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BCI Churches







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

From the Ministry Team:

Who do you think of on Remembrance Sunday? For those of of us old enough to remember the last World War or perhaps to have met those who participated in either of the two (and there were plenty when I was growing up); it is easier to picture a particular person that you can remember especially on this occasion.

However, our young people must find this a far more 'academic' exercise. When you have no real physical connection to the realities of war (of course service children very much do), it could be very easy to say that it is all ancient history. However we only have to look at the war in Ukraine or the Middle East to know that conflict is never far away from us.

That is why Remembrance Sunday is still relevant and matters so much. Bound up in our arguments and conflict is the love that those who fight value so much; from comrades, family and friends. That love is the hope that comes from Jesus and that in all our troubles he is with us.

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You may or may not be aware that the three PCCs in the Benefice are exploring the possibility of amalgamating into one PCC. The PCCs will be discussing a proposal paper from the Archdacon and myself this month.

The Archdeacon is coming to meet with anyone who wishes to discuss this proposal further at an **Open Meeting at Holy Trinity, Blendworth on Monday 30th November at 7pm.** Please make a note of this in your diary and come along.

Revd Joy

Bible verse:

O God make speed to save me; O Lord make haste to help me. (Psalm 70.1)

Collect:

God, our refuge and strength,
bring near the day when wars shall cease
and poverty and pain shall end,
that earth may know the peace of heaven
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sunday Services

This Week:

Sunday 8th November
Remembrance Sunday

9.30am Idsworth Holy Communion
10.30am Blendworth Village Service
(there are no services at Holy Trinity or Chalton)

Wednesday 11th November
11am Armistice Day Service at Chalton

Readings

This week:
Psalm 70
1 Thessalonians 4. 13-end
John 15. 9-17

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Next week:
1 Corinthians 13;
1 John 3 and
John 15. 12 -17

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Next Week...

Saturday 15th November
Safeguarding Sunday

8am BCP Communion at Blendworth
9.30am Chalton Holy Communion
9.30am Idsworth Mattins
11am Blendworth Formal Parish Communion

Upcoming Events

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 for 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: Jean Bradley

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.



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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.