

Issue No 83 Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2018

## Services & events this week

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>** Holy Communion 9.30 am HBT & 10 am Tangley

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>** Young Church 11 am Charlton.

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>** Encounters is cancelled this week.

## Services & events next week

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>** Holy Communion 9.30 am HBT & 10 am Tangley

## Pastrow & Community Diary Dates

**21<sup>st</sup> August** Messy Church picnic

**8<sup>th</sup> September** – Pastrow Pilgramige

**29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> Sept** Flower Festival at Weyhill.

**29<sup>th</sup> 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

## Readings This Week

2 Sam 11. 26 – 12. 13a      Ps 51 1 – 13  
Eph 4 1 – 16                  John 6 24 - 35

## Next Week

2 Sam 18 5 – 9, 15 31 – 33      Ps 130  
Eph 4 25 – 5 2                  John 6 35, 41 - 51

*In your Prayers please pray for.....*

Our leadership team, may they receive vision and strength from our prayers.

## Remembrance 100

On the 4th of August 1918 King George V called for a National Day of Prayer. 100 days later at the 11th hour all across The Western Front the guns fell silent ending the unimaginable horror of The Great War.

Once again as a Nation we are called to pray for peace and hope for our world 🌍, joining with tens of thousands of others doing the same thing.

I would encourage my brothers and sisters in Christ across the churches of The Pastrow Benefice to commit to daily prayer during the final days of our 4 years of remembering the sacrifice made by those people so long ago.

More information can be found on the following website [hopetogether.org.uk](http://hopetogether.org.uk). Including daily readings and prayers plus other resources.

For those without internet access more information can be provided. Please contact Jude at the Benefice office in the first instance. Or speak to me if you see me.

## Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> Prayer

Father, thank you that you are my rock, my resting place, that in all situations you are all that I need. I pray that I might always know that 'peace that passes all understanding' as I find my rest in you. Amen

## Words of Encouragement

By Oluyinka Esan

### Press On

*My friends, I don't feel I have already arrived. But I forget what is behind, and I struggle for what is ahead. (Phillipians 3.13)*

Incidentally I had to read the above passage just at the time I gained a mid-year challenge award. It's a very timely word, to keep me grounded; a note on the importance of pressing on.

As we reach beyond the summit of this year, we are charged to press on. Remember the Tortoise and the Hare? Avoid the hare's slumber. Here's the word on slumbering: "A little slumber, a little sleep, a little folding of the hands, and poverty arrives big time." (Proverbs 6: 9- 10 my version)

So press on, keep rowing. Don't rest on your oars, though the temptation to rest be strong. It comes in different ways.

At times, rest creeps up like hurdles on one's tracks. Obstacle courses are taxing; the call to rest beckons after each victory. But resist - the battle does not make the war. Propel yourself as you land after each jump. Maintain the momentum and gain ground.

Rest is also attractive after setbacks. It's easy to lie back after a fall. Not so! Arise, dust yourself with the word and press on!

So press on. Look back, look forward and press on. Forget what is past, whether good or bad and press on. Keep your eyes on the prize through Christ and PRESS ON!

## Notes from Pastrow Admin

Do you have events in the autumn? Let me know so we can advertise them.