

Events This week

Saturday 9th Ride & Stride – all churches

Sunday 10th – Weyhill fete from Noon

Sunday 10th – Encounters – James & John, relaunch service with afternoon tea from 5 pm

Tuesday 12th Messy Church Smannell 3 – 5 pm

Wednesday 13th Holy Communion Tanglely 10 am

Thursday 14th Compline Charlton 9.15 pm

Notices from around the Benefice...

Weyhill Church Fete Sunday 10th September noon – 3 pm at Weyhill Fair Pub grounds.

Afternoon Tea followed by Encounters James & John, Sunday 10th September 5 pm St Thomas Charlton.

Harvest Supper Charlton 30th Sept contact Sally for info

Hatherden & Tanglely Harvest Supper 7th Oct 6.30 pm at Wildhern Village Hall tickets £5 to book please all Zoë Cleeton 07775 622449 or 735247

Penton's Harvest Supper Saturday 14th Oct 6.30 pm Village Hall please book with Lois.

Harvest Lunch Weyhill Sun 15th Oct Noon to book call Jude on 07708 425864

Macmillan Coffee Morning Sat 21st Oct 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 352525

In your Prayers please pray for.....

All those caught in the severe storms in the Caribbean, and the very heavy rains in India

Our loved ones who are recovering from illness and those who are coping with a loss of a loved one.

The churchwardens, worship leaders, prayer group and our clergy who all work tirelessly in supporting our churches, congregation and wider family.

Community Diary Dates

James's Place Penton are in Tesco's Extra Bags of Help scheme in September and October please show your support by adding your token to their box. Thank you

Sunday 17th Sept – Andover Churches Together joint service at the United Reform Church 6.30 pm all welcome.

Saturday 23rd Sept – Deeper Praise youth event for 12 – 18-year olds at St Pauls Smannell Road.

Readings This Week

Exod 12 1 – 14 Ps 149
Rom 13 8 – end Matt 18 15 - 20

Next Week

Exod 14 19 – end Ps 114
Rom 14 1 – 12 Matt 18 21 - 35

Words of Encouragement

By Janet Cressy

Holy Cross Day

Holy Cross Day is on the 14th September and commemorates the dedication in 335, of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem, which was built over the supposed site of the crucifixion and the tomb of Jesus.

At this time we commemorate the Christian Gospel, in which God has made an instrument of painful death to be the means of life and peace.

The cross is very important to Christians. When we are baptised, the sign of the cross is made over us. When priests are ordained, the bishop will make the sign of the cross. We make the sign of the cross over ourselves in prayer, and are absolved from our sins.

Palm crosses are distributed on Palm Sunday. I keep my Palm cross each year as a constant reminder of Jesus' life and teaching, and His sacrifice for all of us, and of God's great love. Jesus was crucified for the sins of the world. As He said - "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No-one goes to the Father except by me".

Notes from Pastrow Admin

As we celebrate autumn with our Harvest meals and celebrations, we are a little closer to, dare I say it Christmas. To advertise your celebrations please send me the details and we can help you publicize them across the benefice and the wider community. Email to Jude at eventsadmin@pastrowbenefice.org.uk or post to Admin c/o The Rectory, Chalkcroft Lane, Penton Mewsey SP11 0RD.