

Events This week

- Friday 7th** – Holy Communion Charlton 2.30 pm
Friday 7th Lent course – the Rectory Enham 5 pm
Saturday 8th Lent course – Charlton 9 am
Sunday 9th New Life Art Exhibition Penton 3 – 6 pm
and everyday next week.
Sunday 9th Encounters - Crippled Man at the Temple
Hatherden 6.30 (NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE)
Monday 10th Passion Play at the Lights
Tuesday 11th Messy church – see below
Tuesday 11th Passover Meal – Penton 6.30 pm Pls Book
Wednesday 12th Holy Communion Tangley 10 am
Wednesday 12th Compline Enham 6 pm
Wednesday 12th Meditation Service Hatherden 7 pm
Thursday 13th Children's Workshop Weyhill 2 – 4
Thursday 13th Maundy Service Weyhill 7 pm
Thursday 13th Compline Charlton 9.15

Notices from around the Benefice...

Tuesday 11th April Messy Church Charlton 10.30 – All welcome, bring the children or grandchildren! Child free? perhaps you can lend a hand to the team helpers always welcome, for further info pls call Karen 07766 945118 or Val 07874 067371

Children's Workshops are being held in Weyhill, Smannell & Charlton see the website for details or call Judith on 07999 425864 for more information

In your Prayers please pray for.....

Our services during Holy Week, that they may be times when we can get to know Jesus more deeply.

Our schools, that all children and staff will find peace and refreshment during the holidays.

For those families affected by the recent bombings in Syria. We pray that God will bring them healing and peace.

Community Diary Dates

Passion Play – The High St, Good Friday, also at The Lights Monday 10th April 7.30pm
Organ Recital – St Thomas Charlton see posters for information

Readings This Week

Liturgy of the Palms
Matt. 21 1 – 11 Ps 118. 1 – 2, 19 – end
Liturgy of the Passion
Isa. 50. 4 – 9a Ps. 31. 9 – 16
Phil. 2. 5 – 11 Matt. 26. 14 – 27. end

Next Week

Exodus 14: 10-end Matthew 28: 1-10
Romans 6: 3-11

Words of Encouragement

Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."
John 8: 31

In yesterday's gospel reading, Jesus said that, if you are truly his disciple, you will know the truth and the truth will set you free. I'm sure we are all aware over the past few years the tension that has been felt in the media over the question of truth, and I noticed that on the cover of the excellent Time Magazine in bold red letters was the statement IS TRUTH DEAD?

But no doubt the questions to discern what the term 'Fake News' really means, and our effort to determine truth and act accordingly is an enduring struggle. We navigate between the cynicism of believing that everything is a charade and the lure of superficial certainty. I believe that Jesus invites us into inquiry.

What do we believe to be true and why? How might we be protecting ourselves from uncomfortable truths? The way that truth sets us free is that it removes false comfort while at the same time allowing us to see possibility and hope. As we journey with our Lord to Jerusalem and in to Holy Week itself, let us keep hold of the truth that his word brings, that life-giving and life-changing truth that promises and hopes in all things, and invites us to dwell in that perfect peace.

Holy God, during this holiest of weeks, help us to walk more surely in your ways.

May we grow in hope and become more faith-filled in your service.

Amen.

Notes from Pastrow Admin

Enjoy the events and services of Holy Week, and perhaps attend a new service at one of our other churches!