



Chalke Valley
Church

Lent, Holy Week & Easter

22nd February – 9th April 2023

SOWING SEEDS FOR LIFE

This year, the Chalke Valley Lent Appeal will be supporting CRESS, a charity which aims to help South Sudanese refugees in Uganda become self-sufficient. Rather than just providing food aid, CRESS intends to provide training to give refugees the skills to grow their own vegetables and to support their families. In addition to providing training, CRESS will also give them the seeds to grow their first crop of food.

This Lent there is a unique opportunity to meet Bishop Joseph Aba, head of CRESS in Uganda on 10th March.

There are many biblical references to seeds but one of the most powerful is the parable

of the mustard seed in which the Kingdom of Heaven is compared to a mustard seed. Mustard seeds are extremely tiny but they can grow into large trees. CRESS hopes that by providing training and seeds they will be able to make big changes to the lives of those involved in the project.

'The Kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.' The Clergy Team encourage you to support this project and change the lives of refugees from South Sudan in Uganda.



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sowing seeds for life

THIS LENT PROJECT

is raising funds for the CRESS Agriculture programme. Money raised will provide for the start-up costs and training for 10 of our Savings Groups, enabling them to become confident, sustainable and successful farmers.

We aim to raise

£8000, £5000 for start-up costs, £1000 for trees to protect the gardens from the effects of climate change and £2000 for transport, allowing the team to supervise, support and encourage the new farmers.

10 new groups

25 members in each group

8 on average in each member's family means food and

income for **2000** South Sudanese refugees

£10

Funds 10 fruit trees, such as avocado and jackfruit

£30

Funds a water barrel & 10 watering cans for one group

£100

Funds tools like hoes and pangas (machetes) for one group

£200

Funds a year's training, support and supervision for one group

LENT HIGHLIGHTS



Tuesdays 28th Feb - 28th Mar
The Hub, Broad Chalke
or **Thursdays 2nd - 30th Mar**
The Barker Room, Nunton
6.30pm – 8.00pm

A 5 week Lent Study course led by Revd Dr Ruth Howlett-Shipley
The Easter story through the eyes of those who were there.
Contact Revd Ruth to register a place and receive the course notes revdruth@outlook.com

Musical Evening

with Camilla Foster Mitchell



Saturday 4th March,
7.00pm – 9.00pm
Knighton Manor,
Broad Chalke SP5 5EB
£30 per ticket
(includes glass of wine and nibbles)

Purchase tickets
cressuk.org/musical-evening
or via Caroline Lamb:
07807 780707
caroline.lamb@cressuk.org

Gathering

with Bishop Joseph Aba



Friday 10th March
6.30 – 8.00pm

Broad Chalke Village Hall,
SP5 5DN

This informative social evening gives you the opportunity to speak with Bishop Joseph Aba who has headed up the CRESS projects since the charity was founded in March 2010.

Free Entrance (donations welcome and paying bar)

Quiet Days

during Lent



Every Thursday during March
10am – 4pm

Lodge Farmhouse,
Broad Chalke SP5 5LU
Come for a whole day, or just an hour. Refreshments provided. Please bring own lunch if staying all day. Books, prayers, pictures and meditations available.



Contact Janet Roe
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01725 519242

