



Grapevine



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Services & events this week

Sunday 8th

9 am Holy Communion - Charlton
10 am Matins - Smannell
10 am Family Service - Penton
10 am Holy Communion - Vernham
10.30 am All Age Service – Weyhill
11 am Holy Communion - Tangle
11 am Young Church – Charlton
6.30 pm Encounters ~ Jodie Collins – Charlton

Wednesday 11th

Holy Communion 9.00 am HBT & 10 am Tangle
Goldies 1.30 pm Charlton

Friday 13th

Alpha Tasters Noon Hurstbourne and 7 pm
Penton call Jude 07999 352585 to book

Saturday 14th – Ride and Stride – support your church, they are open this weekend for you to sign in as you trek around our beautiful churches

Services & events next week

Sunday 15th

8.30 am Holy Communion – Penton
10 am All Age Service – Charlton
10 am Head Teacher Welcome Service – Hatherden
10 am Family Service – Vernham
10 am Sung Eucharist – HBT
10 am Family Service - Enham
10.30 am All Age with Communion – Weyhill
6 pm Evening Prayer with Communion – Linkenholt
6 pm Harvest Service – Tangle

Monday 16th

Tea & Natter 2.30 pm Charlton – all welcome

Wednesday 18th

Holy Communion 9.00 am HBT & 10 am Tangle
Ladies Retreat – see opposite

Saturday 21st – Penton Choir tasters see opposite
Men's Retreat – see opposite

Readings This Week

The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Jeremiah 18 1 – 11
Psalm 139 1 – 5, 12 – 18
Philemon 1 – 21
Luke 14 25 - 33

Next Week

The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Jeremiah 4 11 – 12, 22 – 28
Psalm 14
1 Timothy 1 12 – 17
Luke 15 1 - 10

In your Prayers please pray for.....

All those affected by hurricane Dorian and the devastation and flooding left in its path.

People we know who are not 100% at present or are waiting on results or test, may with Gods strength they return to full health

Our clergy and service leaders as they plan their autumn services, let the churches be full to hear the good news

Pastrow & Community Diary Dates

~~~ Retreat Days ~~~

Ladies Retreat "How to reach women through real life testimonies" – Wednesday 18th Sept

Men's Retreat "How to reach men" Saturday 21st Sep

Both are being held at The Old Dairy Hatherden & start at 9.30 am, £10 including refreshments and lunch to book please contact Jude 07999 352585 or eventsadmin@pastrowbenefice.org.uk

++++ **Penton Choir Taster Sessions** ++++
Saturday 21st Sept 10 am or Monday 23rd Sept 7.30 pm, both at Holy Trinity Penton for a short sing and discussion, ALL AGES WELCOME Call Rev Tom 730761 for more info.

Macmillan Coffee Day Friday 27th September
9 – 4.30 at Hatherden

Words of Encouragement

By Karen Blakeman

Dear **Alex, Trevor and Tom** - Thank you for being you!!

And we Praise the Lord that you were sent here to us.

Love and Prayers - Karen Blakeman

Our own Dear John Smith from Charlton Church introduced me to a book called 'Poems in the Porch' Radio Poems of John Betjeman and it has made me giggle a lot - So I thought for my words of encouragement this week I'd share an extract from one of the poems. John Betjeman held strong opinions about religion, spiritual questions never being far from his mind. He had no qualms about using radio to air his beliefs - it was to atone for his certainty of sin that Betjeman felt compelled to share his faith.

Blame the Vicar

When things go wrong it's rather **tame** to find we are ourselves to blame

It gets the trouble over **quicker**, to go and blame things on the vicar.

The vicar, after all, is paid, to keep us bright and undismayed.

His collar is the wrong way round and that is why **he's** simply bound.

To be the sort of person **who**, has nothing very much to do

But take the blame for what goes wrong and sing in tune at **Evensong**.

For what's a vicar really **for**, except to cheer us up? What's more?

The vicar should be all pretence and never, never give **offence**

To preach on **Sunday** is his task and lend his mower when we ask.

And in his car to give us lifts and when we quarrel, heal the **rifts**.

And when we're rude he should be meek and **always** turn the other cheek.

He should be **neat** and nicely dressed with polished shoes and trousers **pressed**.

Dear people, who have read so far, I know how really kind you **are**,

I hope that you are always **seeing**, your vicar as a human being.

Making allowances when **he**, does things, with

which you don't agree

So in conclusion you shall hear about a parish

somewhere near,

Perhaps your own or maybe **not**, and of the

vicars that it **got**.

One **parson** came and people said 'Alas! Our

former vicar's dead!

And this new man is far more "Low" than dear old

Reverend **So-and so**

And far too earnest in his **preaching**: we really do

not like his teaching.

He seems to think we're simple fools Who've

never been to **Sunday Schools'**

That vicar left and by and by - A **new** one came, 'He's much too "High",

The people said, 'too much like a **saint**, his incense makes our Mavis faint,'

And now he's left and they're alone without a vicar of their **own**.

The church has been **amalgamated**, with one next door they've **always** hated.

Dear **readers**, from this rhyme take **warning** and if you heard the bell this

morning.

Your vicar went to pray for **you**, a task the prayer book bids him do.

'Highness' or 'lowness' do not matter, **You** are the church and must not scatter.

Cling to those sacraments and **pray**, and **God be with you every day**.



Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to
hear than we to pray
and to give more than either we
desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the
abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of
which our conscience is afraid
and giving us those good things
which we are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and
mediation
of Jesus Christ your Son our
Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Welcome to our church family

Jacob Baldwin, Roscoe Smith
Matilda Young,
Violet and Alfie Chambers

Wedding Congratulations to

Peter Hutton & Kathryn Wilson

In memory of

Ivor Thomas

Notes from Pastrow Admin

Would you like a loved one
remembered each year? Please
let me know the name and date,
and I will add to 'In memory of '
thank you Jude

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