

Issue No 5 Sunday 5th February 2017

Events This week

Wednesday 8th – Holy Communion Tangleby 10am

Thursday 9th – Eco-church Tools for Transformation The Bridge, Bridge St. 7.30pm

Thursday 9th – Compline St Thomas' Charlton 9.15pm

Notices from around the Benefice...

Saturday 11th February PCC Away day at Hatherden School 9am – 4pm for all PCC Members

Friday 7th April Retreat Day at Penton Park to book your place please contact Judith on 07999 352585 by 28th Feb, spaces are limited.

Tuesday 28th February Revd Trevor Lewis licensing service St Peters Hurstbourne Tarrant

Tuesday 14th March Commissioning Service Holy Trinity Penton 7pm

Monday 20th February F.O.S.T. Tea & Natter 2.30pm St Thomas's Charlton

For all services and events across the Benefice please see our website.

In your Prayers please pray for.....

Our year of Prayer 2017 - May we be blessed by the Lord and be expectant of God's provision

Those who are suffering through bereavement - may our Lord bring them comfort and healing

Revd Trevor Lewis and his wife Margaret that they feel settled and welcomed in their new home

Community Diary Dates

Passion Play – The High St, Good Friday

Saturday 11th Feb - Valentines Lunch – Jubilee House Enham please contact Christine on 01264 324011

Readings This Week

Isa. 58 1 – 9a (9b – 12) Ps 112 (or 112 1 – 9)
1 Cor. 2. 1 – 12 (13 - end) Matt. 5. 13 - 20

Next Week

Deut. 30. 15 – end or Eccus. 15. 15 – end
Psalm 119. 1 – 8 1 Cor. 3. 1 - 9
Matt. 5. 21 - 37

Words of Encouragement

You are like salt and light

Matthew 5:16

In the same way, you should be a light for other people. Live so that they will see the good things you do and will praise your father in heaven.

Salt and light can both make a great difference – a pinch of salt brings out the full flavour and light allows us to see clearly. And that is exactly what our Lord wants for us, to reach our full potential and to let others see that too. Does the Lord exist in every part of our lives? Do the choices we make when we're working, shopping, driving and making decisions reflect that we are Christian? How would a stranger know? How would a friend know? In honouring our faith we must not hide away, we must actively involve God at every moment. To seek our Lord's advice - to ask for the confidence and wisdom to challenge injustices and to be engaged in the hard work of caring and offering practical help and support to our fellow humans - whoever they are.

Be that light that shines – feel that fire in your heart and the joy that it brings. Feel that sense of purpose and have faith that those around you will want what you have. Continue your efforts to plant those seeds in the hope that one day they will blossom. And on those days when you need a little boost – Pray and look to the Lord for strength. Gaze upon what he has done for you, thank him and embracing everything in your life that is good, use that energy to turn and face your day.

1 Corinthians 10:31 'Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.'

God Bless us all in our mission to bring the joy of the Lord to everyone.

Karen Blakeman

Notes from Pastrow Admin

Don't forget to have any parish events advertised please contact Judith on 07999 352585 or admin@pastrowbenefice.org.uk