

Issue No 112 Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2019

## Services & events this week

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>** Play & Praise 3 pm Charlton

Encounters - The Widow of Zarephath 6.30 pm Charlton

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup>** – Messy Church 3 – 5 pm Hatherden

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>** Holy Communion 9.30 am HBT & 10 am Tangley

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup>** Holy Communion 1.30 pm Weyhill

World Day of Prayer 2.30 pm Charlton

Deanery Prayer Evening 19.30 – 11.00 pm Charlton

All Welcome.

## Services & events next week

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>**

Holy Communion 9.30 am HBT & 10 am Tangley

Ash Wednesday Services 7 pm Smannell &

7.30 pm HBT

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup>** Holy Communion 2.30 pm Charlton

## Readings This Week

Gen 2 4b – 9, 15 – end Ps 65

Rev ch 4 Luke 8 22 - 25

## Next Week

Exod 34 29 – end Ps 99

2 Cor 3.12 – 4.2 Luke 9 28 – 36 [37 – 43a]

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

All of our community events over the next week, may the organisers be blessed with good attendance

All the doctors, nurses and emergency services may they be safe as they go about their everyday jobs.

All teaching staff and children as they return after the holidays may they settle back into routine with ease

## Pastrow & Community Diary Dates

**The Late Valentines Dinner! With talk by Jill Bentall** Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 7 pm The Fairground Weyhill tickets £10 inc 3 course supper (bring your own drink). To book call Jude 07999 352585 **by 5 pm Friday**

**The world's bestselling book** being explored near you call Ian on 01264 749935 to find out about locations and timings.

**World Prayer Day** Service 2.30 pm Charlton

**Deanery half night of Prayer** 19.30 – 1100 at Charlton

## Words of Encouragement

By Diane Steele

It was recently Valentine's Day, a day when love is celebrated, however, we surely do not celebrate love on just one day, of course not. In reality love is a choice and an action and God is the source of our love, he loved us enough that he sacrificed his Son for us. Jesus is our example of what it means to love, everything he did in life or death was supremely loving.

The Holy Spirit gives us the power to love. He lives in our hearts and makes us more and more Christ like. God's love always involves a choice and an action and our love should be like his.

How well do we display our love for God in the choices we make and the actions we take?

If we truly know God, we will love as he does. Jesus is God's only son and while all believers are sons and daughters of God, only Jesus lives in this special unique relationship.

Love explains why God creates - because he loves. He creates people to love.

Love explains why God cares – because he loves them, he cares for his people.

Love explains why we are free to choose – because God wants a loving response from us.

Love explains why Christ died – because his love for us caused him to offer a solution to the problem of sin.

Love explains why we receive eternal life – because God's Love expresses itself to us forever.

## Notes from Pastrow Admin

Please don't forget to complete your electoral roll forms either in church or on online at

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