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(In Vacancy)**

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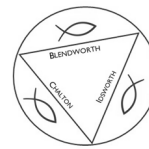
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BCI CHURCHES

Welcome!

Weekly News

W/C Sunday 1st December

Advent 1

From the Ministry Team:

It has been a packed week for your prospective priest in charge - notwithstanding recovering husband and two rambunctious dogs together with the cooking (Pete is quite complimentary about it which is a relief), we are of course preparing to enter a time of Advent. So it was with some dismay that on my way to Paw Paddock in Liss this week, Radio 2 announced that it was starting to play Christmas music...and we're not even in December! It is as if Advent does not exist at all - we just seem to be building up the pressure early.

May I recommend looking at the app 'Everyday Faith' or reading some reflections on Advent in this busy season? Or you could join Dawn as she reflects on Advent at Rosecott for an Advent course. Please contact her for more details.

We also have our Remembering Loved ones service this coming Sunday afternoon (4pm at Blendworth) - it's not too late to add someone to our list to be remembered. Please come along to this reflective service which starts the period of Advent in our Benefice.

My Installation as Priest in charge of BCI will take place at Holy Trinity on Wednesday January 8th at 6pm. Please make a note in your diaries - I will be pleased to see all those who can attend.

Revd Joy

Bible thought: "Make me to know your ways O Lord and teach me your paths"
Psalm 25:3

Collect Prayer: Almighty God as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*The next edition of the Weekly News will be sent out on Friday 6th December
Please email Anna with anything for that edition by Wednesday 4th December*

Bible Readings

Sunday 1st December

Jeremiah 33.14-16

Psalms 25.1-9

1 Thessalonians 3.9-13

Luke 21.25-36

Sunday 8th December

Baruch 5.1-9 or Malachi 3.1-4

Canticle: Benedictus

Philippians 1.3-11

Luke 3.1-6

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, Alan, Clare and David, Pauline Pearce.

Those who are bereaved the family and friends of Joan Edney

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

What's on ?

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,
BLENDWORTH

SATURDAY DECEMBER 14TH
10AM TO 4PM
SUNDAY DECEMBER 15TH
12PM TO 4PM
ENTRY FREE

Beautiful trees, children's activities, music
& refreshments...



WITH OUR ANNUAL CHRISTINGLE
SERVICE AT 4PM

Holy Trinity Church,
Blendworth
Christmas Fair
Saturday 7th December
Blendworth Church Centre
10.00am – 12.30pm
Lots of Stalls
Refreshments
Christmas Wreaths
Grand Christmas Raffle



HORNDEN AND CLANFIELD FOODBANK Christmas Hamper Appeal



We have plenty of general supplies so if you would like to donate please buy an item from this list in preparation for Christmas.

Please note that the last date for including donations in the parcels is

Monday
16th December

This gives us time to make up the parcels and distribute them in time for Christmas. Unfortunately, we will be unable to take delivery of donations after this date.

Tubs of chocolates
Boxes of biscuits
Kids selection boxes
Christmas Pudding
Christmas cake
Mince Pies
Pringles
Snacks and nibbles
Biscuits for cheese
Tins of Ham
Custard
Tins of Fruit salad
Jelly
Gravy granules
Stuffing
Pickles
Hot chocolate

If you are planning a large donation, please contact us foodbank@horndeanbaptistchurch.org.uk so that we can plan accordingly.

Local collection points for single donations at Co-op Clanfield and Merchistoun Hall Horndean.

Large donations can be dropped off at Napier Hall on Wednesdays 9.30 to 10.30 or Sunday 12.00 to 12.30pm



Upcoming Services

Sunday 1st November—Advent 1

8am BCP Communion at Blendworth led by Joy
9.30am Holy Communion at Chalton led by Joy
9.30am Worship for Advent Sunday with Reception and Blessing of Nativity Figures at Idsworth led by Wendy
11am Holy Communion at Blendworth led by Wendy
12.30pm Baptism of Polly Haynes at Chalton
4pm Remembering Loved Ones Service at Blendworth

Sunday 8th December—Advent 2

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



Remembering Loved Ones

Service

Sunday 1st December 2024
4pm
at Holy Trinity Church, Blendworth
All welcome.



BCI Churches Christmas Services Blendworth, Chalton & Idsworth



Sunday 15th December

4pm – Christingle Service at Blendworth
6pm – Carols by Candlelight at Chalton

Sunday 22nd December

9.30am – Carol service at Idsworth
6pm – Carols by Candlelight at Blendworth

Monday 23rd December

2pm Quiet Crib Service at Idsworth (for children who need less noise)(Numbers limited – ticketed event)

Tuesday 24th December

2pm – 'What the Shepherd saw' – an interactive service at Blendworth
4pm – Traditional Crib service at Chalton
11.30pm – First Communion of Christmas at Blendworth and Idsworth

Wednesday 25th December

10.30am - All Together Christmas Morning Communion for all ages at Blendworth.

CALM and BRIGHT



BLENDWORTH CHURCH CENTRE
CHRISTMAS CONCERT
FEATURING THE BLENDWORTH BRASS BAND
THURSDAY 19TH DECEMBER 2024
DOORS OPEN 7.30PM START 7.45PM
TICKETS £10.00 GILL 07443 488864 OR BAND MEMBERS
CASH BAR & RAFFLE