

Events This week

Friday 19th Holy Communion Weyhill 3 pm

Sunday 21st Reflection on Jackie Pullingers Life at St Thomas Tangley 6pm

Thursday 25th Compline Charlton 9.15 pm

Notices from around the Benefice...

Pastoral Visiting Course – Introduction on Wednesday 7th June 7pm St Thomas' Charlton - please call Revd Alex 01264 512161 for full details.

Saturday 17th June – Bishops Walk from Smannell to Hatherden see attached for full information.

Saturday 17th June – Charlton Fete 1 – 4 pm at the church.

Saturday 24th June – Quiz night with supper, get your team together (max 6) for a fun quiz night at The Fairground Weyhill 7pm Book in your team with Jude on 07708 425864. tickets £10 Per person

Saturday 8th July At 3.00pm. Hatherden Concert with Cellist, ORLANDO JOPLING
Tickets are £12.50 includes wine and refreshments after the concert. For tickets contact Rosie Swain 01264 735357 or rosie.swayne@btinternet.com.

In your Prayers please pray for.....

For the upcoming Bishop's Walk at Smannell and Hatherden.

For those taking examinations, may God bring them a sense of peace and focus.

Those who are preparing for marriage this summer, may God bind them together in love.

Community Diary Dates

Monday 3rd July Out of the Ashes, The Lights Andover 7.30 pm – for tickets please contact The Lights or Zoë Cleeton 07775 622449

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

Readings This Week

Acts 17 22 -31 Ps 66 7 – end
1 Pet 3 13 – end John 14 15 - 21

Next Week

Acts 1 6 – 14 Ps 68 1 – 10, 32 – end
1 Pet 4. 12 – 14 5. 6 – 11 John 17. 1 - 11

Words of Encouragement

Our Father, Our Friend – Let's Pray!

This year we are encouraged to pray. But why? Should Christians need such encouragement? Could it be that issues of our time are daunting? Are we overwhelmed by matters in our lives, or those in our community? With the volume of bad news, it's easy to see how numbing life can be but we'd pray, if only we knew who we prayed to and why.

In the Lord's Prayer, Jesus reveals this in a nutshell. We pray to the Mighty God, All Powerful, All Knowing, All Seeing, Creator of all things. The Benevolent One who was, is and will be forever is our Father. The Great I Am, Everlasting One, He heals, He is able to be whatever we need Him to be. He loves to hear from us, He delights to heed our call. More than these, He regards us as friends. (John 15: 14-15)

He'll confide in us if we let Him, so we can pray according to His will. Wow! What an honour! What a great assurance for those reconciled to God through Christ. Our prayers become effectual when we receive insight into God's plans. Knowledge emboldens and comes through time spent as with a friend – reading His Word and praying. He is glorified in answers to our prayers.

These are troubling times but through God we can do valiantly. Like Abraham, Moses, Elijah and David, known friends of God, let's be encouraged to pray!

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Notes from Pastrow Admin

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