

## Events This week

### Mothering Sunday Services

10 am Penton  
10.30 am Weyhill  
11 am Tangley & Charlton  
6.30 pm Encounters with Elizabeth, mother of John the Baptist.

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>** Messy church Smannell School 3 pm

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>** Holy Communion 10 am Tangley

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>** Compline 9.15 pm Charlton

## Notices from around the Benefice....

**Church Growth** - Lent Course from Sat 10<sup>th</sup> March  
10 am The Rectory Enham please call Revd Val for details 01264 748065

**Tough Questions of Faith** – Lent Course The Rectory Penton 7.30 pm 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

**Barn Dance** Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March 7.30 pm at The Fairground Weyhill, Contact Jan 01264 710173  
Tickets £10 inc supper.

**Buildings Manager** required at St Thomas Charlton Please contact Terry Milne on 01264 391504 or [terrymilne62@gmail.com](mailto:terrymilne62@gmail.com) for further details.

**Retreat Day 2018** – Reflection on John's Gospel.  
Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March The Old Dairy Hatherden Tickets £5 to book call Jude on 07999 352585.

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

All the emergency services as they go about their daily duties.

Our mothers, let us show how much they are loved and thought about not only today but everyday throughout the year.

Those who are abstaining or undertaking new challenges through Lent, may Gods strength guide them in the right direct in the second half.

## Community Diary Dates

The Vine Bookshop is looking for volunteers please call Brenda Sleath on 01264 355706 for details.

If you would like a prayer said for you, family or friends by the benefice prayer group please email [prayer@pastrowbenefice.org.uk](mailto:prayer@pastrowbenefice.org.uk)

## Readings This Week

Num 21 4 – 9      Ps 107 1 – 3 17 – 22  
Eph 2 1 – 10      John 3 14 - 21

## Next Week

Jer 31 31 – 34      Ps 51 1 – 13  
Heb 5 5 – 10      John 12 20 - 33

## Words of Encouragement

By Andrew Baines

The Prayer of Peace, attributed to St Francis of Assisi, is a great source of strength and encouragement for us always to put others before ourselves, and God before all. Let us make it a daily prayer this week, as we approach Easter in thankfulness – as a reminder that the shape of the Cross is an image of an 'I' crossed out.

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.*

*Where there is hatred, let me bring love.*

*Where there is offense, let me bring pardon.*

*Where there is discord, let me bring union.*

*Where there is error, let me bring truth.*

*Where there is doubt, let me bring faith.*

*Where there is despair, let me bring hope.*

*Where there is darkness, let me bring your light.*

*Where there is sadness, let me bring joy.*

*O Master, let me not seek as much*

*to be consoled as to console,*

*to be understood as to understand,*

*to be loved as to love.*

*For it is in giving that one receives,*

*it is in self-forgetting that one finds,*

*it is in pardoning that one is pardoned,*

*it is in dying that one is raised to eternal life.*

## Notes from Pastrow Admin

### Happy Mothering Sunday

Celebrate your Mum  
at one of our special services