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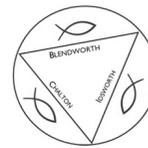
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BCI CHURCHES

Welcome!

Weekly News
W/C Sunday 8th March
Third Sunday of Lent

From the Ministry team:

Over the last few weeks, we have been preoccupied with our buildings either because of climate change and flooding or buildings being put out of use for various reasons! Whilst I was sitting at Holy Trinity yesterday morning waiting for the restorer to appear, I read a short extract from Hebrews 3:1-6. "Just as the builder of the house has more honour than the house itself. For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God...Christ is faithful over God's house as a Son and we are his house if we hold firm the confidence and the pride that belong to hope." I know that I have been fretting over the buildings quite a lot recently but it is good to remember that we are a house without walls as the body of Christ and that even if we cannot use a building we are still in Christ's house . Forever.

Revd Joy

Bible thought: Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' *John 4:39*
(More reflection on this on Sunday)

Collect:

Eternal God,
give us insight
to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection we are promised
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

NOTICES: We are very sorry that Holy Trinity is still closed. However we are urgently working to get the church open again for Palm Sunday, but there are no guarantees.

Please pray for the PCC as they meet on Monday evening.

Talking Jesus continues at Catherington on Monday evening and The Bible Course resumes on Thursday evening at Blendworth Hills.

Bible Readings

Sunday 8th March

Lent 3

Exodus 17.1-7

Psalms 95

Romans 5.1-11

John 4.5-42

Sunday 15th March

Mothering Sunday

Exodus 2.1-10

Psalms 34.11-20

2 Corinthians 1.3-7

Luke 2.33-35

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.

WHAT'S ON



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.

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.




Messy Church WILD

A brand new Messy Church!
WILDERNESS & WILDNESS

Come and explore the wilderness together!

Scavenger Hunt
Making trails
Mud Kitchen
Lanterns
Decorating gingerbread people
Refreshments

MARCH 21ST AT 2PM
ST MICHAEL'S, CHALTON

Sign up:
<https://forms.gle/oE7TcswZhqEvKZ9p8>

Fun fellowship for all the family

Upcoming Services

Sunday 8th March

Lent 3

9.30am Morning Prayer at Chalton

Led by Lou

9.30am Holy Communion at Idsworth

Led by Wendy

11am Informal Parish Communion at Blendworth Church Centre

Led by Joy

Sunday 15th March

Mothering Sunday

8am BCP Communion at Blendworth (exact location TBC)

9.30am Mattins at Idsworth

9.30am Morning Prayer at Blendworth

(exact location TBC)

11am Formal Holy Communion with

Storytime for children.

New of the roof at Blendworth

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.

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/5JEoA80XOWNq0UcK8hLw9h>