

Events This week

Friday 3rd Holy Communion Charlton 2.30pm

Saturday 4th Lent Course Charlton 9am & The Rectory Enham 9am

Wednesday 8th Holy Communion Tanglely 10am

Thursday 9th Compline Charlton 9.15pm

Notices from around the Benefice...

Lent Course starting Saturday 4th March 9am then every Saturday until 8th April at Charlton and The Rectory Enham.

Tuesday 14th March Commissioning Service Holy Trinity Penton 7.30 pm – A Special service with Bishop David of Basingstoke

Thank you to all those people who are faithfully saying the prayer from our Year of Prayer card each day - please keep it up! If you haven't got a prayer card as yet, please do pick one up at the back of church.

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

Friday 28th April Electronic Organ Concert – Charlton, please see posters in church.

In your Prayers please pray for.....

Pray for Headteachers Katy and Peter and all the staff at Hatherden and Smannell schools.

Pray for those suffering from the pain of bereavement, may God bring comfort in this time of need.

Those waiting for results from scans and tests - may the Lord hold them in peace.

Community Diary Dates

Passion Play – The High St, Good Friday, also at The Lights Monday 10th April 7.30pm

Andover Saturday Club – 10.30 – 12.30 United Reform Church, pop in for a free taster session or call 01962 857099 for more info

Do you know of events that could have been advised? Email admin@pastrowbenefice.org.uk with your information.

Readings This Week

Gen. 2. 15 - 17; 3. 1 - 7 Ps 32
Rom. 5 12 - 19 Matt. 4. 1 - 11

Next Week

Gen. 12. 1 - 4a Ps 121
Rom.4 1 - 5. 13-17 John 3. 1 - 17

Words of Encouragement

Thanking God for his blessings

The much-loved hymn 'To God be the Glory' was written by Fanny Crosby, an American who lived from 1820-1915. It's just one of many hymns she wrote during her lifetime.

Fanny came from a poor family. When she was only six weeks old she had a cold and an eye inflammation. As a result of bad treatment by a quack doctor she lost her sight.

Aged eight she wrote:

'Oh what a happy soul I am, although I cannot see,
I am resolved that in this world contented I shall be.
How many blessings I enjoy that other people don't;
To weep and sigh because I'm blind, I cannot and I won't.'

The last lines of the third verse of 'To God be the Glory' run:

'...but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our rapture when Jesus we see.'

Even as a child, despite her severe disability, Fanny Crosby constantly thanked God for all his blessings. Although she saw nothing on earth, she confidently looked forward to seeing Jesus.

What a lovely example and encouragement for us all - to thank God for his blessings, whatever our situation, and to look forward to the time when we too will see Jesus.

Andrew Baines

Notes from Pastrow Admin

To advertise your events on the Grapevine please forward copy to Judith.

Sainsbury Kids Vouchers – don't forget to save them.
Judith 07999 352585 or
admin@pastrowbenefice.org.uk