CHALKE VALLEY CHURCH EVENTS

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| <p>Wed 22nd February ASH WEDNESDAY</p> | <p>School Communion with Ashing - all are welcome 10.30am St Michael & All Angels Church, Coombe Bissett Communion with Ashing 6.00pm St Michael & All Angels Church, Coombe Bissett</p> |
| <p>Fri 24th February</p>  | <p>Coffee Morning 10:30am – 12noon Mead House, Broad Chalke SP5 5EH Emma Flint emmaflint@icloud.com 01722 780763</p> |
| <p>Tues 28th February</p> | <p>'Who do you say I am?' – Lent Course week 1 6.30pm – 8.00pm The Hub, Broad Chalke</p> |
| <p>Wed 1st March</p> | <p>Mid-Week Holy Communion 12 noon St Mary's Church, Alvediston</p> |
| <p>Thurs 2nd March</p> | <p>Quiet Day 10.00am – 4.00pm Lodge & Hut Farm, Broad Chalke Janet Roe jhroe99@gmail.com 01725 519242 'Who do you say I am?' – Lent Course week 1 6.30pm – 8.00pm The Barker Room, Nunton, SP5 4HP</p> |
| <p>Sat 4th March</p>  | <p>Musical Evening with Wine & Nibbles 7.00pm – 9.00pm Knighton Manor, Broad Chalke Tickets £30 to include a glass of wine, Camilla Foster Mitchell singing, a short talk by Bishop Joseph Aba and short history of Knighton Manor by Caroline Lamb Caroline Lamb caroline@knightonmanor.com 01722 780789 Pen Milburn pm@chho.co.uk 01722 780263</p> |
| <p>Tues 7th March</p> | <p>'Who do you say I am?' – Lent Course week 2 6.30pm – 8.00pm The Hub, Broad Chalke</p> |
| <p>Wed 8th March</p> | <p>Mid-Week Holy Communion 12 noon St Martin's Church, Fifield Bavant</p> |
| <p>Thurs 9th March</p> | <p>Quiet Day 10.00am – 4.00pm Lodge & Hut Farm, Broad Chalke Janet Roe jhroe99@gmail.com 01725 519242 'Who do you say I am?' – Lent Course week 2 6.30pm – 8.00pm The Barker Room, Nunton, SP5 4HP</p> |
| <p>Fri 10th March</p>  | <p>The Big Lent Event - An evening with Bishop Joseph Aba 6.30pm – 8.00pm Broad Chalke Village Hall Bishop Joseph Aba, Olivia Jones and Caroline Lamb will give a talk on the work of CRESS, their work in the refugee camps and the projects funded through the support of our parishes. Caroline Lamb caroline@knightonmanor.com 01722 780789</p> |
| <p>Sat 11th March</p>   | <p>Coffee Morning 10:30am – 12noon St Mary's Church, Homington East End Lent Lunch & Talk "Turning Refugee Lives around" 12 noon – 2pm Bodenham, SP5 4EQ £8 Soup & Ploughman's Debby Underhill dunderh942@btinternet.com 01722. 329769</p> |

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| <p>Mon 13th March</p>  | <p>Coffee Morning 10.30am – 12noon The Bield, Flamstone Street, Bishopstone Sarah Seal theseal1@outlook.com 01722 780305</p> |
| <p>Tues 14th March</p> | <p>'Who do you say I am?' – Lent Course week 3 6.30pm – 8.00pm The Hub, Broad Chalke</p> |
| <p>Wed 15th March</p> | <p>Mid-Week Holy Communion 12 noon St John the Baptist Church, Bishopstone</p> |
| <p>Thurs 16th March</p> | <p>Quiet Day 10.00am – 4.00pm Lodge & Hut Farm, Broad Chalke Janet Roe jhroe99@gmail.com 01725 519242 'Who do you say I am?' – Lent Course week 3 6.30pm – 8.00pm The Barker Room, Nunton, SP5 4HP</p> |
| <p>Sat 18th March</p>  | <p>Lent Event Wine Nibbles and Talk "Turning Refugee Lives around" 6:00pm – 8:00pm Berwick St John Village Hall Angela Bridges pontibus@aol.com 01747. 828383</p> |
| <p>Sun 19th March MOTHERING SUNDAY</p> | <p>9.30am Mothering Sunday Service Bowerchalke 9.30am Parish Communion (CW) Bishopstone 9.30am Parish Communion (CW) Odstock 9.45am REFRESH! Broad Chalke Village Hall 11.00am Morning Prayer (BCP) Ebbesbourne Wake 11.00am Parish Communion (CW) Homington 11.00am Parish Communion (CW) Berwick St John</p> |
| <p>Tues 21st March</p> | <p>'Who do you say I am?' – Lent Course week 4 6.30pm – 8.00pm The Hub, Broad Chalke</p> |
| <p>Wed 22 March</p> | <p>Mid Week Communion 12 noon St Mary's Church, Homington</p> |
| <p>Thurs 23rd March</p> | <p>Quiet Day 10.00am – 4.00pm Lodge & Hut Farm, Broad Chalke Janet Roe jhroe99@gmail.com 01725 519242 'Who do you say I am?' – Lent Course week 4 6.30pm – 8.00pm The Barker Room, Nunton, SP5 4HP</p> |
| <p>Fri 24th March</p>  | <p>Coffee Morning 10.30am – 12noon 22 The Croft, Bishopstone, SP5 4DF Sally Leaver davidsallyleaver22@btinternet.com 01722 780447</p> |
| <p>Tues 28th March</p> | <p>'Who do you say I am?' – Lent Course week 5 6.30pm – 8.00pm The Hub, Broad Chalke</p> |
| <p>Wed 29th March</p> | <p>Mid-Week Holy Communion 12 noon St Mary's Church, Odstock</p> |
| <p>Thurs 30th March</p> | <p>Quiet Day 10.00am – 4.00pm Lodge & Hut Farm, Broad Chalke Janet Roe jhroe99@gmail.com 01725 519242 'Who do you say I am?' – Lent Course week 5 6.30pm – 8.00pm The Barker Room, Nunton, SP5 4HP</p> |

