have some suggestions for “homework” each week to build on what you have tried out in class, (but no marking)...

The class starts Monday 10th March, 2 - 4.30pm, for 6 weeks till 14th April. Cost £60, payable in advance. For a booking form or more information, please contact Chris Brantingham on 714493 or Pat on 780002. (All cheques to be made payable to Chris Brantingham). Some artists’ supplies will be provided and some drawing paper etc. will be available at cost price if you do not happen to bring your own.

Early booking is recommended, as there are a limited number of places.

CHALKE VALLEY PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION. This will be open to anyone living in the Chalke Valley with different classes, including ones for young photographers. More about all of this in future issues, but we suggest you might start thinking now about the possible brilliant entries you will be submitting. There will be an exhibition of photos in summer, and winners will be judged by a professional. Next month’s StaB will have all the details of different classes.

REGULAR EVENTS

CEILIDH CLUB: Telephone Heather and Des for more information, 01722 718463.

YOGA: **Every Thursday, 1.30 – 3pm,** A stretchy relaxing way to keep fit, no matter how old and decrepit, or how young you are. Exercises tailored to every ability or lack of! £9 per session. Bring a mat, cushion and blanket. Telephone Jane for more information – 01722 330305

PILATES: Wednesdays, various sessions with Claudine. Contact Claudine on 07788 587937.

NEEDLES AND PINS CRAFT GROUP: **Thursday 13th March 3 – 5pm, then every other Thursday.** £2.50 including tea. All very welcome to come for a stitch and natter, and a relaxing afternoon. Call Caroline on 01722 781044 or Pat on 780002 for more information, or if you would like help getting here.

COFFEE MORNING OPEN TO ALL: **Thursday 6th March, 10 – 11.30am and every other Thursday morning.** Coffee and biscuits only 50p. There is also a book and jigsaw exchange. Contact any committee member for more information, or if you need transport.

MOTHERS AND TODDLERS COFFEE MORNINGS: every Friday morning, 9.30 – 11.30am. Contact Sarah Brough for up to date information (07825 442110)

BISHOPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be at 8.00pm on Thursday 13 March 2014 in the Village Hall. All are welcome to attend.

The meeting on 10th February to discuss an Emergency Plan for the village was well attended (see report elsewhere in this STaB). The Parish Council will be considering next steps, in particular how to take forward action to deal with some of the causes of flooding in the parish.

At the request of Wiltshire's South West Area Board the Parish Council has undertaken an audit of the state of all 41 footpaths, bridleways and byways in the parish, noting missing sign posts, blockages, broken stiles etc. It is hoped that SWWAB will make money available for repairs and improvements. The Parish Council is very grateful to all those who helped undertake this audit.

The Parish Council has made a submission to the SWWAB on the need for lower speed limits on some of the village roads. The meeting on 13 March will consider the provision of additional grit/salt bins to be located where side roads meet the High Road.

On 27 February the SWWAB launched a project to establish a "Discover Chalke Valley" website which will give guidance to both residents and visitors about attractions and events in our area.

The White Hart pub has now been added to Wiltshire Council's list of Assets of Community Value (see February's STaB).

Mike Ash
Clerk



Chalke Valley
Church

CHALKE TALK

The News Letter for the Chalke Valley Team Ministry
www.chalkevalley.org.uk

A pair of purple Bench glasses was found in the Village Hall car park in late December 2013. If you think these may belong to you, please contact Sarah Brough on 01722 780684

BISHOPSTONE LADIES GROUP

On Wednesday, 19th March Marianne Tomkies, director and conductor of the Chalke Valley Ladies Choir will be at the home of Dot Walker, 4 The Croft and the subject of her talk will be "Thank You for the Music".

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Chris Brown Day Centre

March 2014

6th	Indoor Curling
13th	Exercise with Ann Beckly
20th	Visiting Guest Richard Trahair
27th	A trip to Ansty Farm

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Many of you will have heard that Bishop Edward Condry is walking through the Chalke Valley on Thursday 20th March. He is hoping as many of you as possible will join him for prayers, for part or for the entire walk.

