



BCI Churches

# WELCOME!



Your weekly guide to worship, faith, and community in Blendworth & Horndean (East); Chalton and Idsworth



## From the Ministry Team

On the second Sunday in July Christians are encouraged to give thanks for the world's seafarers, nearly 1.89 million men and women, to think about their daily life on bulk carriers, tankers, container ships, cruise ships, ferries, trawlers etc., and to ask God to bless them and protect them.

How often do we consider the everyday lives of seafarers? The ships in the Strait of Hormuz and the Persian Gulf have given us an insight into life on board. It is a way of life totally different from ours. Sailors leave their homes and cultures for up to a year, usually to support their families. A Filipino sailor can be supporting 15 family members. The work environment is constricted. Life can be very boring. Turnaround times are swift. Sometimes sailors have no internet connection to contact home. In some places – the Horn of Africa and the South China Sea – ships can be attacked by pirates. Pay can be late; there is little job security.

In 1836, an Anglican priest, John Ashley, saw the ships in the port of Bristol. He sowed a seed, as in today's gospel, and founded the Anglican missionary agency, the Mission to Seafarers, which works with ecumenical partners to show God's love and care wherever and whenever seafarers are in need. Today we are encouraged to pray for the Mission, and to support its work in our charitable giving. The Mission is active in 50 countries and over 200 ports around the world, through its Seafarer's Centres, its chaplains and volunteers, providing practical help, rest and recreation to seafarers of all faiths and of none. The Mission has been very active recently in the Persian Gulf. Its work is a practical expression of Christian love.  
Revd Canon Terry Loudon

## Collect

Creator God,  
you made us all in your image;  
may we discern you in all that we see,  
and serve you in all that we do;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Bible Thought

'Jesus got into a boat and sat there,  
while the whole crowd  
stood on the beach.'

(Matthew 13.2)

## Sunday Services

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July - Sea Sunday)  
0930 Chalton - Morning Prayer  
- led by Joy

0930 Idsworth - Holy  
Communion - led by Terry

1100 Blendworth - Informal  
Parish Communion - led by Joy

1230 - Baptism of Oliver Luter  
Green at Idsworth.

## Readings

In a change to the published readings, the readings for Sea Sunday are as follows:  
Isaiah 43: 1-13  
Matthew 25: 31-40

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Next week: Trinity 7  
Living within the Trinity and in  
Society

Isaiah 44: 6-8  
Psalm 86:11-end  
Romans 8: 12-25  
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

## Next Week...

Sunday 19th July - Trinity 7  
0800 Blendworth - BCP Communion  
- led by Revd Polly Honeychurch  
0930 Idsworth - Mattins led by Joy;  
Preacher-Dawn  
1100 Blendworth@ Chalton Parish  
Communion (Combined service with  
organist)

## Upcoming Events



**Holy Trinity Church, Blendworth**

# SUMMER FETE

**Saturday 18th July**  
**11am to 3pm**  
 BLENDWORTH HOUSE, CRABDEN LANE,  
 BLENDWORTH

**FREE ENTRY**

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN!

- Blendworth Brass Band
- Fun Dog Show
- Children's races and games
- Crockery smash
- Outdoor games
- refreshments
- entertainment
- Tombola
- and much more!

For more information visit: [www.bcichurches.org.uk](http://www.bcichurches.org.uk)



### 26th July 2.30pm, Saint Michael and All Angels Chalton

With a celebrity clientele which includes Rihanna, Lady Gaga, Mick Jagger, Boy George and members of royalty, Stephen Jones has worked with some of the world's most prominent fashion houses & designers during his illustrious career, including Jean Paul Gaultier, Vivienne Westwood, Christian Dior and John Galliano.

He has been described as 'the maker of the most beautiful hats in the world'.

**Tickets are £15 on the door, cash or card.**  
**Refreshments available.**

We are still in need of support for our Church Fete. Please let the churchwardens know if you can help on the day but most importantly encourage your friends and family to come!

*'A feel good afternoon of singing'*

**PURBROOK COMMUNITY CHOIR**  
**SUMMER CONCERT**  
**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2026 at 2.30pm**  
**St Michael & All Angels Church**  
**South Lane, Chalton PO8 0BG**



Join us for our annual summer community fundraising concert as the choir share songs in glorious harmony.

Sample the excellent homemade cake with a cuppa after the singing.

Tickets £7 each. All proceeds to The Rowans Hospice  
 Contact Gill Grech 07876414140 email [gill.grech@me.com](mailto:gill.grech@me.com)  
 See you there!

