



WELCOME!



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

From the Ministry Team:

Sunday 4th October is the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, one of the most accessible and popular of Christian saints. 2026 is also the 800th anniversary of his death, so this is a special year for commemorations of Francis.

We know much of his story. Francis, to the chagrin of his father, gave up the wealth that he inherited to embrace a life of poverty. He founded a religious order whose focus was on hospitality and pastoral care, and which still exists today in the Anglican and Roman Catholic traditions. He had a love of creation, of the natural world, and especially of animals, and there are many stories of his interaction with them.

We are in the Church's Generosity Week, and St. Francis is a prime example of human response to the generosity of God, who created us, came to be our Saviour, and is still present with us by his Holy Spirit. Francis reflected God's love in his generosity with his love and his time and his resources.

He inspires us to be generous with our love of neighbour, with our time for God and his Kingdom and with our resources.

On a personal level, I would like to thank everyone who helped to make last Sunday's service at Chalton so memorable. Thank you also for cards and good wishes, and to those who contributed to a very generous gift.

Canon Terry

Collect:

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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. Amen.

Bible Thought:

'I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus'. (Philippians 3.14)

Sunday Services

This Week:

Sunday 4th October

Trinity 18

8am Blendworth BCP Communion

led by Joy

9.30am Chalton Holy Communion

led by Joy

9.30am Idsworth Mattins led by John

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**11am Blendworth Morning Prayer
with Sowing Seeds**

Readings

This week:

Isaiah 5.1-7

Psalms 80.9-17

Philippians 3.4b-14

Matthew 21.33-46

Next week:

Isaiah 25.1-9

Psalms 23

Philippians 4.1-9

Matthew 22.1-14

Next Week...

Sunday 11th October

Trinity 19: Generosity Week

9.30am Chalton Morning Prayer

9.30am Idsworth Holy Communion

**11am Blendworth Parish
Communion (Informal)**

Upcoming Events

Sowing Seeds at Blendworth

Jesus the maker: (The calming of the storm)

Holy Trinity Church, Blendworth
Sunday 4th October 2026
11am




Our service format means more time to tell the story and create a response! This time we'll make sea pictures with string!

This week we'll be making sea pictures with string and paint so please wear clothes that won't spoil.

Also coming up 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.



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WILD WALK

Looking at nature and the weather

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

Come and explore creation with us!

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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SATURDAY OCTOBER 10TH 5.30 PM

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH CHALTON

www.bcichurches.org.uk/escaping-time

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)

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 a Sunday evening from October

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.

More details:

<https://forms.gle/GUoov3s7QZimZZQp9>

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

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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's funeral will be held at The Oaks on Thursday 8th October at 10.00 am.



**Generosity
WEEK 2026**

Next Sunday (11th October 2026) we will be celebrating God's generosity to us. There will be special services, praying opportunities, resources for individuals and groups and much more. But most important is the opportunity to consider more fully God's abundant generosity to us, and our response of gratitude.

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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.