The timings of the walk are below and churches will be contacted nearer the time to check on the availability of biscuits – no drinks for obvious reasons!

So get those walking boots out!!

TIME	ACTIVITY	DISTANCE (MILES)	DURATION (MINUTES)
9.45-10.00	Prayer at Berwick St John		15
arr 11.00	Berwick St John to Alvediston	2.4	58
leave 11.15	Prayer at St Mary		15
arr Ebbesbourne Wake 11.40	Alvediston to Ebbesbourne Wake	1	24
leave Ebbesbourne 11.55	Prayer at St John the Baptist		15
arr Bowerchalke 12.50	Ebbesbourne Wake to Bowerchalke	2.3	55
leave Bowerchalke 13.05	Prayer at Holy Trinity		15
arr Broad Chalke 14.05	Bowerchalke to Broad Chalke	2.6	62
leave Broad Chalke 14.50	Prayer and Lunch at Hub		45
arr Bishopstone 16.00	Broad Chalke to Bishopstone	3.4	82
leave 16.15	Prayer at St John the Baptist		15
arr Combe Bissett 17.00	Bishopstone to Coombe Bissett	1.8	43
leave Combe Bissett 17.15	Prayer at St Michael & All Angels		15
arr Homington 17.40	Coombe Bissett to Homington	1.1	26
leave Homington 17.55	Prayer at St Mary the Virgin		15
arr Odstock 18.40	Homington to Odstock	1.9	45
leave Odstock for Salisbury 19.00	Prayer at St Mary		15
	TOTAL	16.5	10 hours



You are invited to attend the -

BISHOPSTONE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The meeting will take place on Thursday 13 March 2014 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

By statute every parish in England has to hold a Parish Meeting each year between 1 March and 1 June. It is not a meeting of the Parish Council. It is an open meeting at which any resident of the parish can raise any matter, concerning the parish, for general discussion.

The meeting will hear reports from a variety of village organisations on what has been achieved over the past 12 months and on plans for the future.

It is also proposed to discuss what more can be done to encourage greater "community spirit" in the village. The floods revealed again the need for more voluntary action to support those who cannot help themselves. Cuts in services mean that we have to do more for ourselves - we cannot rely on "them" to do it for us - how can we best organize for this?

Tea and coffee will be available from 6.45pm.

COME ALONG AND HEAR WHAT IS GOING ON AND HAVE YOUR SAY

Dear Nick,

Julian Richards

May I take this opportunity and a little space in STAB to thank, not only Julian, but the whole team, who made this presentation such a success.

The record audience, that came from far and wide, to hear Julian's informative and Inspirational talk were not disappointed. His presentational and communicational skills are second to none.

An excellent spread from the highly motivated 'Kitchen Team' was an added bonus.

Julian did suggest that, should he be invited, he would be delighted to augment his experiences of 'Meet the Ancestors', 'Blood of the Vikings', and 'Whats Under Your School'

May I suggest you book early!

Derek Stirling

Having enjoyed a splendid evening in the Village Hall on Friday 24th Jan we thought we should pen a note of thanks.

The talk by Julian was excellent, informative and entertaining, fully demonstrating his love and enthusiasm for his subject. We must have him back

We sat with a couple who have most recently moved to Shaftesbury. I know they thoroughly enjoyed the evening and indeed commented on the friendly atmosphere.

Thank you to both Julian and our organisers.

Brian & Yvonne Murdoch



Summer Concert

Bishopstone Church

Dr Richard Seal and Mary Chelu
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BISHOPSTONE MAGIC LANTERN SOCIETY 2014 SPRING SEASON



Friday 14th March

One of the great all time films, though at the time it was not thought to be anything more than a run-of-the mill melodrama like many others being put together on the Warner Bros back-lot. Stars: Humphrey Bogart, Ingrid Bergman, Paul Henreid

Friday 11th April

Adapted from James Fenimore Cooper's novel that is based on the true story of the massacre of an English Regiment (34th of Foot) by Indians after the fall of Fort William Henry in the French Indian war of 1750's.

