

Issue No 124 Sunday 19th May 2019

Services & events this week

Saturday 18th Hatherden Fete see diary dates

Sunday 19th HBT Choral Concert 4 pm

Reflection Service – St Ignatius Loyola 6 pm Tangley

Evening Pray 6 pm Linkenholt

Monday 20th Tea and natter see diary dates

Messy Church 3 – 5 pm Hatherden

Services & events next week

Sunday 26th Encounters 6.30 pm Charlton

Readings This Week

Acts 11 1 – 18

Ps 148

Rev 21 1 – 6

John 13 31 - 35

Next Week

Acts 16 9 - 15

Ps 67

Rev 21.10, 22 – 22.5

John 14 23-29

In your Prayers please pray for.....

Ian Smale and his family at this very difficult time after the sudden death of Sue

God's love and strength, may it encompass us all as we deal with life's ups and downs

Our primary school children as they complete their SATs and those older children who are sitting GCSE's

Pastrow & Community Diary Dates

Hatherden Fete Sat 18th May 1 pm Wildhern Playing fields.

Hurstbourne Choir Spring Concert Sun 19th May 4 pm St Peters HBT

Winchester Flower Festival Film – Monday 20th May 2.30 pm at Tea & Natter Charlton £2.50 to book call Pat 355766 or Jean 391504

Family Summer Camp 21st – 23rd June Headland Adventure Centre call Karen 07766 945118 or Jude 07999 352585 for full details.

Charlton Fete Saturday 22nd June Charlton Lakes

Weyfest Saturday 29th June Weyhill

HBT Village show Saturday 21st July

Words of Encouragement

By Alan Evans

A Reflection on Easter

1 Peter 2:24,25 Christ carried our sins in his body on the cross. He did this so that we would stop living for sin and live for what is right. By his wounds you were healed. You were like sheep that went the wrong way. But now you have come back to the Shepherd and Protector of your lives.

Suffering has a way of pulling us off course. We want to follow God's call on our lives, but the moment the going gets tough, a lot of people fall by the wayside, a lot of people want to turn back. One of the things that's quite striking about Jesus, is how focussed He was on His mission in this world.

Part of that mission was to show us what God's really like. That wasn't easy. The Pharisees, Sadducees and Chief Priests opposed Him and gave Him a hard time. People deserted Him in droves when they didn't like what He had to say. But He said it anyway. He did it anyway. He showed us what God is really like. The other part of His mission was giving Himself to be nailed to the Cross. He knew that one day, He'd have to suffer terribly. That would have been scary for Him as a man, even though He was also God and knew He would rise again.

When suffering comes our way, we tend to lose our focus; our direction; the sense of God's calling on our lives. Because suffering doesn't fit with our world-view of what life, our life, should be like. But Jesus just kept going, straight as an arrow, to the Cross. Because He knew that suffering was part of the plan. He knew that His suffering would save all of us. He just knew.

When you're suffering, stay focussed on what God has called you to do, because God will work through you with a power greater than anything you could do on your own. Stay focussed on your mission.

Notes from Pastrow Admin

A quiet week! But please let me know your events so we can tell all our Pastrow family to join us.