



BCI Churches

WELCOME!



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

From the Ministry Team

"It is a truth universally acknowledged (to paraphrase Jane Austen) that a single man in possession of a good fortune must be in want of a wife". The heavy irony suggests that the only people who actually believed that were mothers who needed to marry off their daughters. The fact is our own points of view matter to us, so much so that our beliefs about the world and each other are materially affected by them. So when Jesus says "Who do people say that I am?" we find out the points of view of those who are meeting him or had experienced the ministry of Jesus. When he says "who do you say that I am?" that's altogether trickier. This is another test and we'll examine how the response that Peter gives is so extraordinary.

We'll explore that further on Sunday, that and points of view in general!

Revd Joy

Collect

God of constant mercy,
who sent your Son to save us:
remind us of your goodness,
increase your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may grow,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Bible Thought

"Listen to me, my people, and give
heed to me; for a teaching will go out
from me and my justice for a light to
the peoples." Isaiah 51: 4

We are slowly beginning to make our sermons available online via Substack. The first three sermons in the Living Well in the Holy Trinity will be available from Sunday at 12.30pm.

Please use the link here or email Revd Joy and she will email the link to you. We hope that this will be a good way for everyone to explore the themes we address in more detail. To receive them as a weekly email, simply press the subscribe button on the bottom of the article.

The link is <https://officiaatqui148644.substack.com/>

Sunday Services

Sunday 23rd August: Trinity 12

9.30am Idsworth Morning
Worship led by Joy
9.30am Chalton Morning Prayer
led by Terry
11am Blendworth Parish
Communion led by Terry

Readings

This week: Trinity 12

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

Next Week: Trinity 13

Jeremiah 15.15-21
Psalm 26.1-8
Romans 12.9-21
Matthew 16.21-28

Next Week...
Sunday 30th August

10.30am Idsworth Benefice
Communion
6pm Chalton Songs of Praise

(no service in Blendworth)

Upcoming Events

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

Please put a few dates in your diary!

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



St Michael & All Angels
Chalton, PO8 0BG

TEAS at 3

BANKHOLIDAYMONDAY

31st August
3pm – 5pm



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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 missionhdn.org.uk or use the QR code to sign up!



E mail: missionhdn@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 missionhdn@gmail.com if you're interested - the group has a capacity of twelve, so booking is essential

Friends of St Hubert's



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.



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 missionhdn@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

The funeral of the Revd Michael Bever will be at All Saints, Odiham on 14th September at midday. We will share further details as they are known.



News of Holy Trinity



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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.