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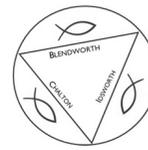
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# BCI CHURCHES

**Welcome!**

**Weekly News**  
**W/C Sunday 1st March**  
**Second Sunday of Lent**

**From the Ministry team:** we enter into the second week of Lent and it was good to be out on Wednesday in some warm weather, which reminds us that Spring is just around the corner. Already, snowdrops and daffodils are making their appearance and in the quite grey landscape we've been having, that is a good sign! I was highly entertained when looking through the files in the office this morning, to find the Blendworth Parish news from 1936. It wasn't so different to now although Holy Communion only happened at the 11am service twice a month! If you wanted Holy Communion, you got up early and went to 8am!

There was a detective story and a very detailed piece on whether the world was good or bad. (Which I may draw on for a sermon) There was an article on what a rural dean does and a "Weekday pages for Women with homes" including what jobs one should do each day of the week. I will pass it on to the Vicar's husband for feedback!

It was also the Lent issue and Revd. Cecil Martin had this to say about the season: "Though we have discarded some of the old language about Lent; all the root principles remain as much needed as ever, such as renewed repentance, self sacrifice, more prayer, more time given to thinking about God - and so on." He also adds at the end: "I close this note with affectionate good wishes, knowing how much I need to take my own advice!" As do I .

**Revd Joy**

**Bible thought:** " *Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you will preserve me* "  
*Psalm 138:7*

**Collect:**

Almighty God,  
by the prayer and discipline of Lent  
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,  
and by following in his Way  
come to share in his glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Bible Readings

**Sunday 1st March**

**Lent 2**

Genesis 12.1-4a

Psalms 121

Romans 4.1-5,13-17

John 3.1-17

**Sunday 8th March**

**Lent 3**

Exodus 17.1-7

Psalms 95

Romans 5.1-11

John 4.5-42

**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, Diana , 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.

## NOTICES



**Lent Lunches**

20<sup>th</sup> February 2026  
27<sup>th</sup> February 2026  
6<sup>th</sup> March 2026  
13<sup>th</sup> March 2026  
20<sup>th</sup> March 2026  
27<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Blendworth Church Centre PO8 0AA  
12 – 2pm. Everyone Welcome.

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER A service for everyone! Friday 6 March

*I will give you rest, come*

St John the Baptist,  
Purbrook  
2.00pm

(Parking is limited, please consider the no. 8 bus which stops outside the church)

Prepared by the Christian women of Nigeria

Refreshments after the service

**ALL WELCOME!**



**INFORMED PRAYER PRAYERFUL ACTION**  
24-7 365 Days a year Prayer movement Ecumenical International Women-led  
wwdp.org.uk Registered Charity Number 233242



**Holy Trinity Community Clothing Bank**

Open every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month  
10-12 Noon

For those affected by the cost of living

The Clothing Bank will be available on the fourth Saturday of the month (10am to 12 noon) or by appointment by contacting: 07443 488864 or email [blendworthchurchcentre@outlook.com](mailto:blendworthchurchcentre@outlook.com)  
Confidentiality assured.  
Blendworth Church Centre,  
Blendworth Lane, Hordean  
PO8 0AA

## Upcoming Services

### Sunday 1st March

#### Lent 2

8am BCP Communion at Blendworth Church Centre

9.30am Holy Communion at Chalton

9.30am Mattins at Idsworth

11am Morning Prayer with Sowing Seeds at Blendworth Church Centre

### Sunday 8th March

#### Lent 3

9.30am Morning Prayer at Chalton

9.30am Holy Communion at Idsworth

11am Informal Parish Communion at Blendworth (exact location TBC).

**NOTICE:** we are reopening St Hubert's this weekend. The water has receded from the layby but those attending need to take great care over the mud by the gate and slip hazards at the bridge and onto the slope going up to the church. Holy Trinity remains closed this weekend and both services will be held at the Church Centre. We are hoping to re-open part of Holy Trinity next weekend.

### Sowing Seeds @ Blendworth

## Jesus is tested in the wilderness

Holy Trinity Church, Blendworth  
Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2026  
11am



Our brand new service format means more time to tell the story and create a response! This time we'll be making stained glass window crosses.

The Bible Course continues Thursday 12th, 19th and 26th March at Blendworth Hills.

Talking Jesus Course continues each Monday evening until 23rd March at Catherington Church Hall at 7.30pm.

Everyone is welcome!