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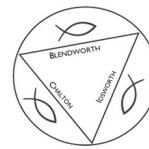
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BCI CHURCHES

Welcome!

Weekly News

W/C Sunday 11th January
Baptism of Christ

From the Ministry Team:

I have been thinking a great deal about the Baptism of Christ, this week, which, of course, we are celebrating on Sunday. This year I have been thinking about what this event means for young people but also as it turns out for all of us. Baptism is an answer to God's call and it is about how we set out on the journey of life keeping Christ as our 'north star'.

So 'What's your calling?' - if anyone has a story that they would like to share in our service about a vocation they followed or even about the calling you're still following today, please let me know. It would be lovely to include you in our reflections at the informal service at Blendworth, which is all about how Jesus answered his calling and why.

Revd Joy

Bible thought: "The Lord shall give strength to his people; the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace."

Collect:

Heavenly Father,
 at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:
 may we recognize him as our Lord
 and know ourselves to be your beloved children;
 through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Bible Readings

Sunday 11th January

Baptism of Christ

Isaiah 42.1-9
 Psalm 29
 Acts 10.34-43
 Matthew 3.13-17

Sunday 18th January

Epiphany 2

Isaiah 49.1-7
 Psalm 40.1-12
 1 Corinthians 1.1-9
 John 1.29-42

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.

Our administrator Anna is contactable via telephone as we have switched to our new digital system. She will be available during her working hours as published above and will pick up any voicemails left outside of these hours when she is next in the office.

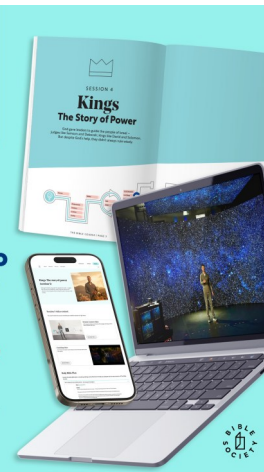
The Bible Course

NEW EDITION

Want to feel more connected to God's word?

Join *The Bible Course* New Edition

biblesociety.org.uk/thebiblecourse



I am proposing to run The Bible Course over the next three months. There are 8 sessions which cover all aspects of the Good book.

If you would like to explore the Bible in more detail and feel more connected to God's Word and see how Jesus features as much in the Old Testament as the New Testament, come along on Thursday evenings on the following dates: (venue to be confirmed)

Thursday 22nd January at 7pm,
 Thursday 12th February,
 Thursday 26th February
 Thursday 12th March, Thursday 19th March
 Thursday 26th March, Thursday 9th April
 Thursday 16th April

More details will follow shortly but make a note of the dates in your diary. The session lasts 90 minutes and we'll have coffee/tea etc. Please let me know so that I can order the correct resources.

NOTICES

CAN YOU HELP?

We have a number of volunteer opportunities which might be of interest to you. Please ask Revd Joy or Churchwardens if you would like more details:

Community Youth/Young Choir - starting on Friday 27th February 2025 at Horndean Junior School. Commitment is every Friday during term-time from 3.30pm to 5pm, or as much as you can offer. What's required is a love of singing, supporting young voices as they learn and grow in confidence. We will also be learning musical theory using the Voice for Life Scheme for which there are awards. (You can earn these alongside the young people) We will also need someone who would be willing to man the refreshment table. DBS checks and basic safeguarding online courses will be required.

Celebrating anniversaries: could you help us by keeping in touch with our wedding couples and our baptism families. We are in need of someone to send anniversary cards to the people who marry and are baptised in our churches.

Rakers and Scrapers/GIFT team - As always we are always in need of help to keep Holy Trinity and St Hubert's respectively in tip top shape. Please get in touch with Gill Bannister at HT and Jackie Butt at St H to express interest.

World Day of Prayer - I have been asked by the organisers of this event (which used to be known as Women's World Day of Prayer) on Friday March 6th to ask if anyone could represent BCI at a meeting of this group on Monday 12th January at Sacred Heart, Waterlooville at 2pm to assist in planning this event.

Other opportunities will be along shortly; offering your time and talents to God and serving our communities is one of the ways to demonstrate his love to all.

CHURCHES TOGETHER SERVICE FOR THE WEEK OF CHRISTIAN

UNITY—The service this year will be held at **St James at 3.30pm on Sunday 25th January**. Please come along to worship together with those in the other local churches.



Upcoming Services

Sunday 11th January

Baptism of Christ

9.30am Morning Prayer at Chalton

led by Joy

9.30am Holy Communion at Idsworth

led by Wendy

11am Informal Holy Communion at Blendworth

led by Joy

Sunday 18th January

Epiphany 2

8am BCP Communion at Blendworth

9.30am Mattins at Idsworth

9.30am Morning Prayer at Chalton

11am Formal Holy Communion at Blendworth

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, BLENDWORTH

INFORMAL PARISH COMMUNION

WHAT'S YOUR CALLING?

Christ's baptism was the start of his calling... what does yours look like?



SUNDAY 11TH JANUARY @ 11AM

A SERVICE FOR EVERYONE