

Issue No 85 Sunday 19th August 2018

Services & events this week

Sunday 19th Evensong Tangley 6 pm

Monday 20th Tea & Natter St Thomas' 2.30 pm

Tuesday 21st Messy Church Picnic from 11 am call Karen 07766 945118

Wednesday 22nd Holy Communion 9.30 am HBT & 10 am Tangley

Services & events next week

Sunday 26th Encounters 6.30 pm Charlton

Tuesday 28th Church Lunch Noon – call John 357713 for details

Wednesday 29th Holy Communion 9.30 am HBT & 10 am Tangley

Readings This Week

I Kings 2 10 – 12, 3 3 – 14 Ps 111
Eph 5 15 – 20 John 6 51 - 58

Next Week

I Kings 8 [1, 6, 10 - 11] 22 – 30, 41 – 43 Ps 84
Eph 6 10 – 20 John 6 56 - 69

In your Prayers please pray for.....

The families in Italy that have been affected by the falling bridge

Our Pastrow family, may they draw on Gods strength as we look at the growing future of the benefice.

The emergency and armed forces as they go about their everyday duties, may they stay safe

Pastrow & Community Diary Dates

8th September – Pastrow Pilgramige

Thursday 20th September Afternoon Tea - Hatherden Church, at 2.30 pm. An opportunity for a get together over strawberries and cream, cakes and tea! Everyone welcome.

29th & 30th Sept Flower Festival at Weyhill.

29th September Swing Night with the Good Fortunes Big Band – doors open 7 pm Tickets £15 inc supper. Bring your own drink. Call Jude 07708 425864 or Jan 01264 710173

Sat 6th Oct – Harvest Supper & Quiz Charlton church, call Jean for details 01264 391504

Sat 6th Oct – Harvest Supper Wildhern village hall 6.30pm for 7pm. Bring your own drinks. Tickets £5 available from Zoë at zoecleaton@hotmail.com or phone 01264 735247.

Words of Encouragement

By Revd Val

Just recently I've been to another Quiet Day at St Columba's House and this time the day was based on the story of Ruth and Naomi. This is a story of love, loyalty and friendship.

Three women start out on a journey together, but Naomi urges the two young women to stay with their own people. Orpah reluctantly decides to stay but Ruth insists on going with Naomi to Bethlehem.

Without Ruth, Naomi may easily have died on her own. It is Ruth's love for her that makes all the difference. Love overcame the darkness and despair that Naomi took back with her to Bethlehem.

The women of the village showed respect for Ruth....they told Naomi that Ruth was more of a blessing than 7 sons...praise indeed!

Ruth followed God, Naomi's God, into the unknown. Sometimes God calls us out of our comfort zones to follow him to unknown places.

As we journey together, we thank God for our friendships...for those who support and encourage us. I'd like to share with you a prayer of friendship:

You have blessed us, O God,
with the gift of friendship,
the bonding of persons in a circle of love.
We thank you for such a blessing:
for friends who love us,
who share our sorrows,
who laugh with us in celebration,
who bear our pain, who need us as we need them,
who weep as we weep,
who hold us when words fail,
and who give us the freedom to be ourselves.
Bless our friends with health,
wholeness, life and love.
Amen.

God bless you all,

Notes from Pastrow Admin

See the Benefice website for full details of services