

The Pastrow Benefice

Sharing the love, grace and truth of Jesus Christ

Grapevine

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Services & events this week

Saturday 9th Breakfast @ 9 - "Is there anything wrong with sex before marriage?" Charlton 9 am

Benefice Quiz 7 pm Charlton call Jude to book in your team, it is open to everyone.

Sunday 10th – Young Church 11 am Charlton Encounters – Billy Graham 6.30 pm Charlton

Tuesday 12th – Messy Church Smannell 3 – 5 pm

Wednesday 13th Holy Communion 9.30 am HBT & 10 am Tangley
Goldies 2 pm Charlton

Services & events next week

Sunday 17th Evening Prayer 6 pm Linkenholt
Evensong 6 pm Tangley

Monday 18th Tea & Natter 2.30 pm Charlton

Friday 22nd World Day of Prayer Service 2 pm Charlton

Readings This Week

Isa 61 – 8 [9 – end] Ps 138
1 Cor 15 1 – 11 Luke 5 1 - 11

Next Week

Jer 17 5 – 10 Ps 1
1 Cor 15 12 – 20 Luke 6 17 - 26

In your Prayers please pray for.....

Those affected by the fire at Ocado, may those living nearby be supported by friends and the workers find out quickly about their livelihood.

The older folk in our parishes as winter continues may their neighbours keep an eye and support when they can and know that God is there

All our clergy, their families and our wider church family and friends and those who we know on the fringes who are still tentative may Gods love and teachings be there for us all

Pastrow & Community Diary Dates

Benefice Quiz Saturday 9th February 7 pm
Tickets £10 inc supper, max 6 per team call Jude 07999 352585 to book tickets. No later than noon Friday.

Exploring the Bible – have you booked on yet? see flyers in church or previous issues of the grapevine for full information.

The Late Valentines Dinner! With talk by Jill Bentall Saturday 23rd February 7 pm The Fairground Weyhill tickets £10 inc 3 course supper (bring your own drink). To book call Jude 07999 352585

Words of Encouragement

By Andrew Baines

Paul wrote a moving and encouraging letter to his Christian friends in the new church in Philippi who he really loved. Near the start of it he writes:

And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best

Reduced to a simple equation, he is saying:
Love + Knowledge + Insight = Discernment

Paul is gently teaching (and praying) that discernment is a valuable and essential gift, and one that can only be used to God's glory through a combination of love, knowledge and insight.

This is surely also a message from God for us today. As disciples of Jesus how vital it is to discern at a spiritual level where the Holy Spirit is leading us for the 'best', and at a human level what is really 'best' for everyone we come into contact with.

'The Bible Explored' course – an 8 week journey through the bestselling book of all time – starting later this month will be a wonderful opportunity for all of us to improve our 'knowledge', which in turn will lead on to many blessings including greater powers of discernment. Do join one of the many groups within Pastrow that will be doing the course.

Notes from Pastrow Admin

The Electoral rolls are being renewed in all churches, please see your electoral roll officer to complete this years form or complete online by following this link

<https://forms.churchdesk.com/f/SIPcHAj-v>

Thank you for all your help. Jude