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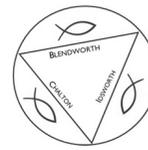
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# BCI CHURCHES

Welcome!

## Weekly News

W/C Sunday 22nd February

First Sunday of Lent

### From the Ministry Team:

What a week! Sometimes our mettle is tested by lots of situations cropping up at once and it certainly seems to be the case at the moment. However, we enter a season of 'testing', as it were. Christ was tested in the wilderness and life in all its fullness will always send things to try us.

In his sermon last week, Terry suggested that Lent though didn't need to be miserable - surely we should be spreading a little joy too? He recommended trying to make someone laugh; not at anyone's expense but because it makes these testing times lighter. At Deanery Chapter this week, I was greeted with supportive cheers as all my colleagues knew that BCI had been through a rough patch; it lifts the heart when we know others support us and we should know that God too will be with us as we pass through the storm.

### This week's services:

**9.30am Combined Morning Prayer at Chalton.** We are very sorry that Idsworth remains closed this week. Please pray for the weather to improve and the river to start to recede. It is just too risky to ask members of the congregation to negotiate the 'swamp' that now surrounds the front gate and the footbridge.

**11am - Parish Communion at Blendworth Church Centre.** - Holy Trinity remains closed until the loss adjuster visits on Tuesday and the remains of the Pulpit are cleared under their direction.

### Revd Joy

**Bible thought:** "*Happy the one whose transgression is forgiven and whose sin is covered.*" Psalm 32:1

### Collect:

Heavenly Father,  
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,  
and grew closer to you in the desert:  
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer  
that we may witness to your saving love  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Bible Readings

### Sunday 22nd February

#### Lent 1

Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7

Psalms 32

Romans 5.12-19

Matthew 4.1-11

### Sunday 1st March

#### Lent 2

Genesis 12.1-4a

Psalms 121

Romans 4.1-5,13-17

John 3.1-17

### 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.

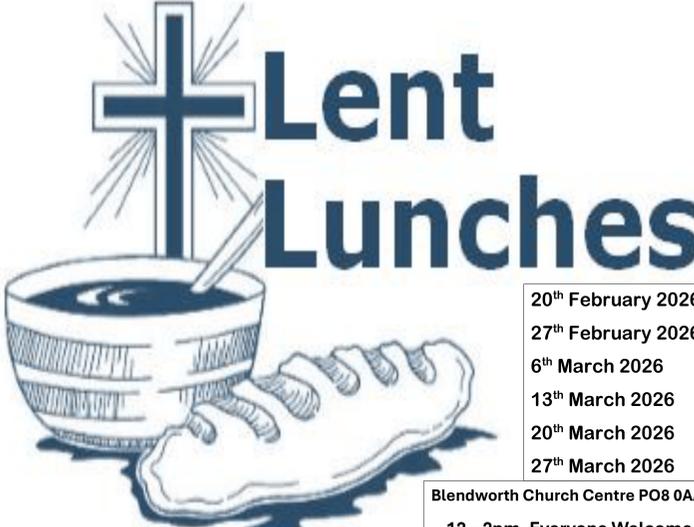
**The Parishes** For our Churchwardens and PCCs. That they will be equipped by the Spirit to work for the Kingdom to come in this place.

**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!**



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24-7, 365 Days a year Prayer movement Ecumenical International Women-led  
[wwdp.org.uk](http://wwdp.org.uk)  
Registered Charity Number 233242

## HOLY TRINITY, BLENDWORTH RAKERS & SCRAPERS



*Got some time to spare?*

*Why not join us to keep our churchyard looking tidy & welcoming*

*We next meet on 21st Feb at 10am*

## Upcoming Services

### Sunday 22nd February

#### Lent 1

9.30am Combined Morning Prayer at Chalton

led by Joy / Dawn

11am Parish Communion at Blendworth Church Centre

led by Joy

### Sunday 1st March

#### Lent 2

8am BCP Communion at Blendworth Church Centre

9.30am Holy Communion at Chalton

9.30am Mattins at Idsworth (subject to weather / flooding )

11am Morning Prayer with Sowing Seeds at Blendworth Church Centre

### CHURCHES TOGETHER PRAYER BREAKFAST ON SATURDAY, 28TH

**FEBRUARY 8.30am–9.45am** Our monthly opportunity to gather with our Christian sisters and brothers to share food, conversation and prayer. We will meet this month at Blendworth Church Centre.

### CHURCHES TOGETHER LENT COURSE

This Lent, Horndean & Clanfield Churches Together are combining for a Lent Course. We have chosen the Talking Jesus course which helps us to talk a little more openly and freely about our faith. I know a lot of us struggle with this. Sessions will be led by local clergy including Revd Richard (Catherington & Clanfield), Revd Sam from the Baptist Church; Revd Joy (BCI) and Father James or Father Tom from the Catholic church. The sessions will run weekly on Monday evening from 7.30pm (All Saints Catherington—starts 23rd February) and Thursday morning from 11am (St Edmunds Horndean—starts 26th February). As the course has now started, please just turn up at one of the sessions if you would like to be part of the course.