HOLY WEEK

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|  <p>Sun 2nd April PALM SUNDAY</p> | 9.30am | Family Communion (CW) | Broad Chalke |
| | 9.30am | Parish Communion (CW) | Britford |
| | 11.00am | Family Communion (CW) | Ebbsbourne Wake |
| | 11.00am | Family Communion (CW) | Coombe Bissett |
| | 11.00am | Family Service | Odstock |
| | 11.00am | Morning Service | Bishopstone |
| | 11.00am | Morning Prayer | Berwick St John |
| | Mon 6th April | 8.00pm | Compline |
| Tues 7th April | 8.00pm | Compline | Coombe Bissett |
| Wed 8th April | 8.00pm | Compline | Coombe Bissett |
| Thurs 9th April MAUNDY THURSDAY | Commemoration of the Last Supper | | |
| | 6.00pm | St John the Baptist | Bishopstone |
| Fri 10th April GOOD FRIDAY | Good Friday Devotion | | |
| | 11.00am | St John's Vigil | Alvediston |
| | 12.00pm | The Way of the Cross | Berwick St John |
| | 12.00pm | Reflections on the Passion | Broad Chalke |
| | 1.00pm | Good Friday Readings & Music | Bishopstone |
| | 2.00pm | The Way of the Cross | Odstock |
| Sat 11th April EASTER EVE | 6.00pm | Easter Fire & Communion | Homington |
| | 6.00pm | Easter Communion | Charlton All Saints |
| Sunday 12th April EASTER DAY | 9.30am | Parish Communion | Bishopstone |
|  | 9.30am | Parish Communion | Bowerchalke |
| | 9.30am | Parish Communion | Britford |
| | 9.30am | Parish Communion | Broad Chalke |
| | 11.00am | Parish Communion | Berwick St John |
| | 11.00am | Family Communion | Coombe Bissett |
| | 11.00am | Family Communion | Ebbsbourne Wake |
| | 11.00am | Family Communion | Nunton |

Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.

2 Corinthians 9:10



ABOUT CRESS

CRESS is a small charity but is aiming to make a big difference to the lives of the South Sudanese people. It all started with the Chalke Valley Lent Project 2010. Caroline Lamb had visited Kajo Keji in 2009 and was moved by the lack of education, health provision and poor infrastructure.

On Caroline's return she started fundraising in earnest to help the people she had met. The mission focus of CRESS is *sowing seeds for life*, providing the South Sudanese with the skills, training and resources to become self-sufficient, sustainable and ethical communities.

CRESS originally worked in South Sudan but due to the civil war this became too dangerous. In 2017 CRESS followed the South Sudanese refugees into Northern Uganda where it now works in partnership with the Dioceses of Liwolo. Part of the work of CRESS is to equip the local Bishop Joseph Aba, to train clergy and share the Gospel widely in rural areas.



REFUGEE LIFE

Most of the refugee community in which CRESS works, lives under the \$2 a day mark. Many families just eat one simple innutritious meal a day of maize meaning they are hungry and poor nutrition leaves them vulnerable to illness. For those in refugee camps, the UN World Food Programme has announced it will have no choice but to make further food ration cuts for refugees which adds to their pressures as does the increase in inflation and climate change in Uganda. So we hope you will help us support them through this years' Lent Project.

With our delivery partners, the Diocese of Liwolo, we are looking to focus on training groups in organic, sustainable agriculture techniques to help them feed themselves, make an income and alleviate the effects of the more erratic and extreme weather conditions, caused by climate change, which are experienced by the refugee farmers with whom we work.

IMPROVING LIFE FOR SOUTH SUDANESE REFUGEES



DONATE at a Lent Project event, in church or on our website

CASH: Donate at a Lent Project event

BACS: Acc.: CRESS Acc. No: 71407090 Sort Code: 40-12-18

ONLINE: cressuk.org/donate

CHEQUE: To CRESS, delivered to address below

giftaid it : Add 25p per £1 donated, with the form below



With funds from this Lent Project CRESS will provide:

AGRICULTURE
TRAINING
FOR
10
MORE SAVINGS
GROUPS
(approx. 250 refugees)

PROVIDE SEEDS,
**TOOLS
&
TREE
SEEDLINGS**
for the 10 new groups

FUND THE TRANSPORT
FOR THE
TEAM
AS THEY
SUPPORT
2000
LIVES IN THIS
LENT PROJECT ALONE
based on 8 per family

CAN YOU GIFT AID? We receive an extra 25p per £1 you give

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