

Issue No 21 Sunday 28th May 2017

Events This week

Sunday 28th – Encounters – Mary (Mary & Martha)
Plus the Petra Church Band - Charlton 6.30 pm

Wednesday 31st – Holy Communion – Tangley 10 am

Thursday 1st – Compline Charlton 9.15 pm

Friday 2nd – Holy Communion Charlton 2.30 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.

Sunday 11th June – Penton Pet Service Harroway
Stables 10 am

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 7 pm 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 those families and friends who have experienced
the terrible loss of a loved one from the atrocity at
Manchester on Monday.

For the city of Manchester as the community grieves,
may God guide them in unity and peace.

For all who are affected around the world by
terrorism, may we all be united in peace and 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 1 6 – 14 Ps 68 1 – 10, 32 – end
1 Pet 4. 12 – 14 5. 6 – 11 John 17. 1 - 11

Next Week

Acts 2 1 – 21 Ps 104 26 – 36 37b
1 Cor 12. 3b – 13 John 20. 19 - 23

Words of Encouragement

It's clear from reading Acts and his letters to the
early Christian churches that Paul was a great
encourager. So were his companions Silas,
Timothy and Barnabas, no doubt following Paul's
example. In addition to giving encouragement to
others, they also frequently stress the
importance of mutual encouragement, as a
means of supporting each other and
strengthening each other's faith.

In his letter to the church in Rome Paul includes
encouragement as one of the essential Christian
gifts within every church.

Do we like receiving encouragement? I think we
would all answer 'yes' to that. Are we good at
giving encouragement? I suspect, if we are
honest, most of us would answer 'no'. What's
stopping us? Shyness? Inhibition? No time?

Here's a challenge: let's become real, regular
encouragers, the sort that Paul would be proud
of, and encourage at least one person every day
in a loving and positive way. That might be a
member of our family, or a friend, or even a
complete stranger. Let's pray that the Holy Spirit
will lead us each day to the person who really
needs our encouragement and give us the right
words.

Andrew Baines

Notes from Pastrow Admin

As well as all your parish events, remember you can start
you wedding and baptism bookings here. Contact Jude on
07999 352585 or admin@pastrowbenefice.org.uk or visit
our website for full information on both.