

Events This week

Sunday 29th Healing & Wholeness Service Smannell 10 am.

Sunday 29th Harvest Service & Supper 6 pm Smannell

Wednesday 1st Holy Communion 10 am Tangley

Friday 3rd Holy Communion 1.30 pm Weyhill

Friday 3rd Holy Communion 2.30 pm Charlton

Sunday 5th All Souls Service 3.30 pm Charlton

Notices from around the Benefice....

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

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

Gift Weekend for Hatherden & Tangley, Saturday 11th November 10 – noon Christ Church Hatherden.

Auction of Promises 18th Nov 7.30 pm Penton Village Hall Tickets £10 inc supper

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

In your Prayers please pray for.....

All those who we love that have gone before us.

Our clergy, our PCC's and our various groups that work to develop our benefice both now and for the future.

Our students and teachers may they be well rested after this half term holiday and look forward to the exciting term ahead.

Community Diary Dates

Please see the separate list of all the events taking place in Smannell & Enham before Christmas.

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

Readings This Week

Duet 34 1 – 12
1 Thess 2 1 – 8

Ps 90 1 – 6 13 – 17
Matt 22 34 - end

Next Week

Micah 3 5 – end
1 Thess 2 9 – 13

Ps 43
Matt 24 1 - 14

Words of Encouragement By Revd Trevor Lewis

Each day we work and pray for God's kingdom to come into our world and specifically into our Pastrow Benefice. I was heartened when I read last Sunday's New Testament reading, the first few verses of Paul's letter to the Thessalonians.

The Christian currency they shared was the currency of relationship, a currency of intrinsic value. Paul has evangelised a group of people who lived and worked in a tight knit community. Their relationship with God, through Jesus, infuses not only their 'personal' lives, but the whole character and dynamics of their community.

I see that starting to happen in our benefice. As church communities, in this year of prayer, we are being equipped and supported to extend this Kingdom currency into our communities and into our social contexts, especially those contexts where there is a challenge to our Christian values.

As always, we need to look to Jesus. He advises giving our whole lives to the one true living God (Matt 22:15-22): the currency of the kingdom of God, the kingdom that we pray to come here onto earth, is the way we live our lives, in relationship with one another and with the communities we live in. So let's go forward with our Lord working and living together for God's Kingdom here on earth!

"Thy Kingdom Come, Thy will be done."

May Gods blessings be upon you.

Notes from Pastrow Admin

Congratulations to Penton on winning the benefice quiz last weekend, a fun evening had by all, I believe. 😊 See you all next year. Jude