

Events This week

Sunday 17th Nativity & Christingle 10 am
Hatherden

Sunday 17th Carols & Lessons 10.30 am Weyhill

Sunday 17th Carol Service 4.00 pm Penton

Sunday 17th Carol Service 6 pm Tangley

Sunday 17th Carol Service 6 pm Smannell

Monday 18th FOST 2.30 pm Charlton

Monday 18th Carols around the Tree 7.30 pm
Charlton

Wednesday 20th Holy Communion Tangley 10 am

Thursday 21st Compline 9.15 pm Charlton

Notices from around the Benefice....

All quite at the moment, but please look out for the special Christmas services in the diary dates or on the reverse of your Good News at Christmas happening around the benefice in the coming week.

In your Prayers please pray for.....

All the teachers and students as they perform their end of year plays, and have final assemblies.

The families who have recently had a bereavement or have received bad news.

Those who are lonely, may Gods love give them strength to venture out to meet others.

Community Diary Dates

If you would like a prayer said for you, family or friends by the benefice prayer group please email prayer@pastrowbenefice.org.uk

Readings This Week

Isa 61 1 – 4 8 – end

Ps 126

1 Thess 5 16 – 24

John 1 6 – 8 19 - 28

Next Week

2 Sam 7 1 – 11, 16

Ps 89 1 – 4, 19 – 26

Rom 16 25 – end

Luke 1 26 - 38

Words of Encouragement

By Janet Cressy

Today is the third Sunday of Advent. Only another eight days to go before Christmas Day. Where has the year gone?

These last few weeks we've all been getting ready for Christmas – cards written and sent off, presents bought and wrapped, turkey ordered and so on. The shops are doing their best to sell their products at “bargain” prices before the 25th December. But - just a moment - have we forgotten anything?

Well, I am sure we haven't forgotten the meaning of Christmas, when our Lord Jesus Christ was born to save us all. Of course everyone, both believers and non-believers, look forward to Christmas, but if God hadn't sent his Son, there would be no Christmas. I love the words of the Magnificat - “Tell out my soul, the greatness of the Lord” which is also the first line of a wonderful hymn and says it all.

The Churches will be full on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, when some of the lovely Christmas carols will be sung. I hope you are able to join us.

Christmas is a time for families to get together in love and peace, whether they are Christians or not.

It is also a time to remember those who are ill, and those less fortunate than ourselves, the homeless, and those affected by war or famine, and also those far away from their families.

If everyone in the world tried harder to be like Jesus and to treat fellow human beings with kindness, love and respect, the world would be a much better place.

I wish you all a very Happy and Joyful Christmas and New Year.

Notes from Pastrow Admin

As we progress into Advent why not try out one of the many services across the benefice.