

Issue No 77 Sunday 24th June 2018

Services & events this week

Saturday 23rd

Charlton Fete 1 - 4 pm

Hatherdens' concert see below

Sunday 24th Encounters – Mary Magdalene 6.30 pm
Charlton

Tuesday 26th Church Lunch contact John Reid
01264 357713

Wednesday 27th Holy Communion 9.30 am HBT &
10 am Tangley

Services & events next week

Wednesday 4th Holy Communion 9.30 am HBT &
10 am Tangley

Friday 6th Holy Communion 1.30 pm Weyhill &
3.30 pm Charlton

Readings This Week

Isa 40 1 – 11 Ps 85 7 – end
Acts 13 14b – 26 Luke 1 57 – 66, 80

Next Week

1 Sam 1 1, 17 – end Ps 130
2 Cor 8 7 – end Mark 5 21 - end

In your Prayers please pray for.....

All our wedding couples, as they start this new chapter in their lives may they be showered with Gods love.

Those know to us who need Gods love and strength to carry them through difficult times.

Events coming up in our churches and communities may they be blessed with good fortune and settled weather

Pastrow & Community Diary Dates

Saturday 23rd June Morgan Szymanski -
Classical Guitarist Concert Hatherden
Please contact ROSIE SWAYNE on 01264 735357
or email rosie.swayne@btinternet.com for
information and to purchase tickets which are
£15.00 to include wine and refreshments after the
concert. **ONLY A FEW TICKETS LEFT BOOK
NOW.**

Sunday 8th July Penton Fete on the Village
Sports Field.

Sunday 22nd July Weyhill Family Fun Day in the
grounds of the Weyhill Fair.

Notes from Pastrow Admin

Please see the Benefice website for details on
future services and events.

Words of Encouragement By Diane Steele

In the Gospel of Mark Chapter 4 v 26-34 Jesus is trying to show us what God's Kingdom is like? It's not easy to describe, so instead he tells us stories so that we can try and imagine it.

However, by the very nature of our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, as our Spiritual Father we know that through him, like our earthly fathers, great things are achieved.

The seed that Jesus talks about is quite capable of growing wonderfully on its own simply because it is a living seed. Whenever we sow the seed of God's love or his word in someone's heart, God will continue his work of growth there using all the circumstances of that person's experience to develop the growing. What begins so small can grow beyond our imagination.

The little seed of God's kingdom grows a tiny bit to the possibility of God being real and active in their lives

Sometimes the kingdom of God grows gradually and can lead us step by step as we grow more closer with him.

Over a few years or a lifetime, that little seed grows in us and we realise how our lives need to change. We suddenly have a sense of God being real and close to us both in a time of sadness or joy

We are so full of God in our lives that we are standing tall and strong in faith.

How is the kingdom of God's growing coming on in us? Is it still a tiny seed full of hope but not yet developed very much? Has it just started to sprout, putting out roots and shoots? Is it not growing very much at all at the moment, or has it recently had a big surge of growth and is excitedly stretching upwards and outwards in the knowledge of God's love and forgiveness? Or is it already tall and strong

What a world it would be with churches full of people in them, in whom the kingdom of God was growing strong as the mustard trees. It could happen and the people could be us. Amen