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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:**

This week marks the end of our Church Year with the festival, Christ the King. Sadly, the phrase 'Christ is King' has been hijacked by far right forums online and at demonstrations around the country. The phrase has become synonymous with racial slurs, islamophobia and antisemitic behaviours by people purporting to be born again Christians.This movement "is being driven largely by people who rarely attend church and are more concerned with defending the country's Christian heritage, according to research." (The Guardian - 15/10/2026)
What is more saddening is that this group has clearly never read the Gospel reading from Matthew which we will read on Sunday. This speaks about recognising Christ in other people "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."
Christ indeed is our King; our deeds should emulate his own and our hearts should love our neighbours, whoever they are.

**Blessings,**
**Joy**
**Revd Joy Windsor**

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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 Archdeacon 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.

**Bible verse:**

**"[God] has all things under his feet and has made him head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all" Ephesians 1:22**

**Collect:**

**God the Father,**
**help us to hear the call of Christ the King**
**and to follow in his service,**
**whose kingdom has no end;**
**for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,**
**one God, one glory.**

**Sunday Services**

**This Week:**

**Sunday 22nd November**
**Christ the King**

**9.30am Chalton Morning Prayer led by Joy**
**9.30am Idsworth Morning Worship led by Terry**
**11am Blendworth Parish Communion led by Joy**

**Readings**

This week:
Ezekiel 34.11-16,20-24
Psalm 95.1-7
Ephesians 1.15-end
Matthew 25.31-end
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Next week:
Isaiah 64.1-9
Psalm 80.1-8,18-20*
1 Corinthians 1.3-9
Mark 13.24-end
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**Next Week...**
**Saturday 29th November**
**Advent 1**

**9.30am Idsworth Holy Communion for Advent**
**11am Blendworth Parish Communion for Advent**
**12.30pm Baptism of Emilie Tagg at Blendworth**
**6pm Chalton Advent Carol Service**

## Upcoming Events

Saturday 28th November - **Christmas Fair** - 10am at Blendworth Church Centre

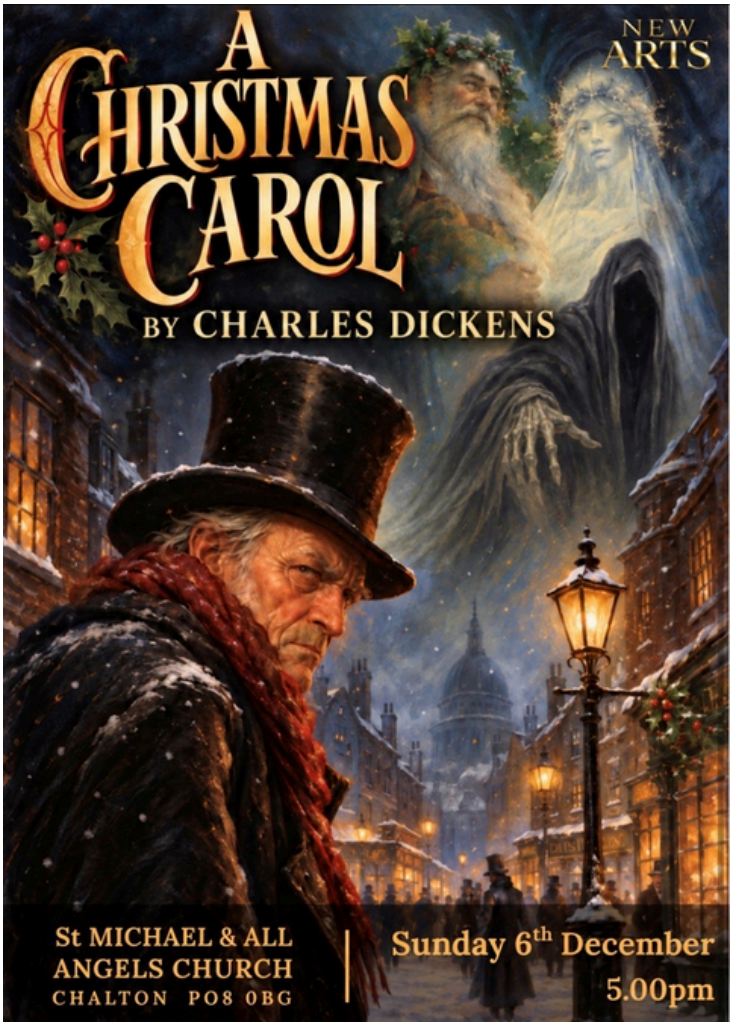






**Christmas Tree Festival** - This year the festival has been extended to Friday 11th - Sunday 13th December and will finish with our Christingle service. Trees from all church groups are welcomed and the theme this year is Alice in Wonderland. Please ask Janet Laws for more details and if you belong to an outside organisation that you think might like to participate; please ask Janet for more details.






<u>One man. Three ghosts. One unforgettable Christmas story</u>

Some stories are simply made for Christmas. Few have captured its spirit quite like Charles Dickens's A Christmas Carol.

This December, join us for a very special theatrical experience as the story of Ebenezer Scrooge is brought vividly to life in this staged, one-man performance. Inspired by the dramatic readings Dickens himself gave to spellbound audiences. This is storytelling at its most captivating. There will be ghosts. There will be laughter. There will be darkness, mystery and moments of extraordinary tenderness. All the characters, all the atmosphere, all the magic of Dickens's Christmas masterpiece, brought to life for just one night. Book your tickets and join us for what promises to be a wonderfully festive evening

https://www.bcichurches.org.uk/christmas-carol/

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, Hazel Chapman

**For those who mourn:** Jean Bradley, Molly Schillemore, Liv Johnston

The Funeral of Liv Johnston will take place on Friday 27th November at 1.00 p.m., St. Michael and All Angels, Chalton.




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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.