**Rowans**  
 Hospice



**BLENDWORTH FUN DOG SHOW**  
**2026**

At the Blendworth Summer Fête

**Saturday 18th July 2026**  
 Show Starts at 1:30pm

A Traditional Village Dog Show

**FUN SHOW CLASSES**

- 🏆 Loveliest Lady
- 🏆 Most Handsome Fella
- 🏆 Golden Oldie
- 🏆 Waggiest Tail
- 🏆 Best Rescue
- 🏆 Dog Most Like Owner

**VENUE**  
 Blendworth House  
 Crabden Lane  
 Blendworth  
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**ENTER THE SHOW**  
 Entry forms can be downloaded from:  
[www.bcichurches.org.uk](http://www.bcichurches.org.uk)

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**All Dogs Welcome**

Please keep dogs on leads except when directed by the judge.

## Upcoming Events...looking ahead

There are lots of events to look forward to this summer and into September.

Please put a few dates in your diary!

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August: Evensong - 6pm at St Michael & All Angels, Chalton.

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September - Sowing Seeds @ Blendworth

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September - Grandparents & Toddlers 10am starts a new term.

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September - Ride & Stride Alpha Day at Blendworth Church Centre from 9.30am

Messy Church goes Wild - 2.30pm at Chalton

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September is Harvest Festival at all churches

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September - Last Night at the Proms with Blendworth Brass Band - Blendworth Church Centre

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September - Patronal Festival of St Michael at Chalton celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> year of Canon Terry's ordination.

Preaching: Archbishop Rowan Williams



## Friends of St Hubert's

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August

Empty Frets are a 5-piece band from the New Forest that play based a range of music from the Buddy Holly of the '60's to Paloma Faith, Beth Hart, and Bryan Adams of the '00's. There's a bit of Country, some Folk Rock, and more than a touch of Blues too. Plus a few original numbers thrown into the mixture.

Sun, Sept 13<sup>th</sup> - 3:00pm

The Little Song Party

Sense and Musicality

An afternoon of music and story, stepping into Jane Austen's world.

For more details and tickets:

[https://sthubertsmusic.co.uk/2026-](https://sthubertsmusic.co.uk/2026-events)

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## Discipleship Courses



Our next Alpha Course starts on: **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July - 7pm**  
**St Wilfrid's Church, Cowplain.**  
 More details at [missiohdn.org.uk](http://missiohdn.org.uk) or use the QR code to sign up!



**HORNDÉAN** **St Wilfrid's Cowplain** **BCI Churches**

E mail: [missiohdn@gmail.com](mailto:missiohdn@gmail.com)



is for anyone who's curious about faith — or wondering if the Christian faith has something meaningful to offer. It's for those who perhaps feel on the edge of church — uncertain, disconnected, hurt, or simply searching for something deeper. It's also for those who've never explored faith before but feel open to discovering more together with others.

St Michael and All Angels, Chalton; Thursdays from 2 pm to 3.30 pm on: 16/7, 23/7, 6/8, 20/8, 27/8, 3/9, 10/9, 17/9, 24/9, 8/10. Register by emailing Canon Wendy at [kennedyjandw@outlook.com](mailto:kennedyjandw@outlook.com) or phone 07449 300693.



## For your Prayers

**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** - we pray for the Horndean mission and for our churches to grow in confidence to spread the good news of the Gospel.

**Our Wedding Couples** as they prepare for Marriage: Zoe & Tommy, Anya & James

**The Sick** Dayle, Kevin, Diana

## News of Holy Trinity

It is very pleasing to report that the roof works are almost complete. We aim to reopen on 26<sup>th</sup> July. However we will need lots of help to prepare the church and clean it before that happens!

We also need your prayers that we will receive all the Grants still being considered to help us complete the work. If anyone can help us to raise the funds to cover the extra costs that have arisen please contact Revd Joy.

## Contact Us

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## Safeguarding

The Parishes of Blendworth, Chalton and Idsworth are fully committed to safeguarding all of God's people. The Benefice Safeguarding Policy was agreed at the Benefice Standing Committee meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2026. If you have any questions, or to report a safeguarding concern, please contact Revd Joy, 07521 862285. If you prefer to contact somebody from outside of the parishes, please contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Team. Monday to Thursday 9am-5pm Email: [safeguarding@portsmouth.anglican.org](mailto:safeguarding@portsmouth.anglican.org), 023 9289 9665 or Out of Hours advice can be sought from the Thirtyone:eight helpline on 0303 003 1111, selecting option 2.