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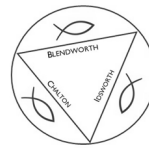
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BCI CHURCHES

Welcome!

Weekly News

W/C Sunday 23rd November
Christ the King

From the Ministry team:

And just like that, we are at the end of the church year as we celebrate Christ the King. Next we look forward to Advent with our Advent Carol Service launching the season at Chalton next Sunday at 6pm. Please come along to sing some favourite Advent carols.

If you are looking to think more deeply about your Prayer life why not come along to our Advent Prayer sessions where we can look at practical and creative ways to connect with God? More details to follow next week.

We are launching all our Christmas dates this week, please make a note in your diary and attend as many as you can. If you can assist us at any of our events please contact either Rev'd Joy or our churchwardens.

Rev'd Joy

Bible thought: "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble."
(Psalm 46:1)

Collect:

God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory.
Notice-

NOTICES:

Sadly, due to technical problems with my video, we need to redo the Christmas song this coming Sunday before the 11am service. IF POSSIBLE, could you please come to the church for 10.45am wearing Christmas jumpers and we'll sing it again. Rev'd Richard is coming along at this time so that we escape the technical bloopers that I made last week.

Thank you to the team of creatives who are helping to put the Christmas Tree Festival together this year. If you have some time to spare over the weekend of 13th and 14th December, would you speak to Janet about being a steward or running refreshments or helping out with the children's activities? We have already had a huge amount of interest in the community

Bible Readings

Sunday 23rd November Christ the King

Jeremiah 23.1-6

Psalm 46

Colossians 1.11-20

Luke 23.33-43

Sunday 30th November Advent 1

Isaiah 2.1-5

Psalm 122

Romans 13.11-14

Matthew 24.36-44

Please pray for:

Christians who maintain their faith in difficult circumstances throughout the world.

The World For all those who suffer in places of conflict – 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, Kevin, Veronica Brice, Avril and Jill.

Those who mourn.

What's on ?

CHURCHES TOGETHER PRAYER BREAKFAST ON SATURDAY,

22ND NOVEMBER 8.30AM—9.45AM :

Our monthly opportunity to gather with our Christian sisters and brothers to share food, conversation and prayer. The dancers have left and we will meet at Blendworth Church Centre.



BLESS THIS MOUSE

A willing team of sewers are making mice in three colour schemes, to give in return for £5 donations, each church has a different colour scheme. 'Bless this Mouse!' will launch spring 2026, further details from Jackie Butt at St Hubert's Idsworth .



Upcoming Services

Sunday 23rd November

Christ the King

9.30am Morning Prayer at Idsworth

9.30am Sowing Seeds at Chalton

11am Parish Communion at Blendworth

Sunday 30th November

Advent 1

10.30am Benefice Communion at Idsworth

6pm Advent Carol Service at Chalton





The Horndean Mission



St Wilfrid's
Cowplain

presents



★★★★★ "A captivating performance from start to finish"



Amos & the Grumpy Owl



Artless
Theatre Co.

A magical play for all the family about the joy of Christmas

Merchistoun Hall, Horndean

Saturday 20th December at 6pm

Tickets- Adults £10/Children over 3 years: £5

Get your tickets at:

<https://www.bcichurches.org.uk/ago-tickets/>

Christmas Services in the Benefice

Holy Trinity, Blendworth:

Sat 29th November Christmas Fair 10am - 12.30pm -
Blendworth Church Centre

Sat 13th (10am -4pm) & **Sun 14th** (12-4pm) December -
Christmas Tree Festival - theme of Narnia - Free entry.

Sun 14th December - 4pm -Christingle Service

Sun 21st December - 6pm - Carols by Candlelight - a traditional service of nine
lessons and carols.

Wed. 24th December - 2pm - Crib Service: The Incompetent Shepherd - come
and dress up and take part!

Wed 24th December - 11.30pm First Communion of Christmas.

Thurs 25th December - 10.30am - Christmas Day Communion for everyone!



St Michael & All Angels, Chalton

Sun 21st December - 4pm -Carols by Candlelight -

a service of readings and carols

Wed 24th December - 4pm - Traditional Crib Service

St Hubert's Church, Idsworth

Sat 13th December 5pm - Mistletoe and Wine - a social event at the church.

Sun 21st December - 9.30am - Carol Service.

Tues 23rd December - 2pm- Quiet Crib Service for children who struggle in noisy
and crowded situations. Ticketed event: <https://tickets.myiknowchurch.co.uk/gb/NTU1MC0xMA/t> - numbers limited - if there is enough demand we will run
more sessions.

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