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For Bodenham, Britford, Charlton All Saints, Nunton and Odstock

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A message from the Bishop of Ramsbury

‘The past is a foreign country: they do things differently there’, as novelist L.P. Hartley famously began his affecting tale *The Go-Between*. The momentous events in our nation during September have reminded us how elastic time can be – and how a mere day or two can become elongated by significance, so that the time before appears remote and indeed foreign to us.

The Psalmist asks God to teach us how to number our days, that we may apply our hearts to wisdom, with the inference that we should understand both the constraints and gifts of our allotted time span and turn to the one who holds these days in his hand. As the seasons shift, the Christian year adopts a memorial tone, as we prepare to look back in thanksgiving for all those God has given us as examples of good and holy life. This leads naturally from Harvest or Creationtide as those weeks are increasingly known, when we offer up in gratitude all we have received.

The approaching winter is feared this year by some and will doubtless bring hardships to many cross the country, with escalating costs of heating and food. Communities will not only need material relief during these months, but the kind of spiritual resilience that comes from strong bonds of neighbourhood and a deep, prayerful reliance on God. A few people in a parish cheerfully living this way can have a wonderful, luminous effect, lighting the onward path for others. So may Christ inspire each of us to ‘do things differently’, not only in the past, but in the weeks to come.

+Andrew.

The Rt Revd Andrew Rumsey

Bishop of Ramsbury, Diocese of Salisbury

Community News

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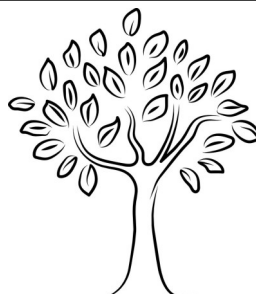
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on Monday 31 October at 11am.

This will be in the football field at
Nunton near the pavilion.

You are invited to join us.
There will be light refreshments
afterwards.

Vacancy for a New Editor for News and Notes in 2023

I am looking for someone to takeover as Editor of News and Notes in the spring of 2023.
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Thank you.



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Community News



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The poppy is a powerful symbol - it is worn to commemorate the sacrifices of our Armed Forces and to show support to those still serving today as well as their loved ones.

Money raised through the Poppy Appeal goes directly to their welfare work, providing through-life care to anyone who currently serves in the British Armed Forces, or who has previously served, and their families. Please support our Service men and women in this year's appeal.

**Local volunteers will be collecting in all our villages
from the week 27 October to the 13 November.**

**Our Service of Remembrance will take place at
St Mary's Church, Odstock at 10.50am on Sunday 13 November**



You can donate online by pointing your smart phone camera at the QR code box, and it will direct you to the Poppy Appeal page.

Thank you for your support and let us wear our Poppy with Pride.

Odstock Parish Council

Councillor Vacancy

Odstock Parish Council represents the Villages of Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham and are looking for a new Councillor to join the team.

Do you want to make a positive difference in our villages? Would you like to have a say and influence decisions that affect your community? If so, we would like to hear from you.

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You must be 18 or over, an elector and have been a resident or worked within 3 miles of the Parish for the last year.

If you would like more information, please contact the Clerk at: clerk@odstock-pc.org.uk or on mobile tel: 07946 576 550

ENTHUSIASM AND COMMITMENT ARE MORE IMPORTANT THAN EXPERIENCE

We look forward to hearing from you.



Longford Estate

The summer seems an almost distant memory, the heatwave forgotten as the frosts start and autumn sets in. The turmoil in UK and international politics remains topical and the ramifications that has across the global economic markets is something we are all well aware of, the cost of food and fuel is high on everyone's mind. As a producer of food we have seen the grain markets move as much as £10/t in a single day which is to our advantage but that is against a backdrop of high oil and gas prices which have a direct impact on many of our inputs including diesel, lubricants, agro-chemicals, fertiliser, animal feed and even medicines.

