

## Events This week

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>** Weyhill's Tea Party – see below

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup>** Holy Communion Tangley 10 am

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>** Compline Charlton 9. 15 pm

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup>** Holy Communion Charlton 2.30 pm

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup>** Holy Communion Weyhill 3 pm

## Notices from around the Benefice...

**Weyhill Summer Tea Party** Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2.30 – 5.30, tickets £7 To book call Jude on 07708 425864 or Janet on 01264 353428

**Weyhill Church Fete** Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September noon – 3 pm at Weyhill Fair Pub grounds.

**Afternoon Tea followed by Encounters** James & John, Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September 5 pm St Thomas Charlton.

**Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> September** Bingo at Smannell call Emma on 07837 736681 for info.

**Hatherden & Tangley Harvest Supper** 7<sup>th</sup> Oct 6.30 pm at Wildhern Village Hall tickets £5 to book please all Zoë Cleeton 07775 622449 or 735247

**Sun 14<sup>th</sup> Oct** Harvest Lunch Weyhill Noon to book call Jude on 07708 425864

**Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Oct** Macmillan Coffee Morning The Rectory, Enham call Rev Val 01264 748065 for info.

**Inter Parish Quiz Night** – Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October 7 pm Charlton. Tickets £10 inc supper max 6 per team. So, get your team together, and book in with Jude on 07999 352585.

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

For the lonely may they find comfort in God's love and friendship within our churches.

Our wedding couples as they start a new chapter in their lives and our baptism families as we welcome them into Gods family.

Those looking after children, may God give them strength for the last few days of the holidays and the weather to explore the great outdoors.

## Community Diary Dates

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

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

## Readings This Week

Exod 1.8 – 2.10

Ps 124

Rom 12 1 – 8

Matt 16 13 - 20

## Next Week

Exod 3 1 – 15

Ps 105 1 – 6, 23 – 26, 45b

Rom 12 9 – end

Matt 16 21 - end

## Words of Encouragement

By Oluyinka Esan

### We Overcome by the Words of Our Testimony

... They had victory over him [Satan] by speaking the truth about Jesus to others. . . (Revelation 12:11b (NIRV))

Today's encouragement is a challenge. Magnify God in your praise as you attest to all He does in your life.

Just imagine if as Christians we gave thanks to God continually - as we are urged to do. We sing about doing this when overwhelmed with blessings. Easy enough to *long for thousand tongues to sing*, when we observe and appreciate our blessings. Our overflowing hearts radiate such joy that people around us get to know of the Goodness and Mightiness of God. Such evidence of this faithful God, helps our faith and that of others. Hope arises.

Sometimes our praise is underwhelming. We don't line up to attest to the goodness of God. Perhaps we love our privacy? That means we don't appreciate our Christian commission. Maybe we've not given adequate thought to all God does. We could be taking credit for His enabling grace, or focusing on the channels of His blessing (relatives, government, friends . . .) rather than **God who Enables, the Giver of Life and all Grace - Only Wise and All Powerful God. He's the real source of blessings.** Praise Him!

Take up the challenge. Write out **all** He does. Include your disappointments – your unmet expectations. Look closely. God is at work in it all. Write! Let's fill our books of testimony.

## Notes from Pastrow Admin

If you have any good news stories please send them to Jude on [admin@pastrowbenefice.org.uk](mailto:admin@pastrowbenefice.org.uk) or pass on via you church warden. Thank you