Stars: Daniel Day-Lewis, Madeleine Stowe, Russell Means

BISHOPSTONE VILLAGE HALL

For membership details contact: Roger Stockton 01722 780346 or
Caroline Ash 01722 781044 bvhticketoffice@btinternet.com

**All films, unless otherwise stated will be in high definition
Blu-ray format.**

EMERGENCY PLAN MEETING

A special village meeting was held on Monday 10th February to present the Village Emergency Plan. This was very well attended and supported by over 60 people.

The form of the Emergency Response Plan for the village was presented and discussed. It is hoped to be able to release the plan to the newly formed Community Response Group, made up of the Area Representatives from the village, within a few days. The emergencies already considered are flooding, snow and ice and blocked roads. Further sections to include utility failures, will be added later.

The Area Representatives are still to be confirmed and will be announced in the April issue of STAB.

The meeting did not consider any retrospective plans to improve drainage. The Parish Council will take this up as a separate project with landowners and the the public authorities concerned.

The Parish Council is delighted with the interest and support shown in this plan, and most grateful to Roger Stockton for taking on this task.

Upcoming events elsewhere in the valley:

15th March - Air Ambulance Jumble Sale;

2.30pm - Broadchalke Village Hall

Contact Irene Emm or Malcolm Penney 01722 780453 01722 781139

Saturday March 29th The 'F.O.B.S Spring Fair'

10.30am to 1.30pm, Broadchalke Primary School

Great variety of stalls including home-baking, crafts, preserves, jewellery, books and leather goods to name a few, children's activities and entertainment, a super 'surf simulator', a second-hand uniform sale and the F.O.B.S café selling delicious bacon butties, hot beverages and other refreshments. If you are interested in running a stall for only £15, please contact Gemma Lennard on gemmalennard@googlemail.com

Saturday 26th April - Live Music

Miranda Sykes and Rex Preston playing at Ebbesbourne Wake Village Hall.

Go to <http://www.ebbesbournefolk.org.uk/> for further details

THE BISHOPSTONE PLAN

A Shared Vision for the Future of Bishopstone Village

Village life is a wonderful thing, something to be appreciated and preserved. Its quality is very much dependent on the efforts of those that live here. The Bishopstone Plan will be both a record of the features that contribute to the character of our village and an action plan for what you feel should be changed or protected in the future. Local government is committed to taking into account the needs and concerns of local residents when planning and formulating policy. This Plan will be one tool by which we can all participate in and influence this process.

So it's important that we get everyone's views, including the people who feel they are in a minority. Not all of us are fit and well, car-owning, computer-literate, or have active and fulfilling social lives. On the other hand, there are many who are leading very busy lives with no time to stop and think about how they would like to see Bishopstone evolve in the coming years.

Between now and the early summer we shall still be asking for your input. The results of the council's Rural Housing Needs Survey have been passed to our Steering Group to take account of it. We still welcome comments about housing development but this Plan is emphatically not just about housing.

Over recent months we have raised many headings through the pages of STaB without naming the issues. We are keen to know if you are concerned or indifferent about the amenities in this village, about the services provided or missing, about all aspects of the landscape and environment, about roads-paths-traffic-transport and about community life. It is the issues that we want to air. Solutions and actions come later. Maybe there are things about this village and its people that you want to enthuse about. Great, because our Plan is about conserving the best. Perhaps you want to have a good moan about something. We'd like to hear that too because this Plan should result in improvements.

If you have something to say then there are several channels. An email to bishopstoneplan@btinternet.com or a sheet of paper posted in the collection box at the Church, Village Hall or The White Hart; or pop it through the front door of 18 The Croft, Harvest Lane. Your postcode is very helpful to us, your name adds weight to our analysis and we group the responses by age group - [0-15] [16-25] [26-40] [41-65] [65+] – but your reply is the most important.

Footnote : if you have already responded but now have more to say then please write again, there is no limit to the submissions.

Trevor Long
Secretary

Would you like to keep in touch with our progress by receiving a copy of the notes taken at our meetings ? Send your email address to bishopstoneplan@btinternet.com and we will include you. Your email address will not be made public nor will we ever pass it to anyone else.