Whilst the bulk of harvest was completed in 24 days during the heatwave, the linseed proved difficult and wasn't finished until mid-October. Drilling is underway with all of the oilseed rape planted in August and the winter barley drilled in early October, wheat will follow on and we hope to have everything in by the end of October.

The store cattle were sold and moved, in early October having spent their summer in The Park, despite the heat wave and the lower levels of forage available this summer they looked really well. The tighter calving pattern that we have moved to has resulted in the stock being more uniform in size and therefore more appealing to potential purchasers.

The water levels within the main river have been exceptionally low and have been kept superficially higher than they would otherwise have been due only to the abundance of weed this year. Had we been reliant on the river at the fish farm this year the water levels would have been of great concern, as it is, the RAS system (Recirculating Aquaculture Systems) prevented this being an issue.

Fishing on the river has been trickier this year with the abundance of weed, the weed growth however has provided shade and cover for the fish which has been crucial in the higher temperatures that seem to be becoming the norm. The game rods have enjoyed some fantastic end of seasons sport with the stocked Brown Trout having looked well all season and some of the wild trout have been exceptional. Increasing levels of Grayling shoals have been seen this year on the fishery, which is a key indicator of good water quality. Coarse fisherman have enjoyed a good season catching fish from a range of species including Barbel, Chub, Perch and Roach.

We have had an exceptionally high level of demand for logs this year with 60% of our normal orders having been received before the logging campaign started. The woods team had planned to start logs slightly earlier than usual at the end of September and they are now busy fulfilling the orders.

The demand for high quality rental properties remains and the maintenance team have refurbished a number of properties this quarter which we have then let within days of the refurbishment being complete.

The tours of Longford Castle which are run in conjunction with the National Gallery have been fully booked all year and the amazing feedback received from visitors is a reflection of our guides passion and expertise as well as the artwork that the visitors are able to see and enjoy.

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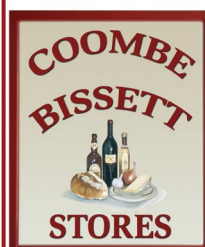
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Light Relief

Eating in the 50s and 60s

1. Pasta was not eaten.
2. Curry was a surname.
3. A takeaway was a mathematical problem.
4. A pizza was something to do with a leaning tower.
5. Crisps were plain; the only choice we had was whether to put the blue packet of salt on or not.
6. Rice was only eaten as a milk pudding.
7. A Big Mac was what we wore when it was raining.
8. Brown bread was something only poor people ate.
9. Oil was for lubricating, and fat was for cooking.
10. Tea was made in a teapot using tea leaves and never green.
11. Sugar enjoyed a good press in those days, and was regarded as being white gold. Cubed sugar was regarded as posh.
12. Fish didn't have fingers.
13. Eating raw fish was called poverty, not sushi.
14. None of us had ever heard of yoghurt.
15. Healthy food consisted of anything edible.
16. People who didn't peel potatoes were regarded as lazy.
17. Indian restaurants were only found in India.
18. Cooking outside was called camping.
19. Seaweed was not a recognised food.
20. "Kebab" was not even a word, never mind a food.
21. Rubber gloves were called Marigolds.
22. Surprisingly, muesli was readily available, it was called cattle feed.
23. Water came out of the tap. If someone had suggested bottling it and charging more than petrol for it, they would have become a laughing stock!
24. And the things that we never ever had on our table in the 50s and 60s: elbows or phones!

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Church News

News from the Rector - The Reverend Catherine Blundell

After 7 ½ years as Team Rector I will be leaving the Benefice in January 2023 when David and I will be moving to our cottage in Devon.

Bishop Andrew has written:

The Revd Catherine Blundell has decided to retire as the Team Rector, with effect from 31st January 2023. Catherine's last Sunday will be the 8th January 2023.

These last 7 years have been fabulous, sometimes fraught, but full of laughter and joy. I will never forget them, and I will certainly never live in such a beautiful place again. Yes, Devon is lovely, but the Chalke Valley is very special indeed.

