

Issue No 101 Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2018

## Services & events this week

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup>** Holy Communion 1.30 pm Weyhill & 2.30 pm Charlton

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>** Young Church 11 am Charlton

Carol Service 3 pm Enham

Christingle 4 pm Penton

Encounters 6.30 pm Charlton

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>** Messy Church Smannell 3 – 5 pm

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>** Holy Communion Tangley 10 am

## Services & events next week

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>** Nativity & Christingle 10 am Hatherden

Christingle service 10.30 Weyhill, 3.00 pm Charlton

Carol Service 4 pm Penton, 6 pm Smannell & Tangley

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup>** Tea & Natter 2.30 pm Charlton

Messy church Hatherden 3 – 5 pm

Carols around the Tree 7.30 pm Charlton

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>** Holy Communion 10 am Tangley

## Readings This Week

Baruch ch 5 or Mal 3 1 – 4    Canticle: Benedictus  
Phil 1 3 – 11                      Luke 3 1 - 6

## Next Week

Zeph 3 14 – end    Phil 4 4 – 7    Luke 3 7 - 18  
Canticle Isa 12 2 – 6 or Ps 146 4 - end

## In your Prayers please pray for.....

Those known to us who are under the weather may God's love and strength carry them on the path to recovery.

All our clergy, service leaders and churchwardens as we enter this very busy and important time of year.

All our emergency services as they cope with the Christmas revelry in our towns and cities.

## Pastrow & Community Diary Dates



All Christmas services are on the website  
<http://www.pastrowbenefice.org.uk>

If you don't have access you are welcome to give Jude a call on 07999 352585 to find out information. Remember you are most welcome to attend services across the benefice a warm welcome will await you.

## Notes from Pastrow Admin

All quiet at the moment but look out at the Christmas services for exciting events for the new year.

## Words of Encouragement

By Diane Steele

A talk at a recent service was all about everlasting love. God's unconditional and everlasting love:

At the beginning of Advent we look forward over the next few weeks preparing to see the most vivid evidence of God's lasting love.

Two births of baby boys; the birth of John the Baptist and the birth of Jesus our Messiah.

Both mothers, Elizabeth and Mary did not expect to give birth to these two babies, both had been chosen by God and were privileged and honoured.

John goes on as an adult to prepare the way for the coming of Jesus and both of them went on to carry out God's work. Jesus was sent to spread God's love and forgiveness.

Births are mostly surrounded by joy and love: so much love, which we give to our children just as Elizabeth and Mary had done before us.

John and Jesus paid the ultimate price. Both died rather barbaric deaths, John for preaching and foretelling the coming of a King 'Jesus'. Jesus died for the salvation of the world, for all sinners everywhere including us.

Both men gave the lives unconditionally. **What Love!!**

So at this Advent/Christmastide with all the busyness of the season we must put aside some extra time to absorb the true unconditional love of Jesus Christ. **The greatest present of all.**