The Pastrow Benefice

Sharing the love, grace and truth of Jesus Christ

Events This week

Friday 4th Holy Communion Charlton 2.30 pm

Friday 4th Holy Communion Weyhill 3 pm

Tuesday 8th Messy Church Hatherden 10.30 – 12.30 Call Karen 07766 945118 for information.

Wednesday 9th Holy Communion Tangley 10 am

Thursday 10th Compline Charlton 9.15 pm

Notices from around the Benefice...

Summer Tea Party Sunday 27th August 2.30 – 5.30, an afternoon of entertainment ending with afternoon tea, tickets £7 To book call Jude on 07708 425864 or Janet on 01264 353428

Weyhill Church Fete Sunday 10th September noon – 3 pm at Weyhill Fair Pub grounds, fun dog show, BBQ, bottle stall & much more. Free parking

Afternoon Tea followed by Encounters Sunday 10th September 5 pm St Thomas Charlton.

Hatherden & Tangley Harvest Supper 7th October 6.30 pm at Wildhern Village Hall to book please all Zoë Cleeton 07775 622449 or 735247

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

Grapevine

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In your Prayers please pray for.....

Those known to us who are suffering from unexpected ailments and illnesses.

Our congregations, church visitors and families, may God bless them all with his love.

Our farmers and land workers who are working hard to bring in the harvest in this inclement weather.

Community Diary Dates

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

Saturday 23rd Sept – Deeper Praise youth event for 12 – 18 year olds at St Pauls Smannell Road.

Readings This Week

Gen 32 22 – 31 Ps 17 1 – 7, 16 Rom 9 1 – 5 Matt 14 13 - 21

Next Week

Gen 37 I – 4, I2 – 28 Ps 105 I – 6, I6 – 22, 45b Rom 10 5 – 15 Matt 14 22 - 33

Words of Encouragement By Andrew Warner

With Charlie Gard in all our minds, may I share part of a letter which Bishop George Reindorp and his wife received from his spiritual director ('a saint', in the bishop's words) when their daughter died a cot death.

"It has been given to me to see our progress to God as a road divided in the middle by a low wall, which we call death. Whatever our age or stage of development, . . . there is no real change involved in crossing the low wall. We simply continue in a parallel course with those who loved us in our development and relationship. I do not believe that God has altered one whit your responsibility or service for your child. I do believe that she will grow side by side with you, in spirit, as she would have done on earth: and that your prayer and love will serve her development as they would have done on earth. The difficulty is that our spiritual sight is so little developed compared with our earthly sight. . . . Yet much can be done by faith, by the realisation that what we hope is true, and that we can train our minds and imaginations to think in terms of truths, even if they are pictured in earthly forms. The companionship which was given you, you still have. The growth to which you look forward will still be yours to watch over and care for."

Notes from Pastrow Admin

Please remember to send me your good news stories, or perhaps an article on what brought you to church.