



WELCOME!



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

From the Ministry Team:

The Gospel reading this week is a picture of God's heart: a kingdom where all are welcome, and where no one is forgotten. It is also a picture of what the Church is called to be. Across the BCI churches, we see this invitation lived out in many ways—through our welcome to families, our care for older people, our ministry at life's most tender moments, and our commitment to serving our communities with compassion and hope. As we focus on generosity this week, (it's a week later than the rest of the Diocese, but we've been busy); we take time out to marvel at God's unbounding generosity to us and reflect on how we can be just a little more giving ourselves.

As we reflect on this parable, we are invited to respond ourselves:

PRAY for God's guidance,

HELP by offering our time and gifts,

GIVE as we are able, so that others may experience God's welcome.

The banquet is ready. God still invites—and calls us to do the same.

Revd Joy

Collect:

O God, forasmuch as without you
we are not able to please you;
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Bible Thought:

"Invite everyone you find to the banquet."
(Matthew 22:9)"

Sunday Services

This Week:

Sunday 11th October
Trinity 19: Generosity Week

**9.30am Chalton Morning Prayer led
by Joy**

**9.30am Idsworth Holy Communion
led by Wendy**

**11am Blendworth Parish Communion
(Informal) led by Joy**

Readings

This week:

Isaiah 25.1-9

Psalms 23

Philippians 4.1-9

Matthew 22.1-14

Next week:

Isaiah 45.1-7

Psalms 96.1-9[10-13]

1 Thessalonians 1.1-10

Matthew 22.15-22

Next Week...

Sunday 18th October

Trinity 20

8am Blendworth BCP Communion

9.30am Chalton Morning Prayer

9.30am Idsworth Mattins

**11am Blendworth Formal Holy
Communion**

Upcoming Events



Generosity WEEK 2026

Sunday (11th October 2026) we will be celebrating God's generosity to us. The sermons at all churches will be addressing this. But most important is the opportunity to consider more fully God's abundant generosity to us, and our response of gratitude.



MISS GOES Church WILD

WILD WALK

Looking at nature and the weather

Saturday 10th October
2.30pm
St Michael's Church, Chalton

Come and explore creation with us!

On Saturday 10th October is our Wild Walk - A short nature walk from Chalton over some of the paths that lead south and east towards Idsworth. As the church is being used, we'll finish at The Red Lion for coffee/tea if enough people would like to. Please let Revd Joy know if you would like that and we'll book a table.

Tickets still available:

Escaping Time brings together three world-class musicians from very different musical worlds to create performances bursting with rhythm, atmosphere and imagination. The trio combines harp, electric guitar, bass, analogue synths, live percussion and electronics in music that draws on classical, Brazilian, contemporary and electronic influences.



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ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH CHALTON

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THE RAMBLING DOOBERRYS

Live folk music and acoustic sound

Saturday 24th October at 2pm
St Michael & All Angels Church, Chalton PO8 0BG

Tickets £10 on the door
Tea and cakes included

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'** has begun a fresh course at **Blendworth Hills Retirement Village's Garden Room.**



The course will run again next year if you would like to join.

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.

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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 Sunday evenings, from October 11th.

More details at:

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

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Parenting for Faith has been postponed until next year.

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.

VOLUNTEER WITH BCI CHURCHES



Opportunities to volunteer and preserve our historic buildings.

Our churches, Holy Trinity at Blendworth; St Michael & All Angels at Chalton and St Hubert's at Idsworth are all wonderful buildings that help tell us the story of the people and landscape of this corner of Hampshire.

If you love history, architecture, craft, flower arranging or getting out into nature then we have opportunities for you! You don't need to be a church member. If you would like to explore these opportunities, please contact missionhdn@gmail.com and you will be contacted by the relevant person.

Please note that the Church of England requires us to use safer recruitment when people take up voluntary roles. Similarly quite a lot of roles will also need a DBS check and some safeguarding training as we often work with children, young people and vulnerable adults.



At all churches...

If you love craft, all sorts of people come together in our churches to create these fabulous mice!

Find out more by contacting
missionhdn@gmail.com

Similarly if you enjoy arranging flowers, all our churches have teams that you can join... contact the email address provided.

07521 865285

missionhdn@gmail.com

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.

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:

Jill Everett, a long term member of the church family at Idsworth, passed away peacefully on 14th September. Please hold her family in your prayers. Funeral details will be shared in due course.

Barry Johnson

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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.