

Events This week

Sunday 11th

- 9 am Holy Communion Charlton
- 9.30 am Matins Smannell
- 10 am Family Service Penton
- 10.30 am Village Morning Prayer Weyhill
- 11 am Holy Communion Tangley
- 6.30 pm Encounters with Elijah Charlton

Wednesday 14th Holy Communion 10 am Tangley

Wednesday 14th Ashing Service 7.30 pm Penton

Thursday 15th Compline 9.15 pm Charlton

Notices from around the Benefice....

To celebrate the start of Lent there is an Ashing service at Holy Trinity Penton on Ash Wednesday 14th February 7.30 pm all are welcome to join us.

Church Growth - Lent Course from Saturday 17th 10 am The Rectory Enham please call Revd Val for details 01264 748065

Tough Questions of Faith – Lent Course The Rectory Penton 7.30 pm 1st, 8th and 22nd March.

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.....

All our parishioners and especially those who find this cold weather more of a challenge, may they stay warm and seek help if they need too and not feel a nuisance.

The children and staff as half term is upon us, may they enjoy the holidays and be protected by Gods love if traveling away from home.

All the sports people in the winter Olympics may the games outshine the political tensions.

Community Diary Dates

Testimony Evening with Paul Jones (Manfred Mann and The Blues Band) and Fiona Hendley (actress and acclaimed musical performer) on Sat 10 Feb 18 in John Hanson Community School hall. Tickets are free but need to be booked at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/an-evening-with-paul-jones-and-fiona-hendley-tickets-41964601252>

Readings This Week

2 Kings 2. 1 – 12

Ps 50 1 – 6

2 Cor 4 3 – 6

Mark 9 2 - 9

Next Week

Gen 9 8 – 17

Ps 25 1 – 9

1 Pet 3 18 – end

Mark 1 9 - 15

Words of Encouragement

By Karen Blakeman



A Christian civilisation - our Lord at the very centre portrays a genuine want to improve the lives of those around us. Being part of this and with the Holy Spirits guidance we can achieve anything. Nothing else on this earth can feel so amazing. So lets not keep it to ourselves!!

What a marvellous statement -

We take for granted those who fought for us to be able even to hold a bible let alone read it. Knowledge is power! And we now have the power and the spirit – the Holy Spirit

Our country is a Christian country to be proud of – mistakes are inevitable we are, after all only human however as a Christian country we strive to improve and learn from them.

Proven history in this our Christian country of individuals and groups of individuals who have been determined to improve our lives and the lives of those all over the world. A feature still strong today in our Christian country. There have been scientific discoveries, maritime adventures, mechanical inventions, commercial enterprises - our peace, liberties, equality, social progress, multiculturalism, numerous charities set up to help those around us to relieve misery and disease are all based on our Christian values of love to help our fellow man or women!!

We can see a genuine love at the very centre of our Christian country everyday -

- the love and care of neighbours
- the love and care of friends and family
- the love and care of all whose daily lives are in the caring profession
- the love and care of a stranger
- the love and care within our churches and our benefice

Dreary January is but a distant memory – lets praise the Lord for February and all the beauty as our earth unfolds its delights.

Every morning, lean your elbows awhile on the windowsill of heaven and gaze upon the Lord. Then turn strong to meet your day."

Quite often we dwell on what we don't have – it is uplifting to remember what we do.