



BCI Churches

WELCOME!



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

From the Ministry Team:

Yesterday afternoon (Thursday) I arrived home from the Diocesan Conference in High Leigh Hertfordshire where clergy, lay ministers, Anna Chaplains and Children and Family workers gathered together to spend time reflecting on what it means to be "Jesus centred, Kingdom seeking Disciples." Anyone who has had an email or letter from the diocese will have seen that strap-line at the bottom of the page.

We were asked to reflect on how many people in our parish would be able to tell someone else what our Diocesan Vision is and I had to say honestly, that whilst our own plan is based very much on the vision in terms of how we revitalise the benefice, I couldn't say hand on heart that you as members of the congregations would necessarily be able to describe what it was. So we reflected on what is happening in many areas of the Diocese and what needs to be done. Whilst I was there, I was approached by at least four other parishes wanting to know more about 'Being With' and our experiences with it. I was able to describe how the group who is currently on the Being With course are getting a great deal from it. So if you think BCI/Horndean Mission isn't in the forefront of the Diocesan Vision, think again...

We also heard from Father James Mallin, the author of the book 'Divine Renovation' how a Canadian RC parish went from what he calls "Maintenance to Mission". As part of our Ministry Team time together we'll be looking at this and using some of what Father Mallin has to say about being more missional as we all look ahead to our next season. More of that soon!

Revd Joy

Collect

Lord God,
defend your Church from all false teaching
and give to your people knowledge of your truth,
that we may enjoy eternal life
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sunday Services

This Week:

Sunday 13th September

Trinity 15

9.30am Chalton Morning Prayer led
by Dawn

9.30am Idsworth Holy Communion
led by Joy

11am Blendworth Parish Communion
(Informal) led by Joy

12.30pm Baptism of Evie at
Blendworth

Readings

This week: Trinity 15

Genesis 50.15-21
Psalm 103.[1-7]8-13
Romans 14.1-12
Matthew 18.21-35

Next Week: Trinity 16

Jonah 3.10 - 4.11
Psalm 145.1-8
Philippians 1.21-30
Matthew 20.1-16

Next Week...

Sunday 20th September

Harvest Festival

8am Blendworth BCP Communion for
Harvest

9.30am Idsworth Harvest Celebration

9.30am Chalton Harvest Celebration

11am Blendworth Harvest Communion

Upcoming Events

There are lots of events to look forward to into September

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

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
(please see further details below)

Members of all congregations at BCI Churches will be aware the Canon Terry Loudon is celebrating his 50th year since his ordination at the Patronal Festival of St Michael and All Angels at Chalton on Sunday 27th September at 10.30am. There will be a lot of invited guests attending from all over Portsmouth Diocese and particularly from parishes where Terry served. This limits the amount of space that we will have for everyone so we have allocated 50 tickets for those at BCI to apply for. Please contact Janet Laws via email (janet.laws@btopenworld.com) to reserve your place. We apologise if you happen to be unsuccessful as there is likely to be a great demand. Please bring your ticket with you on the day. Car sharing as space will be limited would also be appreciated.
Revd Joy.



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Messy Church GOES WILD

Wild & Weedy

Messy Church Goes Wild
Saturday 12th September • 2.30pm
St Michael & All Angels Church, Chalton

Everyone welcome



Harvest Festival
at Holy Trinity Church
Blendworth PO8 0AB

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Sunday 20th September at 11am

Activities for young children with an extra Sowing Seeds session!

Harvest gifts (non-perishable please) for the Horndean & Clanfield Foodbank




Discipleship Courses for the Curious



Sometimes we just want to ask questions and sometimes we want to ponder how we fit into all this.

There are lots of courses on offer from BCI Churches and St Wilfrid's Church too.

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After the first successful run, 'Being With' will be commencing a fresh course on **Thursday 24th September at Blendworth Hills Retirement Village's Garden Room.**



It will run on the following dates:

2026: 24/9; 8/10; 22/10; 5/11; 19/11; 3/12; 17/12

2027: 14/1; 28/1; 11/2

Course address: Blendworth Hills Retirement Village, Gales Rise, Horndean PO8
Contact us at 07521 865285 or missiohdn@gmail.com

Being With is for anyone who's curious about faith—or wondering if the Christian faith has something meaningful to offer. No special knowledge needed. Just what you have learned in life so far.

More details at:

<https://forms.gle/WqLwRjH2PhjSzW2o7>

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The Prayer Course is coming soon to St Wilfrid's Church on Wednesday mornings at 10.30 from 16th September. A simple, accessible way to explore prayer, deepen your relationship with God and grow alongside others. The course will also run on a Sunday evening from October

More details at:

<https://forms.gle/dvffzXuukwdQ8MjAA> or missiohdn@gmail.com

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Parenting for Faith 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.

More details: <https://forms.gle/GUoov3s7QZimZZQp9>

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.



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- 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.

Horndean Young Voices as we start our new term...

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.