

## Events This week

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>** Benefice Quiz Night see below for info.

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>** Encounters – Chief Priest & the Teachers of the law. 6.30 pm Charlton

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>** Holy Communion 10 am Tangley

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>** Compline 9.15 pm Charlton

## Notices from around the Benefice....

**Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Oct** Macmillan Coffee Morning The Rectory, Enham call Rev Val 01264 748065 for info.

**Inter Parish Quiz Night** – Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> October 10 am Christ Church Smannell. All welcome for this united benefice service.

**Harvest Service and Supper** Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October Christ Church Smannell 6 pm please call Pete Bowker 01264 357201 for details

**Gift Weekend** for Hatherden & Tangley, Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November 10 – noon Christ Church Hatherden.

Charlton's microphone stands have eloped! does anyone know their whereabouts as their guardians are worried and would like them home again.

## In your Prayers please pray for.....

Those affected by storm Ophelia, may their lives return to normal as quickly as possible.

All those who are waiting on results or appointments to see specialists, may the outcomes all be positive.

Our teachers and school children, as half term starts may they recharge their batteries ready for the new term.

## Community Diary Dates

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> WI Coffee Morning 10.30 – 12.00  
All welcome £1.50

**All Souls Service Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:admin@pastrowbenefice.org.uk)

## Readings This Week

Exod 33 12 – end  
I Thess 1 1 – 10

Ps 99  
Matt 22 15 - 22

## Next Week

Duet 34 1 – 12  
I Thess 2 1 – 8

Ps 90 1 – 6 13 – 17  
Matt 22 34 - end

## Words of Encouragement By Revd Alex Randle-Bissell

There's always so much to do, especially when you work for God! During the past few weeks we have been reading about Jesus preparing his disciples for 'the harvest.' In one particular passage from Luke 10: 1-9 Jesus sends a gathered group of seventy followers out to the metaphorical vineyard in pairs, knowing that we are always more effective when we work together. One of the themes of the passage is there is strength and goodness in community.

We're told that Jesus intends to visit these places too – another example of why the Incarnation, the life and ministry of our Lord, is so amazing. Jesus is one of us – as a human, as a person who feels and has friends. He doesn't ask us to do what he's not also going to do. In all things, Jesus understands what we feel and experience.

We see, too, that Jesus cares for his labourers. In scripture and in prayer, He offers advice about our care and effectiveness - be peaceful, be healers, be people who share the news of the Kingdom. Good advice for anyone who desires to live in the Spirit!

Friends, the message is clear – we are encouraged to learn what it means to be a United benefice – a community of disciples who value our worth, know our calling and share in the most amazing journey we can possibly undertake, bringing the kingdom of God in to our communities.

Blessings for the week ahead.

## Notes from Pastrow Admin

It's not too late to join in at the benefice quiz night, please call Jude by 6 pm Friday to book.