

Events This week

- Friday 17th** E Swing Concert see diary dates
- Saturday 18th** Vintage Fair see diary dates
- Saturday 18th** Weyhill Barn Dance see below
- Saturday 18th** Penton Auction of Promises see below
- Monday 20th** FOST Tea & natter 2.30 pm Charlton
- Monday 20th** Messy Church 3 pm Hatherden
- Wednesday 22nd** Holy Communion 10 am Tangley
- Wednesday 22nd** Bible Study Group 2.30 pm Chalrotn
- Wednesday 22nd** Art Group 2.30 pm Charlton
- Thursday 23rd** Compline 9.15 pm Charlton

Notices from around the Benefice....

- Auction of Promises** 18th Nov 7.30 pm Penton Village Hall Tickets £10 inc supper
- Barn Dance** Saturday 18th November 7.30 pm Tickets £12 inc supper Call Jan 01264 710173 to book.
- Sunday 19th** Tangley Reflection on life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer 6 pm
- Friday 24th** Enham Lights Switch on 6 pm the Green
- Saturday 25th** Charlton Christmas Fayre 1 pm

In your Prayers please pray for.....

All our house, prayer and bible study groups and our clubs who meet across the benefice sharing in god's love.

Those affected by the earthquake in the middle east.

Our secondary school children who are taking mock exams, may God give them the strength to pull on their resources and knowledge to do well.

Community Diary Dates

Christmas Tree Festival 2nd & 3rd December. St Michaels West Andover Times tbc.

E-Major Swing Concert 6 pm Friday 17th at the Choices Building Enham tickets £5 on the door or Call Revd Val for full info 01264 748065

Vintage Fair at The Enham Trust Choices Building 2 – 5 pm Saturday 18th

Readings This Week

Zeph 7, 12 – end Ps 90 1 – 8 [9 - 11] 12
1 Thess 5 1 – 11 Matt 25 14 - 30

Next Week

Ezek 34 11 – 16, 20 – 24 Ps 95 1 – 7
Eph 1 15 – end Matt 25 31 - end

Words of Encouragement

By Revd Val

Angels....

I read a story the other day about angels. It was called, 'Looking for an Angel.'

The woman in the story had been going through a tough time in her life and was looking for an angel to help her get things on an even keel. All the people she came across whom she thought might have helped her, didn't, and it was the one totally unexpected person who turned out to be the person who helped her the most.

While still thinking about angels, I met up with a couple of friends on my day off, at the Tate Modern.

I saw an exhibition by Ilya and Emilia Kabakov, a married pair of Russian artists. The very last group of exhibits really caught my eye. The works in the last room focus on the figure of the angel.

The angel is much used in art, but this was different...the work that particularly took my attention was entitled, 'Reaching for an angel.' It was a sculpture involving many ladders and a small person at the top of the uppermost ladder reaching into the sky to try to grasp the angel flying above.

There is something about flight and reaching for freedom in this work of art but it also made me think about reaching for the spiritual and a deep yearning for God. We need to put ourselves in the place where we can more easily seek God, and that may be going to a church service each Sunday, or it might be attending a Quiet Day at a Retreat house or simply trying to spend more time in prayer.

And on the way, perhaps we can try to be an angel for someone else? Who can you help today with a word of gentle encouragement or a helping hand? And you never know, you yourself may encounter an angel in unexpected places.

God bless,

Notes from Pastrow Admin

As nights draw in, and we shut up for the evening is turning out again a nuisance, why not try an afternoon group, there's lots on offer this week.