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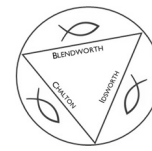
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BCI CHURCHES

Welcome!

Weekly News
W/C Sunday 8th February
2nd Sunday before Lent

From the Ministry Team:

A short note this week, laced with the weariness of jet lag! I am sure that I will share the week off with more gusto in the coming weeks but it was a lovely piece of sunshine in the very long grey winter we seem to be having.

I attended St John the Baptist church in Holders Hill, Holetown Barbados last Sunday and they would like to send their greetings to you as well. It was very much a service of the familiar in the unfamiliar and it's comforting to know that the body of Christ is a wonderful place to be enfolded, wherever you are!

Thank you to Dawn for writing the reflection last week for Terry, Wendy and Polly for taking the services and to all the Churchwardens and everyone for minding the place so well!

Revd Joy

Bible thought: "Give thanks to the God of heaven.
 His love endures forever. " Psalm 136, verse 26

Collect:

Almighty God,
 give us reverence for all creation
 and respect for every person,
 that we may mirror your likeness
 in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Bible Readings

Sunday 8th February 2nd Sunday before Lent

Genesis 1.1 - 2.3
 Psalm 136.1-9,23-26
 Romans 8.18-25
 Matthew 6.25-3

Sunday 15th February Sunday next before Lent

Exodus 24.12-18
 Psalm 2
 or Psalm 99
 2 Peter 1.16-21
 Matthew 17.1-9

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, Sue Sharratt
 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.

Lent Lunches

20th February 2026
27th February 2026
6th March 2026
13th March 2026
20th March 2026
27th March 2026

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

NOTICES

CAN YOU HELP?

Community Youth/Young Choir - starting on Friday 27th February 2025 at Hornden 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.

Myrtlebank
Retreat
House



Providing a safe, welcoming environment in which all are invited to experience God and His transforming power.

Myrtlebank Retreat House , Catherington offers a quiet, warm and homely space in which you can set time aside time to be still, to rest and to experience God's presence. Myrtlebank offers quiet days and the first of these will take place on **14th February.**

"God's intimate Love" - with various prayer activities

Start time: 9:45am for 10 am start

Finish time: Approx. 2pm. You may stay later if you wish. There is also an optional "Exploration space" in the afternoon where you can explore with either Ian or Karen where God might be leading you.

Refreshments: Coffees/Teas and Lunch included. Please let us know of any dietary requirements when booking.

Costs: All materials and lunch provided. Donations accepted to help cover costs.

Additional information or Booking: Please email info@myrtlebank-retreat.uk or call Ian on 0788 1914159

Upcoming Services

Sunday 8th February

2nd Sunday before Lent

9.30am Holy Communion at Idsworth
led by Joy

9.30am Morning Prayer at Chalton
led by Wendy

11am Formal Holy Communion at Blendworth led by Joy

Sunday 15th February

Sunday next before Lent

8am BCP Holy Communion at Blendworth

9.30am Mattins at Idsworth

9.30am Morning Prayer at Chalton

11am Formal Parish Communion at Blendworth

3pm Tea with the Vicar:

Wedding Preparation at Blendworth Church Centre

The Lavant at Idsworth has risen; wellies and extreme caution advised as you approach St Hubert's.

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



From 6.00pm

BINGO

Spaghetti bolognese & Pancakes

Tickets: £12.00

from Gill, Jo or Josie