

Events This week

Friday 1st Holy Communion Charlton 2.30 pm

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Wednesday 6th Holy Communion Tangley 10 am

Thursday 7th Compline Charlton 9.15 pm

Notices from around the Benefice...

Weyhill Church Fete Sunday 10th September noon – 3 pm at Weyhill Fair Pub grounds. BBQ, fun dog show and much more fun

Afternoon Tea followed by Encounters James & John, Sunday 10th September 5 pm St Thomas Charlton.

Sat 23rd September Bingo at Smannell call Emma on 07837 736681 for info.

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

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

Sat 21st Oct Macmillan Coffee Morning 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.

In your Prayers please pray for.....

Those caught in the flooding after the recent storms.

Our world leaders, that they may find ways to be unified in peace.

Our schools, that they have a good start to the new term

Community Diary Dates

Ride and Stride Saturday 9th September
see posters in your church for full info.

Churches confirmed open are, Charlton, Hurstbourne, Penton, Hatherden, Weyhill, others will have forms out so please do visit.

Sunday 17th Sept – Andover Churches Together joint service at the United Reform Church 6.30 pm all welcome.

Saturday 23rd Sept – Deeper Praise youth event for 12 – 18-year olds at St Pauls Smannell Road.

Readings This Week

Exod 3 1 – 15 Ps 105 1 – 6, 23 – 26, 45b
Rom 12 9 – end Matt 16 21 - end

Next Week

Exod 12 1 – 14 Ps 149
Rom 13 8 – end Matt 18 15 - 20

Words of Encouragement

By Andrew Baines

'Do not be afraid'

Everyone experiences fear at certain times in their lives. Perhaps you are fearful now? Fearful about your ability to handle a particular situation you are in, fearful about a member of your family or a friend who is in danger, fearful about your health, fearful about what may happen in the future, or perhaps just fearful about simply coping with the present.

Well, at times like this what a comfort and encouragement it is to remind ourselves what Jesus said to his disciples, who also knew all about fear. As we are all Jesus' disciples we can be absolutely certain that Jesus is saying the same to us – all of us – today:

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." (John 14.27)

Whatever situation we are in and however fearful we are, Jesus is with us in spirit and gives us his peace. It isn't worldly peace, which so often is fragile, cosmetic and short-lived – it's spiritual peace that Jesus is giving us through the deep, constant and true love of God 'that passeth all understanding'.

So let's take heart and follow Jesus' encouraging teaching not to be afraid and to accept his unique and loving peace.

Notes from Pastrow Admin

Ministry Opportunity - Could you talk about your faith?

We have agreed to form a team who would help the children at Hatherden school in discussing aspects of faith. Could you offer an hour a month, on a Friday afternoon? Full training and support given!

If you would like further information please contact Revd Alex on 01264 512161 or vicar@pastrowbenefice.org.uk