



BCI Churches

WELCOME!



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

From the Ministry Team

Last week, I went to a service at another Church, just to experience how another Church does its Sunday service. I really enjoyed the experience and the pastry and coffee before the service. As I reflected on the outing afterwards it made me realise how too often, we have preconceived ideas about places and people and everyday things. Most times these can be surprisingly different to the actual event or person, in a good way.

As I read the gospel reading this week it seemed to me the disciples also had a preconceived idea about this woman who cries out to Jesus. They were ready to brush her aside, when it turns out that she had more faith than them. Perhaps in this coming week it would be good to face each day without preconceived ideas, but be ready to embrace each moment knowing that God is in charge and everything is happening for a purpose.

**Blessings,
Dawn**



Collect

God of glory,
the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside
all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,
and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Bible Thought

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose"

Romans 8, verse 28

Sunday Services

Sunday 16th August: Trinity 11

8am Blendworth BCP
Communion led by Polly
9.30am Chalton Morning
Prayer led by Terry
9.30am Idsworth Mattins led
by Joy
11am Blendworth Parish
Communion led by Joy

Readings

This week: Trinity 11

Isaiah 56.1,6-8
Psalm 67
Romans 11.1-2a,29-32
Matthew 15,21-28

Next Week: Trinity 12

Isaiah 51.1-6
Psalm 138
Romans 12.1-8
Matthew 16.13-20

Next Week...
Sunday 23rd August

9.30am Idsworth Morning
Worship
9.30am Chalton Morning Prayer
11am Blendworth Parish
Communion

Upcoming Events

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

Please put a few dates in your diary!

Friday 21st August - Messy Vintage

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

Sunday 6th September - Sowing Seeds
@ Blendworth. (No Sowing Seeds in August)

Monday 7th September -
Grandparents & Toddlers 10am starts
a new term.

Saturday 12th September - Ride &
Stride

Alpha Day at Blendworth Church
Centre from 9am - 1pm

Messy Church goes Wild - 2.30pm at
Chalton

Saturday 19th September
rescheduled Blendworth Dog Show at
Heberden's Farm, Idsworth from 2pm

Sunday 20th September is Harvest
Festival at all churches

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

Sunday 27th September - Patronal
Festival of St Michael at Chalton
celebrating the 50th year of Canon
Terry's ordination. (10.30am)
Preaching: Archbishop Rowan
Williams



Blendworth Church Centre
Presents
Last Night of the Proms
A Celebration of Modern & Classical Music
S aturday 26th September
Featuring: The Blendworth Brass Band
Blendworth Church Centre, Blendworth Lane, PO8 0AA
Tickets from: Gill 07443 488864, Josie 02393 074122, £12.50
Band members or www.bcichurches.org.uk
Doors Open 6.45pm Starts 7.30pm
Cash Bar & Raffle

St Michael & All Angels
Chalton, PO8 0BG

TEAS at 3

BANKHOLIDAYMONDAY

31st August
3pm – 5pm



Raffle

ALL WELCOME



EVENSONG

Sunday 30th August

6pm

**St Michael & All Angels,
Chalton, PO8 0BG**

Discipleship Courses for the Curious



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



E mail: missiohdn@gmail.com

There's still time to join this course. Contact
 Revd Joy!

Being
 With

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 or phone 07449 300693.

Being
 With

From Thursday 24th September at Blendworth Hills Retirement Village's Garden Room

Another chance to come along to the course where the focus is on listening to you without judgement. Being With will ask 'What is the heart of your week?' It will ask us all to wonder about life without judgement or discussion and introduce a reading which will challenge us to get to know God, each other and ourselves. Based on Godly Play this encourages us to explore how we find faith. Email missiohdn@gmail.com if you're interested - the group has a capacity of twelve, so booking is essential

Friends of St Hubert's



Saturday 16th 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 13th - 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-events>

Parenting for Faith - A lot of parents find explaining God to their children a difficult prospect.

Want to help the kids you love find God in everyday life?

The Parenting for Faith course is for you! It's not just mums and dads who long for children and teens to know God for themselves. Whether you're a parent, carer, family member, friend, or church worker or leader, you can help the young people in your life develop a vibrant and connected relationship with God - whatever their age!

The Parenting for Faith video-based course will give you confidence to share your life with God in a way that feels natural to you - and the tools to do it easily in everyday life.



To help with Babysitting costs, this will be on Zoom although we can do an in-person course if we have enough demand. This will be on a Tuesday evening from 7.30pm (to assist with bedtime or later if preferred) from 6th October to 1st December excluding half term. Session is designed for an hour.

Next year 2027 all the courses will be repeated again with the addition of the Bible Course in the Spring. So don't worry if now is not a convenient moment.

This is part of the Horndean Mission so anyone from the Horndean area, whatever church they belong to can join in. Please get in touch at missiohdn@gmail.com for more details. We also have a new Horndean Mission website that's being built now and I will forward the details when it's ready.

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:
Anya & James

The Sick Dayle , Kevin, Diana

For those who mourn: Jimmy James, Michael Bever



News of Holy Trinity

Now the roofers have left, we will be tackling the churchyard tidying and inside cleaning tomorrow (15th August) during Rakers and Scrapers. All help very welcome.




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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 15th 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, 023 9289 9665 or Out of Hours advice can be sought from the Thirtyone:eight helpline on 0303 003 1111, selecting option 2.