



BCI Churches

WELCOME!



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

From the Ministry Team:

This Sunday we keep the Patronal Festival of St. Hubert's, Idsworth, and we pray for the faithful congregation who worship in this unique building and the spiritual insights and benefits it brings to both regulars and to visitors. We pray too for the congregation at St. Hubert's, Corfe Mullen, in Dorset, the only other church in the UK which shares this particular dedication.

There has been a church at Idsworth for a thousand years and more. For half that period of time, from the 11th century to the 16th, services would have been in Latin. Latin was the language of the elite, including the clergy. Most of the congregation would have had no Latin and would have known what was happening in the service only by the priest's actions and the ringing of bells. Bible readings were in Latin. The exception was the sermon, usually in Middle English, when the priest used story or allegory to interpret the Bible readings. Go into any church today and you will find a bible, either in the priest's stall or in the pews, or at the back of the church. That would not have been the case in medieval times. No bible study groups in those days either. This whole tradition was turned upside down in the early 16th century. The invention of printing in the West was crucial (the Chinese had got there long before us) but the real revolutionary was a man called William Tyndale, who translated the New Testament into English. You can hear more about him at Idsworth this Sunday morning.

Canon Terry

Bible verse 'Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly'
(Colossians 3.16)

Collect
Merciful God,
teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty,
that trusting in your word
and obeying your will
we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sunday Services

This Week:
Sunday 25th October
Last Sunday after Trinity

**10.30am All Together Service for
St Hubert's Patronal at Idsworth**
led by Terry
**(there are no other services in the
Benefice)**

Readings

This week:
Nehemiah 8.1-4a, 8-12
Colossians 3.12-17
Matthew 24.30-35

Next week:
Revelation 7.9-17
Psalm 34.1-10
1 John 3.1-3
Matthew 5.1-12

Next Week...
Saturday 31st October
All Souls Service at Blendworth

Sunday 1st November
All Saints
**8am BCP Communion at
Blendworth**
9.30am Chalton Holy Communion
9.30am Idsworth Mattins
**11am Blendworth Morning Prayer
with Sowing Seeds**

Upcoming Events

Dates for your diary for the remains of October and November are as follows:

24th October - **Churches Together Prayer Breakfast** at Blendworth Church Centre 8.30am to 9.30am.

Sunday 25th October (Bible Sunday) - **All Together Communion Service for St Hubert's Patronal** - 10.30am at St Hubert's Idsworth. There are no other services on this Sunday.

31st October - **In Loving Memory** (All Souls) Service - 2.30pm at Holy Trinity Church Blendworth. If you would like a loved one to be mentioned and prayed for please sign the sheet in churches on Sunday.



In Loving Memory Service for All Souls

Remembering those we have lost in a gentle service with readings and hymns.

2.30pm

Saturday 31st October
Holy Trinity Church, Blendworth



All welcome
Refreshments served afterward.

1st November - **Sowing Seeds - 'We're All Saints' in the Morning Prayer service** at Holy Trinity Blendworth at 11am.

Sowing Seeds @ Blendworth

We're all Saints!

Holy Trinity Church, Blendworth
Sunday 1st November 2026
11am



Our service format means more time to tell the story and create a response! This time we'll be making halos and learn about how we can be saints too.

Sunday 8th November - **Remembrance Sunday** - there will be a Communion Service at St Hubert's Idsworth at 9.30am. The Horndean Village service is at 10.40am at the Village Square.

Wednesday 11th November - **Armistice Day** service at St Michael & All Angels Chalton 10.45am

Saturday 14th November - Holy Trinity/Horndean Mission have a stall at the HTC Christmas Fair.

Sunday 15th November - **Safeguarding Sunday** in all churches.

Saturday 28th November - **Christmas Fair** - 10am at Blendworth Church Centre

Sunday 29th November - **Advent Sunday**: morning services at both Idsworth and Blendworth at the usual times.

Advent Carol Service at St Michael's Chalton at 6pm.

Christmas Tree Festival - This year the festival has been extended to Friday 11th - Sunday 13th December and will finish with our Christingle service. Trees from all church groups are welcomed and the theme this year is Alice in Wonderland. Please ask Janet Laws for more details and if you belong to an outside organisation that you think might like to participate; please ask Janet for more details.

Remembrance Sunday - information from the Council:

This November, Horndean Parish Council will bring the community together to reflect, remember and show gratitude for the British and Commonwealth men and women who lost their lives, served and continue to serve in the armed forces. The Parish Council have worked closely with local organisations to coordinate the annual Remembrance Parade and Service.

On **Sunday 8th November**, youth groups, local organisations and bands will be involved in the Remembrance Parade, scheduled to depart from 1st Horndean Scout hut at 10.35am. The parade will march to the War Memorial on Portsmouth Road, where a service will be held and wreaths laid to honour those who served. There will be no service at Holy Trinity on this day.

Road closures will be in effect to ensure the safe passage of the parade, as well as the protection of spectators. Horndean Parish Council ask that the public are mindful of the closures and are polite and respectful to their staff and volunteers that secure the closures.

A road closure order has been granted for the following:

to close Blendworth Lane from MOT and Service World to Havant Road for 09.45am to 1.00pm,
Portsmouth Road from the junction with Five Heads Road to the London Road/Portsmouth Road Roundabout from 10.00am to 12.00am

London Road from 4 London Road to the London Road/Portsmouth Road Roundabout from 10.00am to 12.00pm

Havant Road from just past the entrance to the Red Lion to London Road/Portsmouth Road roundabout from 10.00am to 12.00pm

Five Heads Road from the junction at Portsmouth Road to the junction with Catherington Lane from 10.00am to 12.00pm



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.

The Sick Dayle, Kevin, Diana

For those who mourn:

The service of thanksgiving for the life of Jill Everett will take place at St Hubert's, Idsworth on **Monday 9th November at 2 pm** and all who knew Jill are welcome. Light refreshments will be available afterwards at The George, Finchdean.



Discipleship Courses for the Curious

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.



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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 Rev'd 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.