

Issue No 73 Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2018

## Services & events this week

### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>

Songs of Praise Weyhill 10.30 am

Encounters - Gideon 6.30 pm Charlton

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup>** Holy Communion 9.30 am  
Hurstbourne and 10 am Tangley

### Friday 1<sup>st</sup>

Holy Communion 1.30 pm Weyhill & 2.30 Charlton

## Services & events next week

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>** June Holy Communion 9.30 am  
Hurstbourne & 10 am Tangley

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>** Young Church 11 am Charlton

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>** Enham Fun Day 1 – 4 pm

URGENT HELP NEEDED on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June for a tea tent in Vigo Park for the Majors Father's Day Event. Please contact Alan Evans on [aevans7244@aol.com](mailto:aevans7244@aol.com) or 07803 745706 please.

## Readings This Week

Isa 6 1 – 8                      Ps 29  
Rom 8 12 – 17                 John 3 1 - 17

## Next Week

1 Sam 3 1 – 10 [11 – 20]      Ps 139 1 – 5, 12 – 18  
2 Cor 4. 5 – 12                 Mark 2. 23 – 3.6

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

All those who are travelling over the school holidays.

The Clergy, benefice team and all those who help within the Pastrow benefice.

All the events that are happening over the benefice this summer, may the weather be kind and the turn out good.

## Pastrow & Community Diary Dates

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June** Morgan Szymanski - Classical Guitarist Concert Hatherden  
Please contact ROSIE SWAYNE on 01264 735357 or email [rosie.swayne@btinternet.com](mailto:rosie.swayne@btinternet.com) for information and to purchase tickets which are £15.00 to include wine and refreshments after the concert.

Enham Fun Day Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June Enham Football Ground

Pet Service the Rectory Enham, 10 am Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June

The prayer group are always happy to say prayers for you or an event, email them on [prayer@pastrowbenefice.org.uk](mailto:prayer@pastrowbenefice.org.uk)

## Words of Encouragement

By Revd Val

I sometimes go to a Quiet Day at St Columba's retreat house in Woking and the last one I went to was about Mary Magdalene. Mary has been described as the apostle to the apostles...in fact the first apostle as she was sent out by Jesus to tell the disciples that she had seen the Risen Lord.

Recent research on Jesus' women disciples have given us some new insights...some of you may have seen the programme on television a few weeks ago. But we spent a lot of time with the reading from John 20, verses 1-18. The words that struck me particularly were: ...she turned round and saw Jesus standing there... Sometimes we need to turn from the path we are following and look afresh for Jesus in a new direction. We may be facing the tomb, a place of darkness, but we need to turn to face the Risen Christ as Mary did...she turned from death to face new life.

This can mean different things for each of us but it might mean that God is calling you to something new. Perhaps God is guiding you down a new path that you may not have even thought about before.

It can be scary but exciting all at the same time. When Mary reaches out to Jesus, he says, do not touch me. Mary knows that she has to move on and change. How will we continue to grow and deepen our faith? What needs to change in your life?

'Follow him, follow him,  
yield your life to him,  
he has conquered death,  
he is King of Kings;  
accept the joy which he gives to those,  
who yield their lives to him.'

In this year of discipleship what are you doing to deepen your faith and to move on with Jesus?  
Blessings for you all, Val

I refrain from the hymn, 'I want to walk with Jesus Christ' 1974 Celebration Services [Yeldhall]Ltd., which we sang in our lunchtime worship at the Quiet Day.

## Notes from Pastrow Admin

Please remember to return Yes to the Grapevine email to continue to receive after the 1<sup>st</sup> June.