



Grapevine



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Services & events this week

Sunday 18th

8.30 am Holy Communion – Penton
10 am All Age Service – Charlton
10 am Morning Praise – Hatherden
10 am Family Service – Vernham
10 am Sung Eucharist – HBT
10 am Family Service - Enham
10.30 am All Age with Communion – Weyhill
6 pm Evening Prayer with Communion – Linkenholt

Wednesday 24th

Holy Communion 9.30 am HBT & 10 am Tangley

Friends Group 7.30 pm Charlton

Readings This Week

The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Isaiah 51 – 7
Psalm 80 1 – 2, 9 – end
Hebrews 11. 29 – 12. 2
Luke 12 49 - 56

Next Week

The tenth Sunday after Trinity

Jeremiah 1 4 – 10
Psalm 71 1 – 6
Hebrews 12 18 – end
Luke 13 10 - 17

Services & events next week

Sunday 25th

9 am Holy Communion - Charlton
10 am Benefice Holy Communion - Faccombe
10 am Holy Communion – Smannell
10 am All Age Communion – Penton
10 am Woodland Family Service - Tangley
10.30 am Village Service – Weyhill
6.30 pm Encounters with Jesus – Charlton

Wednesday 28th

Holy Communion 9.30 am HBT & 10 am Tangley

In your Prayers please pray for.....

Ourselves, to give us time and space to just be, and allow the holy spirit to fill and recharge us

All hospitality staff who are working extra hard over the holiday period to ensure we enjoy our breaks.

The changes happening in our churches, may we all see that sometimes they are needed to bring a new energy and passion into our buildings which in turn will nourish us all.

Pastrow & Community Diary Dates

Alpha Tasters – Friday 13th September

12.00 – 2.30 pm Hurstbourne Community Centre &
7.00 – 9.30 pm Penton Village Hall please call Jude
07999 352585 to book (for refreshments numbers)
or see sign-up sheets in churches NOW!

++++ Penton Choir Taster Sessions +++++

Saturday 21st Sept 10 am or Monday 23rd Sept 7.30 pm, both at Holy Trinity Penton for a short sing and discussion, ALL AGES WELCOME Call Rev Tom 730761 for more info.

Macmillan Coffee Day Friday 27th September
9 – 4.30 at Hatherden

Play & Praise returning Sunday 29th September

Pastrow & Community Diary Dates

Chaos Castle Holiday Club 27th – 29th August

St Thomas Charlton open to all children who have been in current Yr R – Y 6 school years. Text CHAOS and an email address to 07999 352585 to receive a booking form and all the information.

~~~ Retreat Days ~~~

Ladies Retreat – Wednesday 18th Sept
Men's Retreat "How to reach men" Saturday 21st Sept
Both are being held at The Barn Hatherden & start at 9.30 am, £10 including refreshments and lunch to book please contact Jude 07999 352585 or eventsadmin@pastrowbenefice.org.uk

Words of Encouragement

By Revd Tom Etherton

Soaking in God's Presence

When was the last time you thought about your baptism? For some of us it might be many years ago, for others it might be more recent. Chances are there are a number of us for whom it wasn't a choice which we made but one our parents made for us.

Whenever we were baptised, it's important to think about what that means for us in our daily walk with Jesus. I'll confess that I don't often study the book of Titus, it's one of the less well known and shorter letters in the New Testament and is likely a later composition, not written by Paul himself but by someone telling their contemporaries what Paul might have been saying to the church then.

But in chapter 3 of this short letter is, I believe, a reminder of what our baptism does for us. It reminds us that once we were "foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another." (3:3)

All in all, it sounds like many of the situations we see in the world around us – knife crime, shootings, addictions, decisions based solely on emotion without any consideration for impact, selfish politics, the list could go on.

"But when the kindness and love of God our Saviour appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit" (3:4-5).

The gift of the Holy Spirit which we receive at baptism isn't just a temporary thing or something that wears off but it is a gift for life. We need to spend time soaking in God's loving presence but all we have to do is turn back to God; the Holy Spirit is within each of us and will empower us to do God's will.

I'd encourage all of us today to think back to our baptism, whether we can remember it or not (if we can't we can imagine it!), and refresh ourselves in the presence of the Holy Spirit; spend time soaking in God's presence.

Collect

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Welcome to our church family

Wedding Congratulations to

Polly Ryall & Alistair Pound
Amy Goatley & Callum McCarthy

In memory of

Joan Wheeler-Adams

Notes from Pastrow Admin

Look out for all the information in churches on all our events, not sure or need more information give me a call on 07999 352585 or email eventsadmin@pastrowbenefice.org.uk

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