



BCI Churches

WELCOME!



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

From the Ministry Team:

Today I shopped in a local supermarket. I passed three separate conversations between staff and was struck by the fact that each conversation wafted to me was either moaning about other specific staff or the organisation (or lack of) the store. It's a good job that store isn't trying to attract followers or colleagues this way...

'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.' What does this mean?

Jesus doesn't offer us a life free of injustice, fear or pain. He offers us his example of faithfulness, of acceptance, of love, and of his trust in God the Father. He offers us his companionship on the bumpy road of life. And he offers us his promise that where he is now, we shall be.

Meanwhile, as his followers here and now, we are to seek to be like him, making Christ's love known in this world, through our way of living, being and loving.

St Paul, in Romans, counsels, 'Let love be genuine...love one another with mutual affection.... Live in harmony with one another'.

Perhaps a helpful litmus test of our faithfulness at any given moment, in our being, doing and speaking, might be the question, 'If Jesus were, so to speak, at my elbow, just passing with his metaphorical shopping trolley, what might he think of what I am doing, being, thinking or saying right now?'

Blessings,

Wendy

Revd Canon Wendy Kennedy

Bible Thought

'If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.'

Romans 12.18

Collect

Almighty God,
you search us and know us:
may we rely on you in strength
and rest on you in weakness,
now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord

Sunday Services

Sunday 30th August: Trinity 13

10.30am Chalton Benefice
Communion

(please note the change of
venue)

6pm Chalton Evensong

(no service in Idsworth or
Blendworth)

Readings

This week: Trinity 13

Jeremiah 15.15-21

Psalms 26.1-8

Romans 12.9-21

Matthew 16.21-28

Next Week: Trinity 14

Ezekiel 33.7-11

Psalms 119.33-40

Romans 13.8-14

Matthew 18.15-20

Next Week...

Sunday 6th September

Trinity 14

8am Blendworth BCP Communion

9.30am Chalton Holy Communion

9.30am Idsworth Mattins

11am Blendworth Morning Prayer
with Sowing Seeds



EVENSONG

Sunday 30th August

6pm

St Michael & All Angels,
Chalton, PO8 0BG

Join us for a traditional service to which
everyone is welcome

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 Fun Dog
Show (more details coming soon)

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



Raffle

ALL WELCOME

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



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

Tuesday Evenings 7:30pm-8:30pm (6th October - 1st December) On Zoom

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.

The Parenting for Faith course begins on 6 October

- A Friendly, practical online course helping parents and carers give children the tools to connect with God in everyday life.
- Open to anyone raising children — no church background needed.
- Use the link or QR code for more details and to sign up.

Link to sign up:

forms.gle/CcwuiVenwawsesUh8

Or scan QR Code:



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

The funeral of the Revd Michael Bever will be at All Saints, Odiham on 14th September at midday. A coach will be provided (free) from All Saints Catherington car park leaving at 10.30am and returning from Odiham at 2.30pm. The service is a Eucharist and the committal will be from the church, only the undertakers will go to the Crematorium.

Please could anyone who wishes to come on the coach let Ruth know as soon as possible - 07948 833 170 or ruthbever@icloud.com



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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.