I do not know what work I will be doing next, I am not going to another Benefice, instead I will take some time off and listen to God's call.

This will be unsettling news for some people but there are plans in place to make sure all parishes receive pastoral care and cover on Sunday's. Jenny and Ruth (who knew about this before she was interviewed), will both lead you all through the vacancy.

This will be a long goodbye and I will get to speak to most of you before we leave.

In the meantime, my sincere thanks, and we will carry on with our plans for the autumn.

Catherine

The Reverend Catherine Blundell

Team Rector for the Chalke Valley Churches

A note from The Reverend Jenny Taylor

I am delaying my retirement and am working with Bishop Andrew on the procedures involved in this.

The Reverend Ruth Howlett-Shipleigh and I will be working together closely to maintain all pastoral and service cover.

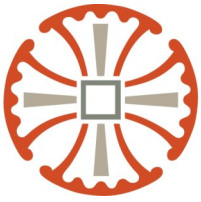
We will manage this as God is on our side!

Jenny

The Reverend Canon Jenny Taylor

Team Vicar Chalke Valley

Church News



Church Services

For Britford, Charlton All Saints,
Odstock and Nunton with Bodenham



November 2022

BCP = Book of Common Prayer (Traditional Language), CW = Common Worship (Contemporary Language)

Please check the weekly e-Bulletin or e-N&N for all Benefice Services

6 November 3rd Sunday before Advent	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Britford	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Family Service	Odstock	Adrian Taylor
13 November Remembrance Sunday	10.50am	 Remembrance Service	Odstock	Ruth H-S
20 November Christ The King	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Odstock	Ruth H-S
27 November First Sunday of Advent	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Charlton All Saints	Ruth H-S
	11.00am	Family Service	Nunton	Adrian Taylor
4 December 2nd Sunday of Advent	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Britford	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Family Service	Odstock	Adrian Taylor

To receive the **Chalke Valley Benefice bulletin**, please email Emily, who will add you to the weekly Bulletin distribution: thechalkevalleychurches@gmail.com

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Church Services



Services in Chalke Valley Benefice – November 2022

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Please be 'Covid Aware' and follow all the safety rules in church. If the situation changes locally, services may be cancelled at short notice. Please check your church noticeboard and weekly e-bulletin.

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13 November REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 	9.00am 10.00am 10.45am 10.45am 10.50am 10.50am 10.50am 11.20am	Holy Communion (CW) Remembrance Service Remembrance Service Remembrance Service Remembrance Service Remembrance Service Remembrance Service Remembrance Service	Coombe Bissett Berwick St John Bowerchalke Broad Chalke Bishopstone Coombe Bissett Odstock Alvediston	Jenny Taylor Lay Led Catherine Blundell Kate Woolven Jenny Taylor Tony Monds Ruth H-S David Blundell
20 November CHRIST THE KING	8.00am 9.30am 9.30am 9.45am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) REFRESH! Morning Prayer (BCP) Parish Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW)	Bowerchalke Bishopstone Odstock Broad Chalke V Hall Ebbesbourne Wake Homington Berwick St John	Catherine Blundell Jenny Taylor Ruth H-S Lay Led Biddy Trahair Jenny Taylor Catherine Blundell
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4 December 2nd Sunday of Advent	9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am	Family Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Family Communion (CW) Family Communion (CW) Family Service Morning Prayer (BCP)	Broad Chalke Britford Ebbesbourne Wake Coombe Bissett Odstock Berwick St John	Ruth H-S Jenny Taylor Ruth H-S Jenny Taylor Adrian Taylor Lay Led

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Police and Crime Commissioner



Wiltshire Police Crime Commissioner Update

Philip Wilkinson

Every burglary victim knows the impact is deeper than simply having your possessions taken. Burglary violates a safe space and you expect the police to respond appropriately when you report it.

