

Issue No 119 Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2019

### Services & events this week

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>** – Passion Reading 6.30 pm Charlton  
**Monday 15<sup>th</sup>** – Retreat see details below  
Tea & Natter 2.30 pm Charlton  
Easter Songs of Praise 7.30 pm HBT  
**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>** Messy Church 11 am Charlton  
**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>** Holy Communion 9.30 am HBT  
10 am Tangley  
Reflective Service 7.30 pm Hatherden  
**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>** Passover meal see details below  
Maundy Service 7.30 pm Weyhill  
Tenebrae Liturgy 7.30 pm HBT

### Services & events next week

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup>** – Good Friday see list attached  
**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>** – Children's Easter workshop 10.30 am Weyhill call Jude 07999 352585 to book  
**Easter Sunday** see attached list for all services  
**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>** Holy Communion 9.30 am HBT & 10 am Tangley

### Readings This Week

Luke 19 28 – 40                      Ps 118 1 – 2 19 – end

### Next Week

Acts 10 34 – 43                      Ps 118 1 - 2, 14 – 24  
1 Cor 15 19 – 26                      John 20 1 - 18

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

Those know to us who are poorly or recovering from illness, may Gods love and strength help them on the road to recovery

Our farmers and land workers as spring brings new life and growth

All who work in the hospitality industry may they also enjoy the holidays as many venture on breaks to relax

### Pastrow & Community Diary Dates

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April** Amazing Grace Retreat at The Old Dairy Hatherden, please book as places are limited, call Jude 07999 352585

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April**  
Passover Meal Vernham Village Hall 5 pm Call Tammy 737269 to book  
Messy Church Easter Special 11 am Charlton to book call Karen 07766 945118

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April** Passover meal 6.30 pm Charlton to book please call Jude 07999 352585

### Words of Encouragement

By Ian Smale

These last few weeks has seen a focus on eyes in the Smale house. I had a cataract operation 2 weeks ago and now I can see much better out of my right eye. Sue has suffered strange out-of-focus blurredness off and on for a few years. It was particularly bad when we went to the New Wine leaders' regional conference in Leicester 3 weeks ago. She was trying to focus on the speaker, Bishop Jill Duff, but had great difficulty. At the end of her talk Jill prayed that God would give a new vision to those who were present to see things the way he (God) sees things. As soon as she prayed that, the fogginess in Sue's eyes went and she could see with pin-sharp clarity. She wasn't sure if this was a gracious physical healing from God or a sign that God was telling her that he wanted her to see some situation or people with his eyes. It is now three weeks since that event and she has not had any more vision problems in her eyes. It seems that God has chosen to heal her eyes supernaturally.

Vision is a mysterious thing. How come some people see the reality of God and some don't? How come some people understand and respond to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and some just don't get it. It's nothing to do with intelligence or the lack of it. How come a crowd sang 'Hosanna' for Jesus as he entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and another crowd cried for his crucifixion just a few days later?

Pray that, like Sue God will open the eyes of those who cannot see.

### Notes from Pastrow Admin

With Holy week upon us, please join us for any of the services across the benefice, you will be welcome wherever you venture to join us on our journey in this special week.