

Events This week

Friday 23rd Lent Course The Rectory Enham 2 pm

Saturday 24th Lent Course Charlton 9 am

Wednesday 29th Holy Communion Tangley 10 am

Wednesday 29th Lent Lunch Enham Noon

Wednesday 29th Compline Smannell 6 pm

Thursday 30th Compline Charlton 9.15 pm

Notices from around the Benefice...

Enham Lent Lunch contact Val 07874 067371 for details

Friday 7th April Easter Retreat Day at Penton Park to book your place please contact Judith on 07999 352585 by 28th Feb, spaces are limited.

Tuesday 11th April Messy Church Charlton 10.30 – All welcome, bring the children or grandchildren! Child free? perhaps you can lend a hand to the team helpers always welcome, for further info pls call Karen 07766 945118 or Val 07874 067371

Charlton are looking for a Cleaner and a Building Manager/Bookings Clerk if you can help with either of these roles please contact Terry Milne on 01264 391504

Children's Workshops are being held in Weyhill, Smannell & Charlton see the website for details or call Judith on 07999 425864 for more information

In your Prayers please pray for.....

A sense of unity and peace not only in our benefice but our United Kingdom and the wider world

For those seeking answers to difficult issues in their lives at the moment

For the Year of Prayer, that we will be inspired to keep saying our daily prayer for growth

Community Diary Dates

Passion Play – The High St, Good Friday, also at The Lights Monday 10th April 7.30pm

Timebanking Workshop 10.30 – 1 pm Friday 31st March at the Longmeadow Centre

Earth Hour 8pm Say 25th turn lights off for an hour to help the planet.

Andover Baptist Church Sat 25th Mar Sale of various goods from 10am.

Readings This Week

I Sam. 16 1 – 13

Ps 23

Eph. 5 8 – 14

John Ch 9

Next Week

Ezek. 37.1 – 14

Ps 130

Rom. 8. 6 – 11

John 11. 1 - 45

Words of Encouragement

Mothering Sunday:

Mothering is a very important role that the Lord has chosen to give many women. Mothers have given and have received from their own mothers' unconditional love.

As mothers we bear hardships, carry burdens. We smile when we want to scream, we sing when we want to cry. We cry when we are happy and laugh when we are nervous. We strive for what we believe in. We go without so that our families can have. We celebrate a birth or a wedding.

We grieve at the loss of a family member but we know that God's love helps to heal the broken hearted.

Mary the mother of Jesus carried one of the heaviest burdens of all, knowing that her son would suffer a brutal death. She knew that it was God's will and Simeon had forewarned her that 'a sword would pierce her soul'.

We often hear that the death of a child is one of the most difficult things anyone can face. Mary not only faced but witnessed the horrific death of her beloved son. She had known so much of God's intervention in her life and had seen him work in her Son, and she loved unconditionally not only her Son but also God.

Our mothers and God not only bring hope but give us support and encouragement and above all they love us unconditionally.

God Bless all Mothers everywhere.

Diane Steele

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