Sadly, that expected police service when you are a home burglary victim has been severely lacking in recent years. This is consistent across the UK - not just in here in Wiltshire.

That is why I am pleased Wiltshire Police have now pledged to attend every home burglary. It's a leap in the right direction.

The force is already providing this in 88.7% of cases but this extra effort should help to increase victim satisfaction, preserve evidence sooner with increased prosecutions.

Residents tell me they want police officers to do the basics right: good, quality investigations which result in locking the bad people up, protect the vulnerable and care about victims.

Wiltshire Police's home burglary further action taken figures, where a suspect is identified, charged or cautioned, is currently at 3.9% on a rolling 12 month average. This isn't good enough and I have been clear in letting our Chief Constable know this – and he agrees.

By improving how officers deal with home burglary victims should not only increase those figures but also, and more importantly, will positively impact on the public's confidence and trust in the policing service they receive.

I will be directly scrutinising this commitment and challenging them to show that effective, quality, investigations are taking place.

I have also senior officers to explore if it is operationally possible to extend this commitment to all non-dwelling burglaries, like rural outbuildings and sheds. As ever, this will be a delicate balance but aiming to provide the policing service our communities want is vital.



#SaveSafely this winter

With living costs rising all the time, everyone is looking for ways to save some money, so **Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service** is highlighting some areas where a saving could be a false economy – and a fire risk.

The Service is asking people to #SaveSafely, and there is a wealth of information about staying safe at home and on the roads at www.dwfire.org.uk/save-safely. This includes energy saving tips, cooking safely advice, how to stay warm safely, staying safe when cutting costs, cutting the costs of driving, and signposting to financial help.

Some top tips include:

- Pulling something like electric heaters or electric blankets out of the loft, that haven't been used for years, can be risky. Watch for signs of dangerous or loose wiring, such as scorch marks, hot plugs and sockets, fuses that often blow, or circuit breakers that trip for no obvious reasons.
- If you're drying clothes indoors rather than use a tumble dryer, keep them well away from the heat source so they can't catch fire.
- Air fryers and microwave ovens are great at saving energy when cooking, but please read the manufacturer's instructions and keep them clean between uses.
- Getting chimneys swept when you have a wood burner or open fire is essential to reduce the risk of chimney fires. Also be careful of what you burn; green (unseasoned) wood may seem cheap, but it doesn't create much heat and it creates a residue that can easily catch alight within the chimney.
- Get your boiler serviced – a well maintained boiler is more efficient and reduces the dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Only use the correct charger for mobile devices. Although it can be cheaper to buy imported and unofficial chargers, fake ones are often made with poor quality components that fail to meet UK safety regulations. This means they can cause injury, electric shocks and even fires.
- Make sure you follow the manufacturer's instructions when using wheat bags – don't heat them for too long, or at too high a temperature.

The Fire and Rescue Service offers free Safe & Well advice, which can include a home visit and the provision of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

To request this for yourself, a family member or a vulnerable person, please call 0800 038 2323 or visit www.dwfire.org.uk/safe-and-well-visits



An update on the Poultry Cross repairs

Following the damage to the Poultry Cross in May 2022, Salisbury City Council has been given permission from Historic England to commence restoration of the monument.

The talented Stone Masons from Salisbury Cathedral will dismantle and rebuild the South Buttress, which contains the damaged area. During dismantling, individual stones will be recorded and those that are undamaged or can be restored will be numbered and used in the rebuild.

Materials used will be traditional lime mortar and a heritage lime gravity poured grout.

The City Council team will oversee the repair work which is due to start on Monday 24th October.

Chalke Valley Link Scheme

Can you spare some time to drive?

Serving the Valley from Berwick St John to Bodenham, the Chalke Valley Link Scheme is a Registered Charity that provides good neighbour support with transport and other practical help for Valley residents.

For example: Transport to a doctor's appointment, hospital, collect prescriptions or to the post office.

**For more information, requests or offers to drive, please phone:
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