

Issue No 104 Sunday 30th December 2018

Services & events this week

Sunday 30th Benefice Service 10 am Charlton

Friday 4th

Holy Communion 1.30 pm Weyhill

Holy Communion 2.30 Charlton

Saturday 5th

Breakfast @ 9 Charlton 9 am

Services & events next week

Wednesday 9th Holy Communion 10 am Tangley

Sunday 13th Young Church 11 am Charlton

Encounters 6.30 pm Charlton

Readings This Week

I Sam 2 18 – 20, 26

Ps 148 (or 148, 1 – 6)

Col 3 12 – 17

Luke 2 41 - end

Next Week

Isa 60 1- 6

Ps 72 (or 72 1- 15)

Eph 3 1 – 12

Matt 2 1 - 12

In your Prayers please pray for.....

The families caught in the tsunami in Indonesia, may they find hope as they rebuild.

As we look forward to 2019 may we find comfort knowing that we will not make the journey on our own but be watched and protected every step of the way

Our world leaders may 2019 bring peace and harmony to all.

Pastrow & Community Diary Dates

The Bible Explored

A journey through the biggest selling book of all time

Understand the Old and New Testaments better. Discover how the 66 books fit together and the key themes of this amazing book. Become more confident about reading it for yourself and finding your way around. Open up a new way for God to speak into your life.

Starts the week beginning 24th February 2019.

Twelve small groups to choose from, meeting mid-week in a fun, stimulating atmosphere (home, pub etc).

Interested:

call Revd Ian 01264 749935 or email
revian@pastrowbenefice.org.uk

Words of Encouragement

By Janet Cressy

I trust you have all had a wonderful Christmas and are now looking forward to the New Year.

Tomorrow will be the last day of 2018, and the new year will be upon us on Tuesday. As I always say to myself each year, where has the time gone? What remarkable things have I done or achieved during the year? It's a time for reflection, and personally I don't appear to have achieved anything!! As my teachers always used to put in my report "Could do better!". Yes I know I could, and I will try!

We mustn't forget the disasters and tragedies which have happened in 2018. There have been fires, floods and famine across the world and so many have lost their families and homes. I hope and pray that the mistakes made – such as the cladding on the Grenfield Tower, causing the disastrous fire in which so many people lost their lives - will never happen again.

However, we must take the time to remember all the good things which have happened, such as the wedding of Harry and Meghan, and the birth of Louis to Kate and William.

The good news is that the Pastrow Benefice is working well under the leadership of Reverend Alex and there is much going on within the Benefice, such as several different services in the Churches to choose from - also prayer groups, childrens Messy Church activities, and social get-togethers, to name a few.

I hope you are all looking forward to 2019 and I send everyone my very best wishes and I hope you all have a fantastic and healthy New Year.

Notes from Pastrow Admin

Happy New Year to you all, may you welcome it with open hearts and embrace God.