



WELCOME!



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

From the Ministry Team:

Sometimes I think it's the job of institutions like the church actually to stand up and say that taxation is a good thing, or if not a good thing, then a necessary thing.

Why?

For Christian people, hard though it is even for us to accept, everything is God's. We are trustees and custodians in the world in which we live. Even our assets are not really our own. '...all things come from you, and of your own have we given you.' (1 Chronicles 29.14)

The other answer, based on morality, is that taxation on people and goods is a method of establishing a secure, ordered, fair and just society. It's a means of doing things in a corporate and communal way that we cannot do alone – like providing for national defence, and for national systems of health and education. Taxation funds the police and the emergency services. Council tax helps pay for refuse collection, and our new compost caddies. A proportion of council tax comes to the civil parish. As such, taxation is the way in which we all contribute, according to our means, to the common good, and how we, as a society, take care of the widow and the orphan, the lame and the blind, as the Bible instructs us to do. Taxation is a means of creating a decent society, of establishing the common good, for which we regularly pray.

'Give to the Emperor the things that are the Emperor's', said Jesus. That indicates that he, in his time, saw the benefit of a system of taxation. That is surely good enough for us, his disciples today.

Canon Terry

Bible verse '...is it lawful to pay taxes to the Emperor, or not?' (Matthew 22.17)

Collect

God, the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church: by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ and make us eager to do your will, that we may share with the whole creation the joys of eternal life; 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 18th October

Trinity 20

**8am Blendworth BCP Communion
led by Polly**

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

**9.30am Idsworth Mattins led by
Terry**

**11am Blendworth Formal Holy
Communion led by Terry**

Readings

This week:

Isaiah 45.1-7

Psalms 96.1-9[10-13]

1 Thessalonians 1.1-10

Matthew 22.15-22

Next week:

Leviticus 19.1-2,15-18

Psalms 1

1 Thessalonians 2.1-8

Matthew 22.34-46

Next Week...

Sunday 25th October

Last Sunday after Trinity

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

Upcoming Events

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

17th October - **Rakers & Scrapers** at Holy Trinity (this will be the last one until after Christmas)

24th October - **Churches Together Prayer Breakfast** at Blendworth Church Centre 8.30am to 9.30am. Any offers to help hosting this would be gratefully received.

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 - 2pm 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.

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

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.

News from Holy Trinity: The pulpit is being refitted in the church between Monday and Thursday of next week. If you visit the church, please be mindful that the repairs are extremely complex so please leave the craftsmen to get on with their work!



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

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



Bless this Mouse!

The three churches at Blendworth, Chalton and Idsworth all have busy families of MICE!

They are carefully handmade by the Mouse Making teams across the Benefice of BCI. Come and see these delightful little mice, all three churches have different colours, Make a donation and take a special mouse as our thank you.

We need Mouse Makers!

- ✓ Do you sew?
- ✓ Like meeting others who sew?
- ✓ Know a friend who sews?

We are a team of Mouse Makers, we make small, fabric mice, all hand finished, and offer them at Blendworth, Chalton and Idsworth churches to say thank you for each donation.

Help needed:

We need some more material in red, yellow and blue patterns to make our mice and more keen mouse makers who could help sew some, particularly at Chalton. Please let us know if you can help. Thank you.

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. 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.



Volunteers Needed

Open the Book
Help bring Bible stories to life in schools

-  Rehearsal fortnightly (term-time only)
-  Thursdays at 1pm, St James Hall, Clanfield
-  Fortnightly at Petersgate School, 2.30pm–2.50pm
-  Contact Ruth Bever 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 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.