

Services & events this week

Sunday 18th Reflection – Teilhard De Chardin 6 pm
Tangley

Monday 19th Tea & Natter – 2.30 pm Charlton
Messy Church 3 – 5 pm Hatherden

Wednesday 21st Holy Communion 10 am Tangley
Friendship Group 7.30 pm Charlton

In your Prayers please pray for.....

All those we know who have loved ones who are ill or have recently passed, may Gods love and strength protect them

The People who are raising funds for charity especially those who are doing activities out of their comfort zone

Our benefice family and clergy may we all be united and work together as we follow the path God has shown us

Words of Encouragement By Andrew Baines

Around 3,000 years ago Solomon wrote Ecclesiastes, a profound book full of practical wisdom. One of the best known passages comes in Chapter 3 where he writes about time. At first glance what he says may seem perfectly obvious. Giving fourteen examples, he says there is a time for x and a time for y (where x is the exact opposite of y). For example:

*a time to be born and a time to die,
a time to weep and a time to laugh,
a time to search and a time to give up,
a time to be silent and a time to speak,
a time to love and a time to hate,
a time for war and a time for peace, etc.*

For this all to make sense one has to realise that Solomon is talking about God's time. By reminding us that life is full of different cycles, he is effectively encouraging us to switch time zones – away from our own and onto God's.

We must never, ever lose heart and feel that we have been abandoned when times are tough. God loves us unconditionally and will be with us at every step of our life.

There will always be ups and downs, but God is a constant, loving Father.

November 1918 was the start of a time of long-awaited peace after the dreadful world war. If we fully accept Jesus' love, grace and truth we will also be given peace to accept God' plan and God's time for us, whatever our situation.

As Jesus told his disciples 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me'.

Services & events next week

Wednesday 28th Holy Communion 10 am Tangley

Saturday 1st Breakfast at 9 Charlton 9 am
Advent Retreat 10 am The Old Dairy Barn

Pastrow & Community Diary Dates

Saturday 17th Christmas Fayre Charlton 1 – 4 pm

Fri 23rd Nov – Quiz Night the Fairground £10 inc supper max 6 per team to book call Jan 01264 710173

Saturday 1st Dec Advent Retreat Day 10 – 4 pm £10 inc lunch, call Jude to book.

Readings This Week

Dan 12 1 – 3 Ps 16
Heb 10 11 – 14 [15-18] 19 – 25 Mark 13 1 - 8

Next Week

Dan 7 9 – 10, 13 – 14 Ps 93
Rev 1 4b – 8 John 18 33 - 37

Notes from Pastrow Admin

Starting to plan Christmas? Have a look at our website for all our Christmas services and events and pop them in the diary.