



BCI Churches

WELCOME!



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

From the Ministry Team:

On the wall in our house there is a print of the famous painting of the Annunciation by Fra Angelico, one of the first Renaissance artists. Gabriel is there in all his glory - a pink and gold robe, and huge multi-coloured wings. He is delivering the good news to an expectant but humble Mary of the imminent and miraculous birth of Jesus. There is a sense of eagerness and excitement about Gabriel.

That is how we imagine angels, those mysterious beings like Gabriel, who is God's messenger, like Michael, who goes to war with the Devil, like Raphael, who disturbs the waters at Bethesda (John 5) to encourage healing.

On Sunday, at St. Michael's, Chalton, we shall give thanks to God for those spiritual intermediaries who convey his truth to us. We will be a couple of days early, as Michaelmas is on September 29th, but no matter.

We do well to remember that angels come in all shapes and sizes and not just surrounded by light and dressed in gold with wings of many colours, like Fra Angelico's Gabriel, or like whatever angel we put at the top of our Christmas tree. Angels come in human form too, as the author of Hebrews reminds us, referencing the angels' visit to Abraham in Genesis 18:

'Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it' (Hebrews 13.2).

Blessings,

Terry

Canon Terry Loudon

Collect

Everlasting God,
you have ordained and constituted the ministries of angels and mortals in a wonderful order: grant that as your holy angels always serve you in heaven,
so, at your command, they may help and defend us on earth;
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.

Sunday Services

This Week:
Sunday 27th September
Trinity 17

10.30am Patronal Service of St Michael at Chalton to celebrate Canon Terry Loudon's 50th Anniversary of ordination
(please see following page for ticketing information)

Readings

This week:

Genesis 28.10-17
Revelation 12.7-12
John 1.47-51

Next Week:

Isaiah 5.1-7
Psalm 80.9-17
Philippians 3.4b-14
Matthew 21.33-46

Next Week...

Sunday 4th October
Trinity 18
8am Blendworth BCP Communion
9.30am Chalton Holy Communion
9.30am Idsworth Mattins
11am Blendworth Morning Prayer with Sowing Seeds

Upcoming Events

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.

Rev'd Joy.

Guitar Fiesta

with Classical Guitar Ensemble

Mosaic

Directed by Amanda Cook

St Michael and All Angels, Chalton, PO8 0BG

Sunday 4th October 2026, 3.00pm



A varied programme of hispanic and Spanish influenced music from the 17th to 21st century

with music by

Sanz - Albeniz - Bizet - Bustamante
 Forest - Lindsey-Clark

With refreshments to follow!

Tickets £15 on the door (cash or card)

To reserve, contact janehussey@btinternet.com (023 9225 1664)

Tickets still available:



Blendworth Church Centre
Presents
Last Night of the Proms
A Celebration of Modern & Classical Music
Saturday 26th September
Featuring: The Blendworth Brass Band
Blendworth Church Centre, Blendworth Lane, PO8 0AA
Tickets from: Gill 07443 488864, Josie 02393 074122,
Band members or www.bcichurches.org.uk
Doors Open 6.45pm Starts 7.30pm
Cash Bar & Raffle

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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SATURDAY OCTOBER 10TH 5.30 PM
ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH CHALTON

BOOK YOUR TICKETS
 1. SCAN THE QR CODE
 2. GO HERE

www.bcichurches.org.uk/escaping-time

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' began a fresh course **this week 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>

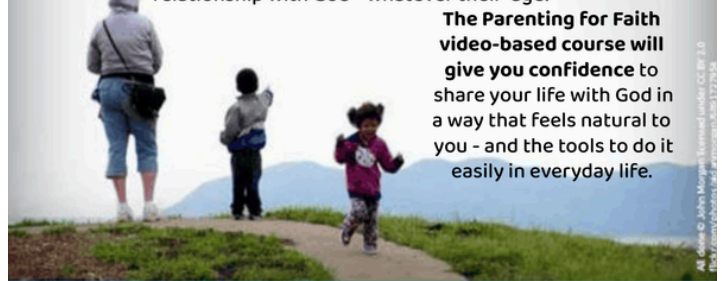


Tuesday Evenings 7:30pm-8:30pm (6th October - 1st December) On Zoom

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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- 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](https://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.

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 passed away recently. Our prayers are with Carole.



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 missiohdn@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 missiohdn@gmail.com

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

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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.