

Issue No 125 Sunday 26th May 2019

Services & events this week

Sunday 26th Encounters – John the Baptist 6.30 pm
Charlton

Sorry if you had it in the diary for this week, but
Play and Praise has been suspended for the
summer months.

Wednesday 29th Holy Communion 9.30 am HBT &
10 am Tangley

Services & events next week

Sunday 2nd Holy Communion 6 pm Facombe

Monday 3rd Thy Kingdom Come Prayer Evening
with the Prayer team 7.30 pm Tangley Church all
welcome

Wednesday 5th Holy Communion 9.30 am HBT &
10 am Tangley

Friday 7th Holy Communion 1.30 pm Weyhill & 2.30
pm Charlton

Readings This Week

Acts 16 9 - 15 Ps 67
Rev 21.10, 22 – 22.5 John 14 23-29

Next Week

Acts 16 16 – 34 Ps 97
Rev 22 12 – 14, 16 – 17, 20 – end John 17 20 - end

In your Prayers please pray for.....

All the families who are coping with the loss of
family members or who are caring for those who
are unwell, may God give them the strength to
continue with the everyday things.

People who are traveling away from home this
school holiday may their journeys be a safe one.

Our Growing the Family teams may their projects
be fruitful

Pastrow & Community Diary Dates

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 6 – 10 pm
tickets £10 from Jude

HBT Village show Saturday 21st July

Notes from Pastrow Admin

Pat Yates and the Tea & Natter folks would like to
thank all those who came to the Winchester
flowers show on Monday, it was a very enjoyable
afternoon and raised £100, many thanks for your
support

Words of Encouragement

By Revd Alex

Over the past few months we have lost some dear and
faithful disciples in our congregations who have
journeyed on to be with our Lord. For those of us left
behind, death, in whatever manner it takes our loved
ones, hits us with a myriad of emotions...sometimes all
at once to the point where we simply cannot function
properly. And perhaps the point is – we shouldn't...

It is a myth of the modern era that we should stoically
keep going in the face of all the challenges life throws at
us. Although we hear the phrases 'life goes on' and 'the
world will keep on turning' there are times when we
just need to stop, and grieve, and remember.

I often tell families who I meet when a loved one dies
that grief is like being in the sea near the shore and
wave after wave keeps coming and coming. We can
neither do anything about the inevitability of them or,
like King Canute tried and failed to do, stop them
coming. Some waves threaten to overwhelm us and yet
after a while there are calmer ones which we can
withstand and stand firm. This is grief, which comes in
waves. And yet, this isn't the end of the analogy,
because the waves are part of God's creation, just as
grief is part of being human; it is a necessary part of
loving and losing someone, we are meant to hurt and
feel the pain of their parting and we should never be
afraid of taking this journey. Why? Well, we have in
Jesus Christ a great hope, a hope that is bound to us the
moment we choose to say yes to Jesus. It is the
knowledge that our loved ones were, without a doubt,
without any hesitation, without even a second thought,
in the presence of Jesus Christ the very moment life
ended for them on earth.

So let us take some time to grieve and mourn, but also
rejoice in the hope that Jesus brings us – they rest in
peace and rise in glory – Hallelujah!!