

## Events This week

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup>** F.O.S.T. Tea & Natter 2.30 pm Charlton

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>** Holy Communion 10 am Tangley

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>** Compline 9.15 pm Charlton

## Notices from around the Benefice...

**If you wish prayers to be said for you or a loved one please email**  
[prayers@pastrowbenefice.org.uk](mailto:prayers@pastrowbenefice.org.uk)

### Ministry Opportunity

*Could you talk about your faith?*

*We have agreed to form a team who would help the children at Hatherden school in discussing aspects of faith. Could you offer an hour a month, on a Friday afternoon?*

*Full training and support given!*

*If you would like further information please contact Revd Alex on 01264 512161 or*  
[vicar@pastrowbenefice.org.uk](mailto:vicar@pastrowbenefice.org.uk)

Attention all quizzers

Save a date – Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October  
information coming soon.

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

Those in schools who are leaving to move up to senior school or onto college or university.

Our PCC's, may God show them wisdom with decisions they are making in leading our churches.

Our wedding couples this year, may God bless their union as they start this new chapter of their lives.

## Community Diary Dates

Andover Carnival this Sunday at Vigo Road Park  
Noon – 9 pm with the procession mid-afternoon from Weyhill Road – Vigo Road.

*Do you have a good news story? Would you like to share this with us, it can be anonymous if you wish. We would love to hear from you. So please forward your stories onto Jude at*  
[admin@pastrowbenefice.org.uk](mailto:admin@pastrowbenefice.org.uk)

## Readings This Week

Gen 25. 19 – end      Ps 119 105 – 112  
Rom 8. 1 – 11          Matt 13 1 – 9 18 - 23

## Next Week

Gen 28 10 – 19a      Ps 139 1 – 11, 23 – 24  
Rom 8 12 – 25          Matt 13 24 – 30, 36 - 43

## Words of Encouragement

By Karen Blakeman



We have a wonderful picture of God's faithfulness given to us every year in the round of the seasons, as the bare earth receives the winter weathering before the seed is sown and the growing begins, leading through the warmth of summer to gathering -in of the harvest in autumn. Jesus has been out walking this same earth we inhabit watching the yearly sowing of seed and hearing the squabbling birds. It speaks to him vividly of the many different ways we all respond to the word of God.

Parables are stories with secrets inside and the secret of this weeks reading (Matthew 13-1-9) is that it is all about us and how we respond to God's word when we hear it – read on verses (18 -23)

At different times in our lives we have been in different soils – we've been on stony paths, rocky paths and on that little piece of land next to the rocky path. Reaching the good soil is our goal. Let us not focus on the stony or rocky paths but on the good soil – it might be that this month you know you have spent 4 days on that stone path – however that means you have spent 27 in good soil so let us praise that fact. Luke 1:37 For nothing is impossible with God  
God Bless

## Notes from Pastrow Admin

Please let me know about your forth coming events so that we can spread the word!