

Issue No 116 Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2019

### Services & events this week

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>** Play and Praise 3 pm Charlton  
Encounters - 6.30 pm Charlton

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup>** Messy Church 3 pm Hatherden  
Charlton's APCM 7 pm Charlton all welcome

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

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup>** Mothering Sunday services see your  
church notice board for times of services

### Services & events next week

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>** Holy Communion 9.30 am HBT &  
10 am Tangley

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup>** Holy Communion 1.30 pm Weyhill and  
2.30 pm Charlton

### Readings This Week

Jeremiah 1 4 – 19  
Luke 1 5 - 17

### Next Week

Exod 2 1 – 10      Ps 34 11 – 20  
2 Cor 1 3 – 7      Luke 2 33 - 35

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

Those who have been affected by the shootings  
in New Zealand and the floods in Africa.

All those known to us who are recovering from  
operations, battling with serious illness or making  
those first steps on the road independently due to  
recent bereavement may Gods love and strength  
help them at this time

Gods creations, as spring arrives may the farmers  
be blessed with good weather as they plant the  
fields and see to new born animals.

### 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

### Notes from Pastrow Admin

Please see the benefice website for all events and  
services over the Easter period.

### Words of Encouragement By Janet Cressy

When I looked up the 24<sup>th</sup> March on the internet, there  
were only four important events in the world that  
happened on this day!

1603 The Scottish King James VI, the son of Mary  
Queen of Scots, became James I<sup>st</sup>, so joining the English  
and Scottish crowns.

1837 Canada gave its black citizens the right to vote.

1882 The German Scientist Robert Koch discovered the  
cause of tuberculosis.

1976 The Argentine President Peron is deposed in a  
military coup.

I am sure that we all have our personal important dates  
that have shaped our own lives, whether they be family  
events or local events or world events. Of course, some  
of us older ones still remember the final months of the  
second World War. I remember queuing for an hour with  
my mother just to get one orange! I must have been very  
young then! I also remember the ration books, and the  
eggs bought from a neighbour who had chickens – the eggs  
had to be kept in a bucket of Isinglass? We didn't have a  
fridge in those days, nor a television!

Times have changed, but not always for the better. Are  
we destroying our wonderful world with all the rubbish we  
throw away, and polluting our air with pollutants from  
factories and our vehicles? Are we all happy with our  
lives? Well I do wonder sometimes. Families have  
televisions, mobiles, and the internet – but do they actually  
speak to each other and do they even share a meal  
together? (As Jesus did with his Disciples). Everyone  
seems to live such busy lives but do they stop to think  
about God? I wonder.....

Family life is so important for young children – it shapes  
their views and actions for their future. I know my sons  
will do all they can to ensure their children will live happy  
and fulfilling lives.