

Events This week

Saturday 30th Harvest Supper Charlton 6 pm

Sunday 1st Harvest Festival Charlton 10 am

Wednesday 4th Holy Communion Tanglely 10 am

Thursday 5th Compline Charlton 9.15 pm

Friday 6th Holy Communion Charlton 2.30 pm

Friday 6th Holy Communion Weyhill 3 pm

Notices from around the Benefice....

Sat 21st Oct Macmillan Coffee Morning The Rectory, Enham call Rev Val 01264 748065 for info.

Inter Parish Quiz Night – Saturday 21st October 7 pm Charlton. Tickets £10 inc supper max 6 per team. So, get your team together, and book in with Jude on 07999 352585.

Healing & Wholeness Service Sunday 29th October 10 am Christ Church Smannell. All welcome for this united benefice service.

Pig Racing Saturday 28th October The Fairground Weyhill tickets £10 inc supper call Jude 07708 425864 to book.

If you would like a prayer said for you, family or friends by the benefice prayer group please email prayer@pastrowbenefice.org.uk

In your Prayers please pray for.....

Families known to us who have suffered a recent bereavement, or are coping with illness

Our volunteers who are studying to become Pastoral visitors.

The emergency services who are always there for us regardless of the situation they find themselves in as they carry out their everyday duties.

Community Diary Dates

All Souls Service Sunday 5th November 3.30 pm St Thomas Charlton

If you would like loved ones remembered at our special service, please let Judith know on 07999 352585 or admin@pastrowbenefice.org.uk

Readings This Week

Exod 17 1 – 7

Ps 78 1 – 4, 12 – 16

Phil 2 1 – 13

Matt 21 23 - 32

Next Week

Exod 20 1 – 4, 7 – 9, 12 -20

Ps 19

Phil 3 4b – 14

Matt 21 33 - end

Words of Encouragement

By Revd Alex

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

This small portion of scripture reveals two possibilities – was Matthew so discontented with his life that the simplest of requests caused him to leave his old life behind, or was the sheer presence and strength of Jesus's two words so irresistible that he just couldn't help himself but follow – or perhaps a bit of both?

However, the simple truth is that we are chosen...those who's hearts are stirred in some strange way, Jesus calls each and every one of us much like he did St. Matthew. It is important to note that despite populist views, there is no singular identikit Christian. We are chosen in our own different ways. Although we often respond in a 'surely not me, Lord?' we can easily miss the joy and wonder of that calling on our lives, the love and grace to be found in that journey of following Jesus.

As St. Augustine says, "there is no saint without a past, no sinner without a future." Jesus desires each and every one of us, no matter our state in life. Let us be encouraged dear brothers and sisters...we are chosen! We are wanted. We are loved. We are called.

Notes from Pastrow Admin

For all Harvest lunch and supper details please see previous issues or ask your churchwardens for details.