

Issue No 115 Sunday 17th March 2019

Services & events this week

Saturday 16th Soup & Prayer 11 am Weyhill

Sunday 17th Reflection Service – Paul Schneider
6 pm Tanglely

Monday 18th Tea & Natter 2.30 pm Charlton All
Welcome

Wednesday 20th Holy Communion 9.30 am HBT &
10 am Tanglely

Services & events next week

Sunday 24th Play and Praise 3 pm Charlton
Encounters 6.30 pm Charlton

Monday 25th Messy Church 3 pm Hatherden

Wednesday 27th Holy Communion 9.30 am HBT &
10 am Tanglely

Sunday 31st Mothering Sunday services see your
church notice board for times of services

Readings This Week

I Samuel 16 1 – 13
Matthew 16 13 - 20

Next Week

Jeremiah 1 4 – 19
Luke 1 5 - 17

In your Prayers please pray for.....

The families of the people whose lives were tragically taken from us this week in the plane crash

Our ministers and their families may they all be protected by Gods strength and love.

Our government and the european ministers may they reach a harmonious situation that will be good for all

Pastrow & Community Diary Dates

Sunday 17th March 11.30 am APCM Weyhill

Monday 25th March 7 pm Charlton's APCM all
welcome

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

Tuesday 16th April Passover Meal Vernham
Village Hall 5 pm Call Tammy 737269 to book

Notes from Pastrow Admin

The readings are currently following our Lent
Course the Bible Explored.

Words of Encouragement By Revd Alex

Ask, seek and Knock...

We live in a culture that pushes us to strive for what's new, what's next, and what's better. It's tempting to think that I never have enough and I never am enough.

Matthew 7: 7-12 is not about asking God for more, like one might imagine a genie granting wishes. It is instead a reminder to trust that God provides exactly what we most deeply desire. When we feel restless, it's actually a blessing, an indication that we cannot be fulfilled by things. "Our hearts are restless until they rest in You, O Lord," St. Augustine wrote. God never tires of giving Godself to us. This gift—which we call grace—not only fulfils us, but makes everything possible; it builds on and perfects our human nature so we can cooperate with God in the world. This passage invites us to ponder: How can I be more attentive and responsive to grace so I can cooperate with God this day?

It concludes with the Golden Rule: treat others the way you would like to be treated. Since we don't always know how others would like to be treated, some have suggested a revised version, the so-called Platinum Rule: treat others the way they would like to be treated. It's easy to get stuck thinking about how others have wronged us or to become preoccupied by thinking about how others might take advantage of us, if we're not careful. But, the message calls us to be agents of grace and courtesy. If I trust that I am enough, then how can I help others see that they, too, are enough?

Blessings for the week ahead