

Issue No 56 Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2018

## Events This week

### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>

Holy Communion 9 am Charlton

All Age Worship with informal Communion 10 am Penton

Holy Communion 10 am Smannell

Morning Praise 10 am Hatherden

Village Service 10.30 am Weyhill

Encounters with Jesus – Mother Theresa 6.30 pm Charlton

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup>** Pastoral Visitors Commissioning 7.30 pm Hatherden

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup>** Holy Communion 10 am Tanglely

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup>** Compline 9.15 pm Charlton

## Notices from around the Benefice....

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup>** Pastoral Visitor's Commissioning Service 7.30 pm Hatherden, join us to celebrate the commissioning of the new benefice visitors team.

If you would like a prayer said for you, family or friends by the benefice prayer group please email [prayer@pastrowbenefice.org.uk](mailto:prayer@pastrowbenefice.org.uk)

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

All those still recovering from the cold bug that went around over the new year period, may Gods love, and strength boost their healing.

Those who are in a less fortunate position than ourselves, whether close to home or further afield.

Our new Pastoral Visitors as they are commissioned this Monday, may their work bring comfort to those who they visit.

## Community Diary Dates

Antiques Fair St Thomas; Charlton 9 am

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

Deut 18 15 – 20

Ps 111

Rev. 12 1 – 5a

Mark 1 21 - 28

## Next Week

Prov 8 1, 22 – 31

Ps 104 26 – end

Col 1 15 – 20

John 1 1 - 14

## Words of Encouragement

By Janet Cressy

On the 25<sup>th</sup> January we may have remembered that many years ago it was the day of the remarkable conversion of Saul, who violently threatened murder against the Lord's followers. He had even gone to the High Priest to ask for letters of introduction to the synagogues to find any followers of the Lord, so he could arrest them.

As we know, when Saul was travelling along the road to Damascus, he saw a light flashing around him and he fell to the ground and was blinded. A voice said to him "Saul, Saul, Why do you persecute me?" Saul asked "Who are you, Lord?" The voice said "I am Jesus, whom you persecute. Get up and go into the city". There in the city, Ananias placed his hands on him, so Saul could see again.

We know the story that after this, Saul changed his way of life completely, and became a follower of Jesus with his name changed to Paul. He travelled far and wide telling people about Jesus and wrote many Letters to groups of people such as the Romans, the Corinthians and the Galatians to encourage them to spread the Word.

This true story gives hope to those of us who need to change the way we live, and how we treat each other. By praying to God and asking for forgiveness and help to mend our ways, He will listen to us.

## Notes from Pastrow Admin

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