

## Events This week

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>** Holy Communion Tanglely 10 am

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>** Compline Charlton 9.15 pm

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup>** Holy Communion Charlton 2.30 pm

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup>** Holy Communion Weyhill 3 pm.

## Notices from around the Benefice...

**Summer Tea Party** Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> September 5 pm St Thomas Charlton.

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

Those who have been affected by the natural disasters this week.

Those suffering from loneliness - may our churches be beacons of hope and fellowship to them.

Babies that are known to us who are struggling with life, may God watch over them as they grow and develop.

## Community Diary Dates

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Sept** – Andover Church 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

Gen 29 15 – 28

Ps 105 1 – 11, 45b

Rom 8 26 – end

Matt 13 31 – 33, 44 - 52

## Next Week

Gen 32 22 – 31

Ps 17 1 – 7, 16

Rom 9 1 – 5

Matt 14 13 - 21

## Words of Encouragement

By Terry Milne

### The Kingdom of God is like .....

I remember when I was training as a Reader, having to write an essay on the subject of 'The Kingdom of God'. In researching the Bible on the subject, I think I found nearly 40 references to what the Kingdom of God is like or the path one has to take to get there. There are the memorable passages about camels passing through the eye of a needle and the least in the Kingdom being greater than John the Baptist. And then there is the passage in Mark's Gospel where Jesus says 'anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it'. It makes you think whether we will ever be able to enter that Kingdom. But that leads to another thought – where is that Kingdom? Is it a real location – somewhere, if we pass all the requirements for getting there, we will end up far away from this troubled world of ours? I believe that the Kingdom of God is all around us as we live our day to day lives. Think of a jar containing sand or dirt and water – shake it up and it seems that all is well mixed. However that is not true – leave it for a few minutes and the sand/dirt will settle down to the bottom. Think of the same jar but this time we put coffee granules in. Shake it up and we see it is well mixed – leave it alone and what happens? It stays mixed. And so it is with the Kingdom. We need to be like the coffee granules, mixing ourselves in the Kingdom of God now and not waiting until the last minute. We need to avoid being like the sand – getting a little bit mixed into the Kingdom but then soon settling out again.

God Bless,

## Notes from Pastrow Admin

Don't forget send me your events!