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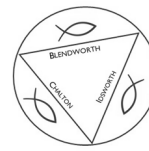
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BCI CHURCHES

Welcome!

Weekly News

W/C Sunday 21st December
Fourth Sunday in Advent

From the Ministry team:

We have talked a great deal about Advent recently and now, as the season progresses, we can look forward to our Christmas celebrations. This weekend, whilst we keep Advent in the morning at Blendworth; Idsworth will be launching carol season and an early morning carol service at 9.30am led by Wendy.

Chalton has a service of carols and readings at 4pm in candlelight led by Dawn and lastly Blendworth joins in with a traditional nine lessons and carols at 6pm. We welcome back George to play at Idsworth and Blendworth.

Please refer to the list of services over the Christmas period for more details and invite friends and family along too.

After Christmas, we have one Benefice Service at Chalton led by Terry. I am very thankful to him as it allows me some time off after the Christmas rush. I hope many of you have received our electronic Christmas card and may I wish you all wherever you are spending the holidays, a very peaceful and joyous time.

Revd Joy

Bible thought:

"Turn us again O God; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved."
Psalm 80:4

Collect:

Eternal God,
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,
so we wait for his coming in glory;
bring us through the birth pangs of this present age
to see, with her, our great salvation
in Jesus Christ our Lord.



Bible Readings

Sunday 21st December

Advent 4

Isaiah 7.10-16
Psalm 80.1-8,18-20*
Romans 1.1-7
Matthew 1.18-25

Sunday 28th December

Christmas 1

Isaiah 63.7-9
Psalm 148*
Hebrews 2.10-18
Matthew 2.13-23

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, Diana and Jill.

Those who mourn.

NOTICES

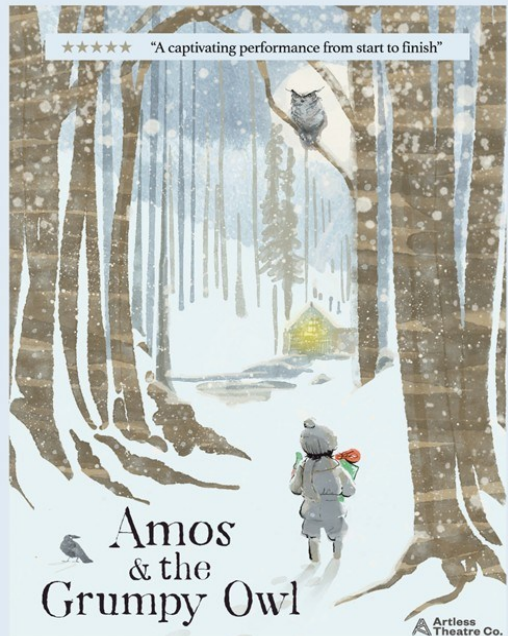
NOW AVAILABLE AT ST HUBERT'S IDSWORTH

(while stocks last)

Christmas Cards - £2 Each (with envelopes) Mugs - £10 each

Please note that the mugs need to be ordered from John Bannell

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The Horndean Mission Presents

Start your Christmas with a magical story.

The Artless Theatre company brings the story of Amos and the Grumpy Owl to the Merchistoun Hall, Horndean, Saturday 20th December at 6pm.

When a boy gets lost in a snowstorm, he seeks shelter with a grumpy man called Amos. The boy begs Amos to hear a story he wants to tell about a grumpy owl so desperate to get some peace and quiet, he almost misses the first Christmas.

Discover the magic in this very special Christmas production for all the family. Tickets are £10/adult and £5/child over 3 years old.

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

Upcoming Services

Sunday 21st December

Advent 4

8am BCP Communion at Blendworth

9.30am Carol Service at Idsworth

11am Formal Parish Communion at Blendworth

4.30pm Carols by Candlelight at Chalton

Sunday 28th December

Christmas 1

10.30am All Together Service for

Christmas at Chalton

(Led by Terry)



Christmas Services in the Benefice

Holy Trinity, Blendworth

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

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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