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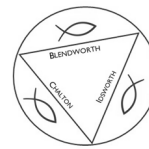
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Welcome!

Weekly News

W/C Sunday 1st September

Trinity 14

From the Ministry Team:

As a family, Pete and I had a busy weekend, entertaining both of our adult children, one partner, grandchildren and an extra dog. We were also able to visit my mother in Alton as well. In between, I was able to bless the new Clothing Bank as it was opened by Cllr Evans as well as start the season positively at Horndean FC, watching them win 2-0. A more sedate Monday saw Marcie the dog and I have a good tea at the Chalton Tea at 3 yesterday.

As all of this happened, we considered, on Sunday morning, that we are Christians by God's invitation and our own choice - that we choose to pursue this path and that with it comes obligation and sometimes some very hard truths. In the light of this, please look at our advert for the Alpha Course - can you help in any way and could you invite someone along?

Scripture this week looks at who we are within - not what everyone sees on the outside; to be doers of the word rather than just paying lip service. For 9.30am at Idsworth and 11am at Holy Trinity, I am delighted to welcome Dom Clarke, Programme Manager at the The Kings Arms (Youth Project) who will be preaching but also telling us about the project and help to bring this project to Horndean - to serve young people in the community.

I look forward to meeting some of you then.

Revd Joy

Bible thought:

'But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves'

James 1:22

Good News

*'Smiling faces make you happy, and good news makes you feel better
(Proverbs 15:30)'*

Our Clothing Bank is now open - we now look forward to serving those who need us.

(If you have good news that you want to share, tell us and we can celebrate with you.)

Bible Readings

Sunday 1st September

Deuteronomy 4.1-2,6-9

Psalms 15

James 1.17-27

Mark 7.1-8,14,15,21-23

Sunday 8th September

Isaiah 35.4-7a

Psalms 146

James 2.1-10[11-13] 14-17

Mark 7.24-37

Please pray for:

The Church For our Churchwardens as they shoulder extra responsibilities. For those who serve in our churches.

The World For all those who suffer in places of conflict particularly in Israel & Gaza—we pray for peace.

The Parishes For our Churchwardens and PCCs. That they will be equipped by the Spirit to work for the Kingdom to come in this place.

The Sick Dayle & Chris, Gordon T, Alan Clare and David.

Those who are bereaved the family and friends of Ann Taylor

If you wish to be on the list for prayers, please contact Revd Joy.

What's on ?

In conjunction with All Saints Catherington, we are hosting **The Alpha Course** at Merchistoun Hall on Thursday evenings from 6.30pm, starting on 12th September. If you are unfamiliar with The Alpha Course then you can find out a bit more about this course for people to explore Christianity here <https://alpha.org/home/>.

We will be providing food each Thursday evening, and also need some people to help host discussion - not to have all the answers but just to sit alongside as people chat about the questions raised by the Alpha materials. We also need people who will come to be part of the course - do you know anyone that you could invite?

Please contact Revd Joy if you can assist in hosting, or if you want to come along as part of the course.



The new session for the lottery starts on the 8th September, please can you let me have your money before then.

Thank you very much,

Sue Wilson



Upcoming Services

Sunday 1st September

Trinity 14

8am BCP Holy Communion at Blendworth led by Joy
9.30am Holy Communion at Chalton led by David Power
9.30am Mattins at Idsworth led by Joy
11am Holy Communion at Blendworth led by Joy

Sunday 8th September

Trinity 15

9.30am Morning Prayer at Chalton
9.30am Holy Communion at Idsworth
11am Holy Communion at Blendworth



Blendworth PCC invites you to a Harvest Festival Bring & Share Lunch at 12.30pm next Sunday (8th September) at Blendworth Church Centre. Everyone is welcome; please bring a place of food to share.

Revd Coleen will be priested on Saturday 28th September at 11 am at Portsmouth Cathedral. If wish to come along you are more than welcome to attend.

Revd Joy writes: I will be cycling around the churches in our area, including Cowplain, Catherington, Clanfield, Chalton, Idsworth, Rowlands Castle and aiming to finish at Blendworth. Some of you may have sponsored me already - thank you.

Please, if you were/are not in church this week, where I will have a sponsor form, perhaps you could click on the link below and sponsor me to ride around!

<https://app.goodhub.com/hampshire-and-the-islands-historic-churches-trust-11649>

From the money raised, half goes to Holy Trinity and half goes to Hampshire Churches Trust. I am aiming to raise at least £150. Please support me if you can.

