

Issue No 81 Sunday 22nd July 2018

Services & events this week

Sunday 22nd

Weyhill Family fun Day noon at the Weyhill Fair
Encounters - Philippian Jailer 6.30 pm Charlton

Tuesday 24th Church Lunch call John 01264 357713

Wednesday 25th

Holy Communion 9.30 am HBT & 10 am Tangley

Services & events next week

Sunday 29th Benefice Service – Living as a Disciple
10 am Hatherden

Wednesday 1st

Holy Communion 9.30 am HBT & 10 am Tangley

Friday 3rd Holy Communion 1.30 pm Weyhill &
2.30 pm Charlton

Readings This Week

2 Sam 7 | – 14a Ps 89 20 – 37
Eph 2 | | – end Mark 6 30 – 34 53 - end

Next Week

2 Sam 11 | – 15 Ps 14
Eph 3 14 – end John 6 | - 21

In your Prayers please pray for.....

All those who are travelling away from home, especially as the holiday getaway starts.

Those who have recently lost loved ones or have received sad news.

Ourselves, friends and family may we all be at peace in the knowledge we share Gods love and vision to guide us along the path of life

Pastrow & Community Diary Dates

21st August Messy Church picnic

29th & 30th Sept Flower Festival at Weyhill.

29th September Swing Night – full details to come

Email prayer requests to
prayer@pastrowbenefice.org.uk

Pastrow Pilgrimage Saturday 8th September

All are welcome to join us, sponsorship forms will be out soon alternatively sponsor us as a group on our Just Giving page.

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/pastrow-pilgrimage>

Words of Encouragement

By Terry Milne

‘As he went ashore, He saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were sheep without a shepherd; and He began to teach them many things.’ (Mark 6 v34)

The scene described in the above verse comes when Jesus and His disciples had tried to take time away from the crowds. Jesus needed rest and recuperation but as his preaching and performing of miracles kept on drawing more and more to listen to him he was getting tired and weary. But, on seeing the crowds that had rushed to the place where they knew he would land from the boat, Jesus did not do what some of us might do and just stay on the boat or sail away again. No, he saw that the crowds needed guiding, just as a flock of sheep need a shepherd to lead them down the right path to safety.

Jesus, though he was weary, had compassion and fought off his tiredness to look after his sheep – the people who needed his very words to sustain them. There are lessons for us here. Whoever we are we should always be aware of others’ needs. They might be obvious, someone in clear distress, or they might only be visible through very small indications. When there is a need we should not plead tiredness or boredom but strive to meet that need where we can. The other main lesson here is that we (often the people in need ourselves) should recognise that even the best carer in the world needs time out – needs rest and recuperation. Who is the counsellor who counsels the counsellor? Who is the doctor that looks after the weary doctor? And who cares for the overburdened minister in the church? We need to take some responsibility on ourselves here and only ask for help when we really need it.

Now the risen Jesus is with us alongside the Father he does not become weary with us – we can ask him as many times as we want to help – maybe that is the best place to start when we need help and guidance.

Notes from Pastrow Admin

Have the *Grapevine* every Thursday to your inbox, email eventsadmin@pastrowbenefice.org.uk to join the mailing list.