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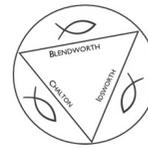
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BCI CHURCHES

Welcome!

Weekly News
W/C Sunday 29th March
Palm Sunday

From the Ministry team:

With Holy Week almost upon us it has been heartening this week to read from the letter to the Hebrews during Morning Prayer. I have always found it to be an encouragement especially when we encounter difficulties. However, we should also celebrate the great things that happen in this Benefice when they occur and perhaps not dwell on the buildings as much. Last weekend was the first Messy Church goes Wild at Chalton. We were all nervous because only one family had signed up but were overjoyed to welcome six families plus the Vicar's grandchildren to join in the activities devised to think about God in the Wilderness and Wildness. It was a beautiful afternoon and just showed us that God's creation can inspire us. It also reminded us that church needn't be on a Sunday. Perhaps we should take the advice in Hebrews: "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?"

Revd Joy

Bible Thought: *Philippians 2:9-11*

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Collect:

True and humble king,
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
grant us the faith to know you and love you,
that we may be found beside you
on the way of the cross,
which is the path of glory.

Update on Easter Services:

Please find the services listed on the posters overleaf. The Easter Sunday service at Blendworth will be at Holy Trinity as the Pulpit is being collected for repair on Wednesday 1st April.

All Holy Week services are at Chalton with Good Friday at Idsworth.

Bible Readings

Sunday 29th March

Palm Sunday

Acts 17.22-31

Psalms 66.7-18

1 Peter 3.13-22

John 14.15-21

Sunday 5th April

Easter Day

Acts 10.34-43 or

Jeremiah 31.1-6

Psalms 118.1-2,14-24

Colossians 3.1-4 or

Acts 10.34-43

John 20.1-18 or

Matthew 28.1-10

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.

Garry Lace (Idsworth) as he is confirmed at Portsmouth Cathedral on Easter Eve (Saturday 4th April).

The Sick Dayle, Kevin, Diana

Those who mourn Frank Wallace

Anna will be on leave for Holy Week, returning to the office on Tuesday 7th April.

WHAT'S ON



LENT & EASTER AT YOUR LOCAL PARISH CHURCH

HOLY TRINITY, BLENDWORTH CRABDEN LANE, POB OAB

PALM SUNDAY - 29TH MARCH
11AM PARISH COMMUNION

Join us for a Parish Communion which includes the traditional reading of the story of Holy Week. Story time available for the little ones.

EASTER SUNDAY - 5TH APRIL
8AM BCP HOLY COMMUNION

A traditional Book of Common Prayer Communion (said) service.
11AM EASTER HOLY COMMUNION FOR EVERYONE (WITH SOWING SEEDS STORY TIME)

A service that welcomes everyone to join in and celebrate! The Sowing Seeds group will have their own story and creative response time. Sowing Seeds is for babies and young children up to 7 years. An Easter Egg hunt takes place after the service.

News about our roof

Many of you will know that the roof at Holy Trinity has been causing concern for some time. We are delighted to announce that work will begin on the nave and south transept just after Easter. Holy Trinity will be closed to the public until the end of June 2026. However, we still need to raise money to complete the work on the chancel (where the choir sits) as well as to replaster inside. We have committed every penny we have raised so far. If you have used Holy Trinity or have a family connection, please help us to raise the remainder of the money to bring our lovely church back into full use both by the church and to be available to be used by our community as well.

You may also be aware that the Pulpit collapsed in February and we are making every effort through our insurance to restore it. It means that the church may have to be closed at short notice for work to be undertaken. Please check our website for up to date information at www.bcichurches.org.uk

Can you help the Holy Trinity Roof Appeal?

We urgently need to raise money to replace the chancel roof and complete the inside ceiling of the church. Please consider buying a tile for £5 to remember a loved one or as a commemorative present.

Buy online at:
<https://givealittle.co/c/5JeoABOXOWNq0UcK8hLw9h>
or scan the QR code



Bishop's Lent Appeal 2026



This year, the Bishop's Lent Appeal is raising funds and awareness for three charities:

- **Tearfund:** partners with churches in more than 50 of the world's poorest countries to tackle poverty and injustice through sustainable development, by responding to disasters and challenging injustice. Read more about the appeal at tearfund.org.
- **USPG:** an Anglican mission agency that partners with churches worldwide in God's mission to enliven faith, strengthen relationships, unlock potential and champion justice. Read more about their work at uspg.org.uk.
- **Vista:** offering support to women involved in the sex industry past or present. Read more about their work at harbourchurchuk.org/vista.

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Make a quick online donation - point your smartphone camera app at this QR code



Visit portsmouth.anglican.org/lentappeal to find out more.



This year's Lent Lunches raised over £800 for the Bishop's Lent Appeal.

Thank you for everyone who joined us.

Churches Together Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, 28th MARCH 8.30am - 9.45am

We will be hosted by Horndean Baptist Church this month, meeting at St Edmunds RC Church, Horndean.



UPCOMING SERVICES

LENT & EASTER AT YOUR LOCAL PARISH CHURCHES



ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS CHURCH, CHALTON & ST HUBERT'S CHURCH, IDSWORTH

This year, **Holy Week for BCI** will be kept at Chalton and Idsworth. These two churches were mentioned in the Domesday book in 1086 so have been keeping Holy Week for nearly a thousand years. Come along to our ancient churches and walk in the footsteps of those who have found spiritual life here.

PALM SUNDAY - 29TH MARCH - 6PM - PALM SUNDAY PRAISE AT CHALTON
Come and sing your favourite Easter hymns at our special Songs of Praise for the start of Holy Week.

MONDAY 30TH MARCH - 7PM - COMPLINE at Chalton
One of our most ancient and spiritual forms of worship, Compline (Night Prayer) has been a major part of worship from the earliest times. We worship in candlelight with the evening light drawing in.

TUESDAY 31ST MARCH - 7PM - TAIZE SERVICE at Chalton
A service that uses the popular and reflective music from the Abbey of Taize in France.

WEDNESDAY 1ST APRIL - 7PM - COMPLINE at Chalton

THURSDAY 2ND APRIL - 7PM - MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION at Chalton
A service of Holy Communion which commemorates the Last Supper and the washing of feet. We strip the altar at the end as we prepare for Good Friday.

GOOD FRIDAY 3RD APRIL - 2PM - THE LAST HOUR AT IDSWORTH
This service commemorates the last hour on the Cross; a simple service of music, readings and silent vigil.

EASTER SUNDAY - SUNDAY 5TH APRIL

6.30AM - DAWN SERVICE AT ST HUBERT'S IDSWORTH
Join us at dawn on Easter Sunday as we welcome the risen Jesus as the sun rises over the Idsworth valley. A wonderful atmospheric service to start the Easter celebrations!

9.30AM EASTER HOLY COMMUNION AT CHALTON
Our traditional service of Holy Communion is at Chalton.

EASTER MONDAY 6TH APRIL

EASTER TEA @3 WITH MESSY CHURCH GOES WILD ACTIVITIES FROM 2PM AT CHALTON

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BLENDWORTH CHURCH CENTRE
SATURDAY 18 APRIL 7.30PM

Tickets £12 in aid of the church roof - Charity 1129238
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