

Sunday Snippets

Services

There were about 30 diners who sat down to the **Passover meal** in church on Thursday evening. This was followed by an Iona style **Holy Communion** much appreciated for its simplicity and intimate feel. The **Good Friday** joint Service of worship in St Edward's with Crownhill Methodist Church & Christchurch Estover was a lovely opportunity for quiet devotional thought and prayer with the ever popular Good Friday hymns. The significance of a hot cross bun as explained by **Rev Chris** when inviting the congregation to partake of one (or more) of the 7 dozen provided in the hall and served by **Pam** and team after the service added to the enjoyment.



Only Joking!

An elderly lady liked to sit in the park each morning feeding the birds. She usually had half a loaf of bread which she scattered around. Watching the birds swooping in was one of the main pleasures of her day. Then came the occasion when a loud mouthed, rude man came along and took her to task for wasting good food on a bunch of pigeons and sparrows. "Don't you know there are thousands of people starving in Africa?" he asked.

"Yes, I do know full well," she answered. "But I cannot throw the food that far."



Raindrops Kept Falling

Last Saturday's churchyard tidy-up morning attracted a surprising number of workers when considering the forecast of wet weather which proved to be all too accurate. However, when the rain did arrive, everyone was so engrossed in their various tasks that they appeared (or gave a good impression) of being oblivious. Brambles were cleared, paths spruced up, fallen branches removed, litter collected and an area prepared for wild flower seeding and planting out. There were even three apple trees planted – **Jon Lake** cannot resist a bargain when he sees one. We were given tremendous assistance by five members of the Co-operative Memorials team as a result of which the paved path to the bottom end of the churchyard should be much safer to negotiate after the attention they gave it.



Behind the Scenes

It's surprising just how much activity goes virtually unnoticed in any organisation and that is equally true here at St Edward's. This week, Captain of Bellringers, **David Trout** and his wife, **Hilary**, have been painting the walls of the ringing chamber. They have used a special paint that repels damp penetration and which is obtained from a Bodmin outlet. Also this week preparations have been going on to ensure that all the Easter Services and events ran smoothly – food has had to be ordered and prepared, flowers and foliage collected, gathered and ultimately arranged, the church cleaned and tidied and an Easter egg hunt prepared.

A hunt without eggs and Good Friday without hot cross buns would be something of a disaster so there has been much going on by a good many people, all of whom deserving of our thanks.



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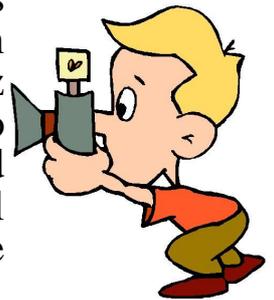
April Magazines

Apologies to those of you who were unable to obtain a copy of the April Magazine last Sunday. The printing machine was in one of its temperamental moods and we had to wait until this week to receive our full quota. There are plenty of copies available now at the back of the church. We hope you will think it was worth waiting for!



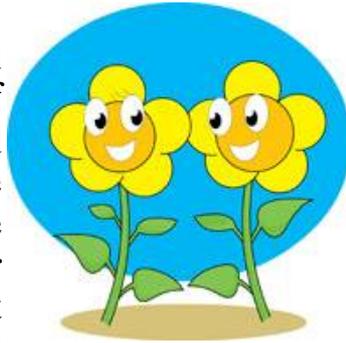
Check out the Pictures on our Website

Proof of the tidy-up work can be found on our website – www.stedwards.church – in the form of photos taken on the day. There is also plenty of photographic evidence of the recent Walk for Water at Plymbridge and the Easter egg hunt carried out by ‘Eddybears’ in church as well as competitors in deep thought at the Quiz of a few weeks ago. Do access the website and let others know about all the detail that can be found on it.



Flowers for Easter

After a few anxious days and some heartfelt prayers, most of the Easter lilies have emerged from their tight budded stage and these together with the daffodils from the Tamar Valley have transformed St Edward's with beauty and perfume. The effect is all the more noticeable because of the period of Lent during which there have been no flowers in church. Very many thanks to the following church members whose donations were used to purchase the flowers:



- Vicki in memory of Ken Hocking
- Pam & Terry in memory of loved ones
- David & Janet in memory of Doris & Stanley Chambers, Phyllis & Colin Bettison
- Frances in memory of Gerry Rendle, Reg & Nancy Puckey
- Linda in memory of May & Lynn Hutchinson
- Monica in memory of Mother & Father
- Pat in memory of Lloyd Horrell
- Peter & Maureen in memory of loved ones
- Brian & Lin in memory of loved ones

Free Entry to Exeter Cathedral

In next month's magazine there will be details of an invitation to enjoy free entry to Exeter Cathedral. In the meantime, if you are likely to be in Exeter soon and would like more information now, please speak to **Rev Chris**. Also, in Exeter Cathedral on **Thursday, 9th April, 1.00pm-2.00pm** you can hear Professor John Wilkins of Exeter University speaking about the good eating and nutrition of the Greeks and Romans. There is also a similarly timed lunchtime talk on **Friday, 8th May** by Seif El Rashidi, Magna Carta Programme Manager of Salisbury Cathedral who will be exploring how the Magna Carta came about and what it has come to mean. If interested in attending either of these lectures (cost £3), you should book your place by calling **01392 285983** or visiting online box office:

