

Notes from Pastrow Admin
Please see the Benefice website for details on future services and events.

Services & events this week

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

Wednesday 1st Holy Communion 9.30 am HBT & 10 am Tangley

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

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Readings This Week

2 Sam 11 1 – 15
Ps 14
Eph 3 14 – end
John 6 1 - 21

Services & events next week

Wednesday 8th Holy Communion 9.30 am HBT & 10 am Tangley

Sunday 12th Young Church 11 am Charlton.

Next Week

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

In your Prayers please pray for.....

The families and holiday makers in Greece affected by the wild fires.

Our older family, friends and neighbours as this heat goes on may Gods strength keep them well

Those know to us that are suffering illness or loss

Pastrow & Community Diary Dates

21st August Messy Church picnic

8th September – Pastrow Pilgramige

29th & 30th Sept Flower Festival at Weyhill.

29th September Swing Night – full details to come

Words of Encouragement
By Karen Blakeman

Dear God,
Thank you for our Christian world and how God made us all different. We have different things that we like and don't like. We are so lucky to have God from the start and we are lucky to have families that love us and make us happy when we fall or lose faith and trust in people. We should always trust in You. This prayer written at Messy Church in Smannell By Kaitlin and Freya aged 9

Psalm 139:14 I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made: your works are wonderful, I know that full well. This is the verse we used for Messy Church this month, And here are a few more equally amazing verses.

I knew you even before you were conceived. Jeremiah 1;5
I chose you when I planned creation. Ephesians 1:11
You were not a mistake, for all your days are written in my book. Psalm 139: 16

We share in the awe and wonder we experience when we appreciate all that our creator God has made in us. Psalm 139 :14 celebrates the uniqueness and individuality found in the truth that God loves each one us, exactly as we are!

Our hearts and minds are lifted by the sight of created beauty: a perfectly captured photograph of a moment in time; a painting that takes us out of our present context, a hand-crafted piece of furniture that has weathered the passing of time and many messy fingers; our recognition of God's activity in the mountains, seas, lochs, rivers that fill our world and in the tiny plants unfurling as spring begins. We love and speak eloquently of beauty, but rarely of our own God's- created beauty. Instead we often focus on what we perceive to be our inadequacies.

Psalm 139 is said to have been written by David (him of David and Goliath fame) if it was, he knew what it was to be the youngest child, not thought important enough even to be invited to the party, or strong enough to join with the battle. However, he knew that God had made him and that was a wonderful thing, a thing of beauty to celebrate.

How would we describe ourselves - would you use words such as beautiful, funny, interesting, brilliant? If we believe ourselves to be beautiful it will spill out to others and we can celebrate our God's creativeness together.

We encouraged the families at Messy church to see how wonderful we and our world are culminating in making our own masterpieces and eating them!!

