

## Events This week

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>** Bingo Evening – details below

### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>

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 Tanglely

6.30 pm Encounters with Charlton

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup>** FOST Tea & Natter 2.30 pm Charlton

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>** Holy Communion Tanglely 10 am

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>** Compline 9.15 pm Charlton

## Notices from around the Benefice....

Bingo Evening Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January 6.30 pm at the Landale Wilson Hall, Enham tickets £5 inc buffet plus £1 a card for bingo (on the night), tickets from Val, Irene and Emma, for more info call Emma on 07837 736681

Prayer Training Day with the Acorn Healing Trust Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January 9.30 am Charlton, the day is designed for us all to explore more about prayer, to book please email or call Jude 07999 352585

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

Those who are known to us that are suffering with bugs and other ailments, may gods strength help them on the road to recovery

Our clergy, PCC members, prayer and bible study groups in the benefice

Calm in troubled areas of the world and those who show unity may it be the beginnings of long term relationships

## Community Diary Dates

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January Andover Church's Together Joint Service 6.30 pm St Thomas' Charlton – All welcome.

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Jan A talk by Bishop Bertin from the DRC at 7.30 in Nether Wallop village hall.

## Readings This Week

I Sam 3 1 – 10 [11 – 20] Ps 139 1 – 5, 12 – 18  
Rev 5 1 – 10 John 1 43 - end

## Next Week

Gen 14 17 – 20 Ps 128  
Rev 19 6 – 10 John 2 1 - 11

## Words of Encouragement

By James Cunniffe

How many of us are still sticking to those New Year's resolutions we made on the first of the month? Modern life seems to be preoccupied with the secular sweeping out of the old and bringing in the new, which must be better!

And yet the first of January was also the celebration of the Circumcision of Christ, 8 days after the Nativity. Jesus was a first century kosher Jew and worshiped at the Jewish Temples. He called God Abba loved the books of *Isiah* and followed the teaching of the prophets of the Old Testament. Christianity as Judaism is based on the teachings of those early prophets.

Modern life seems preoccupied with what is new. Every day we are urged to look forward to all that is new and yet we should look at the teachings of the past acknowledging where we have come from.

Moses set out those early commandments which are as true today as they have ever been. The first and great commandment is to Love the Lord thy God with all they heart and mind and strength and the second is like unto it to Love your neighbour as thyself.

We should acknowledge where we have come from and take joy in the heritage which we are heirs to, looking for the good in the traditions which have preceded us.

It is all too easy to keep repeating those New Year's resolutions, but we should look back and remind ourselves where we have come from.

## Notes from Pastrow Admin

Please call me for all Baptism and wedding bookings 07999 352585 or email

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