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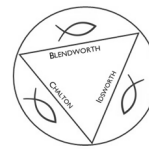
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BCI CHURCHES

Welcome!

Weekly News

W/C Sunday 30th November

First Sunday of Advent

From the Ministry Team:

Happy new year! or happy new church year!

Yes, once again, we are in Advent; how time flies... but interestingly enough, Advent, in more ancient times, particularly in the Celtic church, was seen as a 'lesser Lent'. Whilst fasting was not quite as important, nevertheless there was a notion of being prepared to welcome the incarnation, of being ready for what lies ahead.

These days, everyone is so focused on the Christmas holiday, welcoming Jesus seems to slip to a distant second place. Are we truly ready for the Prince of Peace? Are we ready for the demands of the kingdom that he inhabits and that we, as his followers partially know? Let us pray to use this time wisely; not just running to prepare for the big day in material ways but to look forward to refreshing our relationship with our living God this Christmas.

Why not start Advent in a reflective way at our Advent Carol Service on Sunday evening at Chalton? Hear our readings which declare Christ's coming and sing well-known Advent hymns in our candlelit service.

Revd Joy

Bible thought: *"He shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore." Isaiah 2: 4*

Collect

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.

Bible Readings

Sunday 30th November

Isaiah 2.1-5

Psalms 122

Romans 13.11-14

Matthew 24.36-44

Sunday 6th December

Isaiah 11.1-10

Psalms 72.1-7,18,19*

Romans 15.4-13

Matthew 3.1-12

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. For those in Gaza and for a rapid ceasefire as well as all those in the forgotten conflicts in Sudan and DRC

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.

For our Benefice as we discern our mission plan.

The Sick Dayle, Kevin, Veronica Brice

For those who mourn

What's on ?

HORNEDEAN AND CLANFIELD FOODBANK Christmas Hamper Appeal 2025



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

**Tuesday 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.

Download a "Hamper Bingo" card for your organisation <https://www.horndeanbaptistchurch.org.uk/Publisher/File.aspx?ID=388923>

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

The Horndean Mission
St Wilfrid's
presents
"A captivating performance from start to finish!"

Amos & the Grumpy Owl
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/>

ST JAMES CHURCH HALL AND GARDEN,
SOUTH LANE, CLANFIELD, PO8 0RA

TEA/COFFEE AND HOMEMADE CAKES



SUNDAY AFTERNOONS 3-5 pm
DURING JUNE, JULY and AUGUST.

JOY
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH
BLENDWORTH
YOU ARE INVITED TO

**CHRISTMAS
TREE FESTIVAL**

13TH DEC	FREE ENTRY	10 AM	4 PM
14 DEC		12 PM	4 PM

Beautiful trees; children's activities;
refreshments & music

Upcoming Services

Sunday 30th November—Advent 1

10.30 am Benefice Communion at
Idsworth led by Wendy

6pm Advent Carol Service at Chalton
led by Joy and Dawn



Sunday 6th December—Advent 2

8am BCP Communion at Blendworth

9.30am Holy Communion at Chalton

9.30am Mattins at Idsworth

11am Sowing Seeds with Morning
Prayer at Blendworth

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

SUNDAY 30TH NOVEMBER

6pm at St Michael & All Angels,
Chalton

Come and join us to sing some favourite
Advent carols.

THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

JOY

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday 29th November 2025
10.00 - 12.30

BLENDWORTH CHURCH CENTRE, PO8 0AA

Craft stalls, Christmas wreaths,
refreshments, cake stall, raffle,
jams & pickles & more
FREE ENTRY

Everyone
is welcome!