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Ivy the Guide Dog update

We have now received the 8 month report for Ivy, our sponsored Guide Dog puppy. The skills she learns this year will form the foundations for the guiding work that she will start to do when she leaves her puppy trainer and moves to one of the National Training Schools to begin her formal training.

She is progressing quite normally and responding well to being handled, and commands like 'sit', 'down' 'come' 'wait' etc. She mixes well with other dogs and travels well on public transport and in the car, and behaves well in cafes/restaurants. She is now able to be left on her own for up to 3 hours a day without any problems. Her confidence in busy town areas and in unusual situations is not quite as good as it could be, but it is developing well.

It is hard to believe that Ivy is now 8 months old, and it is most encouraging to receive these regular reports and know that she is doing well, and we look forward to another progress report in a couple of months time.

Knit and Natter

Our knit and natter meetings this month will be held on 11th and 25th of March at 2.00pm in the Coffee Shop in the Chapel in Broad Chalke. New members are very welcome. If you wish to check us out to see if you would like to join, please come along and have a chat and a cup of tea or coffee with us. We can supply wool, knitting needles, patterns, crochet hooks etc. We'd love to see you there. For further information contact Rina Musselwhite, 01722 781264

Guide Dog Collecting Box

The Guide Dog collecting box in the Chalke Valley Community Hub shop has been emptied again recently, and I'm delighted to announce that it contained £26.21, making the total raised since the shop was opened, a fantastic £66.34. Many, many thanks to the shop for allowing us to have a collecting box there, and to all the kind and generous supporters who have so willingly donated their small change to this worthwhile charity.

CRIME FILE

Janurary

Bishopstone –

Overnight 14th – 15th Jan more syphoners nicked heating oil from a tank at a property currently undergoing refurbishment.



Just a quick reminder as we have had 2 quads stolen this month – if you see a quad on the back of a flatbed or trailer don't assume it belongs to the driver! If you can get a registration let us know on the contact details below!

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THE TRUSSELL TRUST



February's donation was 12.6 kgs, thank you for your generosity.

Regular donations are still needed and they have special requests for:

Tinned meat and fish

Dried mashed potato (eg Smash)

Long life Milk

Long life Fruit Juice

Granulated Sugar

Tinned Sponge Puddings

Tinned Vegetable

Please keep the donations coming and as usual, they can be left in the Church or at our door, The Old Post Office, The Cross, or if you need items collected please phone on 780306.

Thank you again

Reg and Judy Barrett

Chalke Valley Link Scheme Annual General

Meeting: This will be held at Coombe Bissett Village Hall on Thursday 27 March at 7.30pm. The Scheme is a registered charity serving the communities of the Chalke Valley by providing voluntary transport and other good neighbour support. The Scheme's Members (its Committee and registered volunteers) and its users are invited to attend the AGM, as are any other members of the public who are interested in the Scheme. Members of the public wishing to attend should please contact the Secretary, John Lace, at Bingham's Farmhouse, Bowerchalke SP5 5BN Tel: 01722 780214. Any nominations for election to the Executive Committee should please be sent to him by 20 March.

Thanks to Ali Thorne and his great team of helpers, the Beer and Skittles in the Village Hall on 7th February was another riotous event. It was won this time by the champion BishBashers (see the photo).



The children too were fantastic at skittles; in a few years they will be a serious challenge to be reckoned with.

Plenty of beer and cider disappeared along with hot dogs provided by the ladies in the kitchen. A great way to cheer up dismal February. Thank you everyone, especially Ali for taking time off from the farm. There promises to be another session soon in the White Hart, courtesy of Bill, Linda and Ali.

Warm Welcome

to Jimmy & Amy Trigwell who have moved into 15, Whitlock Rise. We hope they will be happy here.

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Five Rivers Leisure Centre
Fridays, 8 - 9pm
7 February - 4 April 2014
£21 for 7 sessions



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Karlene Jammeh, Sports Development Officer,
Wiltshire Council
Tel: 01722 434437 or
Email: Karlene.jammeh@wiltshire.gov.uk

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January

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Delicious home-made soup lunch served 12.00 – 2.30pm daily.

