

Issue No 3 Sunday 22nd January 2017

Events This week

NO ENCOUNTERS SERVICE TONIGHT DUE TO THE CHURCHS TOGETHER SERVICE – details below

Monday 23rd – Messy Church Hatherden 3pm

Wednesday 25th - Holy Communion Tanglely 10am

Friday 27th – Out of the Ashes with Peter Gladwin at Hatherden Church 7.30pm

Saturday 28th – Day of Prayer 10 – 12 Charlton

Notices from around the Benefice...

Friday 27th Jan Peter Gladwin Talk at Hatherden Church 7.30 followed by drinks & nibbles. A free event.

Saturday 28th Jan Prayer Day – look out for further information

Sunday 29th Jan Benefice Service at St Thomas' Charlton 10.30am to Launch our Year of Prayer.

Followed by a bring and share lunch please see you church coordinator for more information.

To book weddings and baptisms please call Judith at Pastrow Benefice on 07999 352585 or email admin@pastrowbenefice.org.uk

In your Prayers please pray for.....

For the week of Christian Unity, let us all be united in praising Jesus Christ.

Our New Encounters with Jesus Service

The 'Is God Relevant Today?' courses starting at Charlton, Hatherden and Penton

The launch of 'The Year of Prayer' on 29th January

Community Diary Dates

16th – 20th Jan Prayer week at The Bridge St. Methodist Church 12.30 – 1pm daily. All part of Week of Christian Unity.

20-21st Jan Unity Theatre perform 'Happy Forever After' Panto at The Lights tickets via the lights or Sharon O'Leary - sharon.oleary@virginmedia.com

Sunday 22 Jan Andover Churches Together - United Service - Bridge St Methodist Church 6.30pm

Readings This Week

Iss. 9. 1 – 4 Psalm 27. 1, 4 – 12 (or 27. 1 – 11)
1 Cor. 1. 10 – 18 Matt. 4. 12 - 23

Next Week

1 Kings 17. 8 - 16 Psalm 36 5 – 10
1 Cor. 1. 18 - end John 2. 1 - 11

Words of Encouragement

Jesus Calls His First Disciples

¹⁸As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” ²⁰At once they left their nets and followed him.

Just imagine – you are going about your normal life and then someone comes past and says ‘follow me’. How would you react? Well you might just keep quiet and think the words were meant for someone else or you might think the person calling you had some nefarious motive. But that first encounter between those simple fishermen and Jesus was very different. They did follow Him, they saw something in Jesus that made them drop everything. They did not understand what they were letting themselves in for; however, that did not stop them. We all can encounter Jesus in our lives today and He asks us to follow Him. But just as those fishermen did not know where following Jesus was leading them so we might have doubts as to where we are going on that path. But that does not mean we should not try because following Jesus is the route to eternal life with the Father. Read the lyrics from the hymn ‘Will you come and follow me if I but call your name’ – they sum up the question and can give encouragement to us all.

Terry Milne

Notes from Pastrow Admin

Andover Foodbank are looking for 300 – 500 sq. ft. of storage space, are you able to help or know someone who may. If yes, please contact them direct 01264 362111. Thank you