The Pastrow Benefice

Sharing the love, grace and truth of Jesus Christ

Services & events this week

Sunday 21st Weyhill's Harvest Lunch see opposite

Tuesday 23rd Church Lunch call John Reid 01264 357713 for details

Wednesday 24th Holy Communion 10 am Tangley

Saturday 27th Young Church Halloween call Sally 01264 366394 for details



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In your Prayers please pray for.....

Those travelling away from home as the school holidays start

For all the planned activities over the coming weeks, may the preparation and organization pay dividends for excellent events

For all know to us who have lost loved ones recently or who are undergoing on going treatment may Gods love protect us

Services & events next week

Sunday 28th – Encounters 6.30 pm Charlton

Wednesday 31st Holy Communion 10 am Tangley

Friday 2nd Holy Communion 1.30 pm Weyhill 2.30 pm Charlton

Saturday 3rd Breakfast at Nine 9 am Charlton

Reflection – Remembrance 100 – 3 pm Enham

Readings This Week

[on 38 I – 7 [34 – end]

Ps 104 I - 10, 26, 35c

Heb 5 I – 10

Mark 10 35 - 45

Next Week

Job 42 I – 6 I0 – end

PS 34 I - 8 I9 - end

Heb 7 23 – end

Mark 10 46 - end

Pastrow & Community Diary Dates

Sun 21 st **Oct** – Weyhill's Harvest Lunch Noon at the Fairground Hall £12 call Jude 01264 353561 to book

Sat 3rd Nov – Reflection on Remembrance 100 2 pm St Georges Enham. All Welcome

Sat 3rd Nov – Barn Dance the Fairground tickets £10 inc supper call Jan 01264 710173 for details & booking

Sun 4th Nov All Souls Service 3.30 pm Charlton If you would like a loved one remembered in the service please let Judith know 07999 352585 thank you

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

Words of Encouragement By Karen Blakeman



Prayers Answered

Hearing the sound of friends being re- united and greeting each other, the laughter of shared times together is uplifting. Hearing the laughter in church between three young children who now all go to different schools, friendships re-kindled is even more special. And reminded me of a special moment I had this week.

Has anyone ever told you how much God loves you?

These words stuck in my mind when Andrew Baines shared them with us in a service: he told us a story of friend of his who regularly shared these words with as many people as she could. An image of an elderly lady holding the hands of a taxi driver and looking him straight in the eye. I don't recall her name but I'll never forget her words. Andrew described her as very evangelical lady.

God then popped an idea into my head - As you may or may not know over the last year there has been a bit of a craze of leaving painted pebbles around for others to find. As a messy church activity, I wrote these words on stones and the idea was that the children and adults were encouraged to create a picture on the opposite side and then take the stone away and leave it somewhere for someone else to find.

How well this turned out we'll never know- however the other day I found the above stone in my car. (I confess I don't clean out my car that thoroughly or that often!!) This stone had obviously fallen out of the bag. The most amazing hope these wonderful words gave me - I had the biggest smile across my face for the rest of the day. And was uplifted with praise and thanks for our remarkable God of love and grace. Just goes to prove we all need a little reminding from time to time

Dear Lord give us the courage to share these words as often and as many times as we can.

Amen.