What you said about us last month:

"I only buy a few things each time – that way I always have an excuse to come back for more! I do enjoy meeting people and all the happy banter"

-oOo-

"I now do all my regular shopping at the Stores & PO and only need to go into Salisbury to top-up just once a month. I'm saving so much on petrol and really feel I'm doing something for local businesses and the environment"

-oOo-

"Well done with stocking such a good range of excellent stuff from local farmers and suppliers – and at such competitive prices. Good luck with the 'Best Village Shop & Post Office' award – you deserve to win!"

-oOo-

"Great to see the Post Office going from strength to strength having almost been closed down a few years ago. I hadn't realised Richard now offers such a wide range of services"

-oOo-

"It really cheers me up when I wake up and realize it's my day for serving in the Hub – its such fun and I always look forward to it" (a volunteer).

-oOo-

"What a lovely, happy and welcoming place! I come all the way from Swallowcliffe regularly for a tea and cakes in the Coffee Shop. We have nothing like this in our village" (many similar comments from other visitors).

-oOo-

"I've come to cheer myself up – my house is flooded out but I knew I'd get a warm welcome and a lovely coffee here. The volunteers are fantastic" (Bishopstone resident).

-oOo-

"Love meeting up with other young mums in the Coffee Shop on Wednesday mornings – and Mothers & Toddlers Storytime on Fridays [9.30 am]. And love the idea of a comfy sitting area next to the Children's Corner - we look forward to the sofa etc arriving!" (Young Mother).

Chalke Valley Community Hub
VALLEY POST OFFICE

PostMaster: Richard James + Sue Fry

Opening hours:

Now open 4 mornings a week
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 9am-1pm.

New year message from our Postmaster:

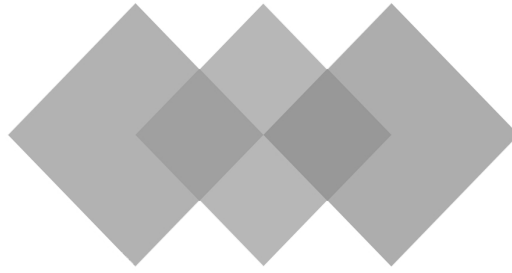
"Thank you to everyone for supporting the Post Office in its new location. As a result of your increased custom I am now able to stay open longer and offer a wider range of services. As many people are not fully aware of the details (and indeed one or two hadn't even realized we had moved!) I list the full range of Post Office services below:

- *Selling stamps and postal orders,*
 - *Acceptance of packets & parcels for Royal Mail and Parcelforce,*
 - *Banking for most High Street banks (Lloyds, Barclays, Santander, HSBC and others),*
 - *Orders for most foreign currencies within 24 hours,*
 - *Passport forms and checking of passports.*
- (We do not [yet] do Motor Vehicle Licences).*

I have been involved with the Post Office for 30 years during which time I have gained vast experience. I currently manage the Fordingbridge office and have been working closely with Sue Fry in running the Broad Chalke facility (in its old and new location) since the Post Office reorganisation reduced it to outreach status. It has been lovely to see how business has taken off in the Hub. Between Ashley Truluck and his CVCH Ltd management committee, and myself, we are determined to build the Post Office into a thriving business once again. I urge you all in the Chalke Valley to use the facility as much as possible so that we can further increase opening times and the range of products and services we offer. Don't hesitate to come and have a chat about our current services or to suggest what extra Post Office services you think the valley would benefit from.

