

Issue No 88 Sunday 9th September 2018

Services & events this week

Saturday 8th Breakfast at Nine – a new meeting starting with breakfast then a bible study, all welcome. 9 am Charlton

8th September – Pastrow Pilgrimage – starting at Holy Trinity Penton 8 am

Sunday 9th Pet Service 10 am The Old Dairy Hatherden, Young Church 11 am Charlton & Encounters - Moses 6.30 pm Charlton

Tuesday 11th Messy Church Smannell 3 – 5 pm & Val's leaving service at Christ Church Hatherden – 7.30 pm

Wednesday 12th Holy Communion 10 am Tangley

Services & events next week

Sunday 16th Harvest Service 6 pm Tangley

Monday 17th FOST Tea & natter Charlton 2.30 pm

Monday 17th Messy church 3 pm Hatherden

Wednesday 19th Holy Communion 10 am Tangley

Readings This Week

Prov 22 1 – 2, 8 – 9, 22- 23 Ps 125
James 2 1 – 10 [11- 13] 14 – 17 Mark 7 24 - end

Next Week

Prov 1 20 – 33 Ps 19 (or 19 1 – 6)
James 3 1 – 12 Mark 8 27 - end

In your Prayers please pray for.....

All those doing the Pastrow Pilgrimage may the spirits and Gods strength be with them all

Those affected by the various building fires around the country and abroad.

The benefice family may we all keep good health or make a speedy recovery if undergoing treatment

Pastrow & Community Diary Dates

Thursday 20th September Afternoon Tea - Hatherden Church, at 2.30 pm. An opportunity for a get together over strawberries and cream, cakes and tea! Everyone welcome.

29th & 30th Sept Flower Festival at Weyhill. 10 – 4 pm Refreshments available

29th September Swing Night with the Good Fortunes Big Band – doors open 7 pm Tickets £15 inc supper. Bring your own drink. Call Jude 07708 425864 or Jan 01264 710173

Sat 6th Oct – Harvest Supper & Quiz Charlton church, see poster or call Jean for details 01264 391504

Sat 6th Oct – Harvest Supper Wildhern village hall 6.30pm for 7pm. Bring your own drinks. Tickets £5 available from Zoë at zoecleeton@hotmail.com or phone 01264 735247.

Words of Encouragement By Diane Steele

The Lord is my Shepherd.

Few words have brought greater comfort and inspiration across the centuries more than the 23rd Psalm. It is one of the few passages of scripture that most people have at least some knowledge of and one that resonates at some deep unconscious level. Perhaps one of the secrets of its enduring popularity is that David himself, in his youth, was a shepherd. In other words, words when he wrote 'The Lord is my shepherd' he knew what he was talking about, the words rich with personal associations.

This was no sentimental comparison. It was rather the testimony of someone who understood the commitment and devotion that shepherding requires and who, in an outpouring of wonder realised that here was an illustration of God's astonishing love for all his people.

For us, that love has been revealed all the more wonderfully through Jesus Christ and his willingness to offer his own life for our sakes. He is the one who walked through the darkest of valleys, the valley of the shadow of death, so that truly we need fear no evil. Nothing now, in life or death can ever finally separate us from the love of God expressed through him.

There is nothing more inspiring or encouraging than the words of the 23rd Psalm and God's love for us, so much so that his only son walked through that dark valley to become our Saviour.

Amen.

Notes from Pastrow Admin

The collection for Val & Phil's leaving present is on going if you wish to give please send to Jude at 97 Vigo Rd, Andover Hants SP10 1HW thank you.