

Issue No 86 Sunday 26th August 2018

Services & events this week

Sunday 26th Encounters 6.30 pm Charlton

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

Services & events next week

Wednesday 5th Holy Communion 9.30 am HBT & 10 am Tangley

Friday 7th Holy Communion 1.30 pm Weyhill & 2.30 pm Charlton

Saturday 8th Breakfast at Nine – a new meeting starting with breakfast then a bible study, all welcome. 9 am Charlton

8th September – Pastrow Pilgrimage – All are welcome to do some or all of the walk, if you would like a sponsorship form please see Jude.

Tuesday 11th Val's leaving service at Christ Church Hatherden – 7.30 pm

Readings This Week

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

Next Week

Song of Sol 2 8 – 13 Ps 45 1 – 2, 6 – 9 (or 1 – 7)
James 1 17 – end Mark 7 1 – 8, 14-15, 21-23

In your Prayers please pray for.....

Those in the world who have been affected by recent natural disasters and are trying to rebuild their lives

All those who are traveling, may they stay safe on their journeys

Our friends and families in the Pastrow benefice may God's light shine on us all and lead us along the right path to fulfil our futures

Pastrow & Community Diary Dates

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 zoecleeton@hotmail.com or phone 01264 735247.

Words of Encouragement

By Andrew Baines

The Benefice Service at Christ Church, Hatherden, on 29th July was an inspiring time of worship, with a record attendance and uplifting singing.

I'm sure I was not alone in coming away spiritually refreshed, but challenged by the lively discussion on the question 'What is grace?'. So that afternoon I dug deep into my Bible and came across three verses that really excited me, as they seemed so relevant to the question:

'Grace and truth came through Jesus Christ' *John 1.17*
'For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whosoever believes in shall not perish but have eternal life.' *John 3.16*

'For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith'.
Ephesians 2.8

Through these verses I suggest that an answer to 'What is grace?' might be along the following lines: Grace is a way of describing God's incredible love and forgiveness for each of us. Through Jesus' crucifixion, resurrection and ascension God has given us the channel by which His grace comes to us, if we have faith in Jesus. His grace saves us from our old lives truly and brings us into eternal life with Him.

'Grace' is part of our Pastrow logo. Perhaps the simplest way of remembering what it means, to help us share it with others, is to use the acronym which Lynne ended the prayers with on 29th July: GRACE God's Riches At Christ's Expense'.

What an encouragement. Hallelujah!

Notes from Pastrow Admin

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

www.pastrowbenefice.org.uk/

If not available please call me, Jude 07999 352585