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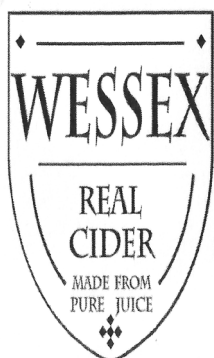
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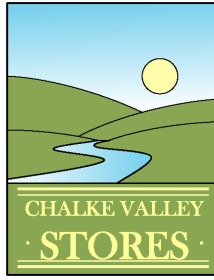
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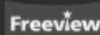
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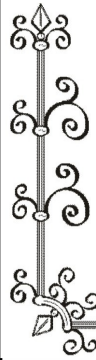
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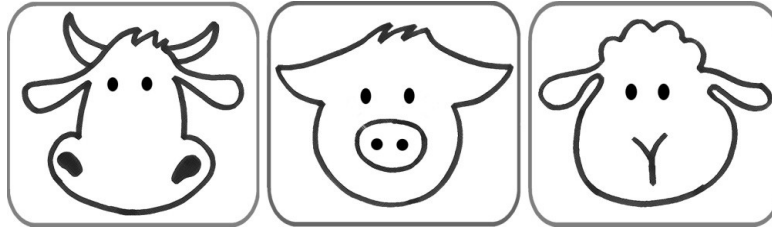
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	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Broad Chalke	Ann Philp
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Rick Williams
	11.00am	Mattins (BCP)	Berwick St John	Lay Led
	11.00am	Morning Service	Bishopstone	Terry Sankey
	11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Coombe Bissett	Anthony Hawley
	11.00am	Family Service	Odstock	Jenny Taylor
	6.00pm	Evensong (BCP)	Homington	Rick Williams
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	7.00pm	Holy Communion with Ashing	Coombe Bissett	Jenny Taylor
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	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bowerchalke	Ann Philp
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	11.00am	Choral Mattins (BCP)	Charlton All Saints	Denis Blake
	6.00pm	Evensong (BCP)	Berwick St John	Rick Williams
12 March	12 noon	Mid-Week Communion (CW)	Nunton	Rick Williams
16 March 2nd Sunday of Lent	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Bowerchalke	Rick Williams
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bishopstone	Jenny Taylor
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Odstock	Anthony Hawley
	9.30am	Revive	Broad Chalke School	Lay Led/Rick Williams
	10.30am	URC Communion	Broad Chalke Chapel	Tom Grant
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Homington	Ann Philp
	11.00am	Mattins (BCP)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Lay Led
	11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Berwick St John	Jenny Taylor
	3.00pm	Evensong (BCP)	Fifield Bavant	Sylvia Parrett
	19 March	12 noon	Mid-Week Communion (CW)	Homington
23 March 3rd Sunday of Lent	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Berwick St John	Robert Prance
	9.30am	Family Communion (CW)	Broad Chalke	Rick Williams
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Charlton All Saints	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Family Service	Nunton	Adrian Taylor
	11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Alvediston	Jonathan Plows
	11.00am	Choral Mattins (BCP)	Coombe Bissett	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bishopstone	Rick Williams
	4.00pm	Holy Communion (BCP)	Bowerchalke	Rick Williams
26 March	12 noon	Mid-Week Communion (CW)	Bishopstone	Jenny Taylor
30 March Mothering Sunday BST begins	9.00am	Holy Communion (Said CW)	Bishopstone	Rick Williams
	10.30am	Mothering Sunday Service	Broad Chalke	Rick Williams
	10.30am	Mothering Sunday Communion	Coombe Bissett	Jenny Taylor
	10.30am	Mothering Sunday Service	Nunton	Adrian Taylor
	11.00am	Mothering Sunday Service	Alvediston	Lay Led
	4.00pm	Mothering Sunday Service	Bowerchalke	Rick Williams
2 April	12 noon	Mid-Week Communion (CW)	Bowerchalke	Rick Williams
6 April 5th Sunday of Lent	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Britford	Ann Philp
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Broad Chalke	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Mattins (BCP)	Berwick St John	Lay Led
	11.00am	Morning Service	Bishopstone	Terry Sankey
	11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Coombe Bissett	Rick Williams
	11.00am	Family Service	Odstock	Sylvia Parrett
	6.00pm	Evensong (BCP)	Homington	Rick Williams
9 April	12 noon	Mid-Week Communion (CW)	Alvediston	Rick Williams
13 April PALM SUNDAY	10.00am	Benefice Communion (CW)	Broad Chalke	Bishop of Salisbury

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