

Issue No 68 Sunday 22nd April 2018

Services & events this week

Sunday 22nd Encounters with guest speaker Colin Parker 6.30 pm Charlton. *Come and hear Colin's story how God has worked in his life.*

Monday 23rd Messy Church 3 – 5 pm Hatherden.

Wednesday 25th Holy Communion 9.30 am HBT

Wednesday 25th Holy Communion 10 am Tanglely

Thursday 26th Compline 9 pm Charlton

Services & events next week

Sunday 29th Benefice Service 10 am Charlton - 'Discipleship – an introduction'

Funeral Notice of the late Sonny at St Thomas' Charlton Monday 30th April 2 pm, known to many within the Charlton community

Readings This Week

Acts 4 5 – 12 Ps 23
I John 3. 16 – end John 10 11 - 18

Next Week

Acts 8 26 – end Ps 22 25 – end
I John 4. 7 – end John 15 1 - 8

In your Prayers please pray for.....

Our world leaders, may their actions calm the unrest around the world.

Our communities around the Benefice, may we share Gods love and wisdom with our neighbours.

Those struggling with illness or the loss of a loved one, may Gods strength carry us on our lower days.

Pastrow & Community Diary Dates

Dip Your Toe Talks Saturday 5th 9.30 Charlton & Wednesday 9th 7.30 pm Hatherden

Going Deeper Talks Saturday 12th 9.30 Charlton & Wednesday 16th 7.30 pm Hatherden

Saturday 23rd June Morgan Szymanski - Classical Guitarist Concert Hatherden
Please contact ROSIE SWAYNE on 01264 735357 or email rosie.swayne@btinternet.com for information and to purchase tickets which are £15.00 to include wine and refreshments after the concert.

Saturday 12th May Hatherden Fete at Wildhern playing field.

Friday 11th May St Michaels Andover West
Quiz night for tickets contact
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Words of Encouragement By Janet Cressy

Tomorrow 23rd April we celebrate St. George's Day, our Patron Saint – Why do we celebrate this day? We all know the story of St. George slaying a dragon, but do we know why Churches have a painting or a stained-glass window showing this event?

St. George was born about 280 AD and was a soldier in the Roman Army. He was executed on the 23rd April 303 AD for being a Christian, and was buried in Israel.

The story goes that the town of Silene only had one well, which was guarded by a dragon. To get water each day, the inhabitants were forced to offer a human sacrifice daily, and the person to be sacrificed was chosen by lots. This particular day when St. George was there, a princess had been selected to be sacrificed, but luckily St. George killed the dragon, so saving the princess and enabling the people to access the water without fear. The people of Silene were very grateful and they converted to Christianity.

The St George's flag is a red cross on a white background and is used as our national flag, forming part of the Union Jack. Although St. George's Day is not a public holiday, St. George's flags are flown from many buildings and the hymn "Jerusalem" is often sung at Church services close to the 23rd April.

Notes from Pastrow Admin

Please see the Benefice website for details on future services and events.

www.pastrowbenefice.org.uk/