

Issue No 38 Sunday 24th September 2017

Events This week

Sunday 24th Festival of Angels 4 pm Weyhill with children's workshop from 3.15 pm

Sunday 24th Encounters – Rich Young Ruler 6.30 pm Charlton

Monday 25th Messy Church 3 – 5 pm Hatherden

Wednesday 27th Holy Communion Tangley 10 am

Thursday 28th Compline Charlton 9 pm

Notices from around the Benefice...

Charlton Harvest Supper Saturday 30th Sept 7 pm contact Sally for details sallybrewer@hotmail.com

Hatherden & Tangley Harvest Supper 7th Oct 6.30 pm at Wildhern Village Hall tickets £5 to book please all Zoë Cleeton 07775 622449 or 735247

Penton's Harvest Supper Saturday 14th Oct 6.30 pm Village Hall please book with Lois.

Weyhill Harvest Lunch Sun 15th Oct Noon at the Fairground to book call Jude on 07708 425864

Macmillan Coffee Morning Sat 21st Oct The Rectory, Enham call Rev Val 01264 748065 for info.

Inter Parish Quiz Night – Saturday 21st October 7 pm Charlton. Tickets £10 inc supper max 6 per team. So, get your team together, and book in with Jude on 07999 352585.

If you would like a prayer said for you, family or friends by the benefice prayer group please email prayer@pastrowbenefice.org.uk

In your Prayers please pray for.....

All those caught up in the earthquake in Mexico and the hurricanes across the Caribbean, may God give strength to those suffering loss and hope to those starting to rebuild their lives

Those who are going off to university for the first time.

Our committees who are organizing events to raise funds to support others.

Community Diary Dates

Friday 29th Macmillan Coffee Morning, 10.30 at the Oak Charlton.

All Souls Service Sunday 5th November 3.30 pm St Thomas Charlton

If you would like loved ones remembered at our special service, please let Judith know on 07999 352585 or admin@pastrowbenefice.org.uk

Readings This Week

Exod 16 2 – 15 Ps 105 1 – 6, 37 – end
Phil 1 21 – end Matt 20 1 – 16

Next Week

Exod 17 1 – 7 Ps 78 1 – 4, 12 – 16
Phil 2 1 – 13 Matt 21 23 - 32

Words of Encouragement By Alan Evans

Have you ever found yourself in a situation of uncertainty, of turmoil or conflict or fear ... and no matter how much you pray, God hasn't stepped in to change your situation? It can be unsettling, because we're left wondering "Well, is God ever going to show up?" Sometimes God does calm the storm, but other times He allows it to rage on so that He can give us His peace.

Philippians 4:4-7 tells us "*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*"

That's very nice in theory, but it becomes much more real when you realise that the Apostle Paul wrote those words, chained to a Roman guard, in a dungeon awaiting execution. Then it becomes an example for us to follow when we're going through tough times. Joy in the face of suffering is victory. Peace which surpasses all understanding, in the face of a death sentence, is victory. It's the same peace that Jesus had in the Garden of Gethsemane after He prayed and it's the very same peace that God wants us to have, in our turmoil and trials. So that instead of worrying and fretting, we go to Him with thanksgiving in our heart, pour out our heart to Him and receive the promise of a peace beyond all understanding, a peace that in natural terms doesn't make sense, a supernatural peace that will guard our heart and mind in Christ Jesus.

Notes from Pastrow Admin

Call or email me with any news from your parish, 07999 352585 or admin@pastrowbenefice.org.uk