

# Sunday Snippets

## Bell Ringers Continue to Achieve

In the Annual Parochial Report, *David Trout*, Captain of Bell Ringers proudly reported that St Edward's band of ringers had 'brought home' 18 trophies in 2014. Despite not being able to compete as frequently as in the past, that was a great achievement and the success is continuing this year. Only last Saturday in the Inter Deanery Bell Ringers Association competitions at St Mary's, Berry Pomeroy, they won the Jack Rhymer Trophy for best placed Deanery and the Corforth Shield. These can be seen at the

back of the church. David has also been persuaded to display a number of the trophies that are in the ringing chamber so that they can be viewed when looking up from the body of the church.



## Clock Back in Action

Thanks to *Brian Bassett* the church clock is ticking away once again. Presumably Brian was sufficiently refreshed after his holiday in Cyprus not to be too put out that just about his first task on returning home was to sort out our temperamental time piece. Hopefully it will remain in action until at least next Wednesday when a representative of the clockmaker specialists – Smiths of Derby - is due to call and sort out the winding mechanism, striking, etc, if not once and for all then for a very long time to come.



## Prayers for Muriel

Many of our prayers this week have been particularly for *Muriel Marshall* who is in a very weak condition having contracted a debilitating bug of some sort. We really do hope that Muriel will soon recover her strength and in the meantime she has a resident carer and also has the support of relations and friends.



## Food Bank

Another box full of groceries was collected from St Edward's this week for the North Plymouth Food Bank. The donations are very much appreciated.



## Only Joking!



There were two men who jumped off the Tamar Bridge with their arms outstretched. One had six budgies lined up on each arm and the other the same amount of parrots on his arms. They fell like stones into the water below and ended up in Derriford Hospital in adjoining beds. One man said to the other, "I don't think much of this budgie jumping." The other responded, "And I'm not over keen on this parrot gliding, either."

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## Appointments and Elected Members

Congratulations to *Julian Payne* and *Peter Anderson*, who at last week's Annual Parochial Meeting were appointed Churchwardens for this year. Similarly to *Margaret Hall* who will be continuing as Assistant Churchwarden. They were thanked for their sterling work over the past year and the magnificent support they had given to *Rev Chris*.

The following are the members of the Parochial Church Council who were elected:

*Tracy Buckner, Glenda Davis, Margaret Hall, Olwen Grindell, Jon Lake, Helen Routledge, Sally Webb, Pat Whatty, Bob Hall (Reader).*

Deanery Synod Members: *Steve Colcombe & Eleanor Parry*



Sidespersons: *Maureen Anderson, Terry Arnold, Pam Capps, Jon Lake, Sue Lake, Angela McLeod, Janice Orme, Eleanor Parry, Stuart Parry, Brenda Whatty, Pat Whatty*

## May Magazines

Copies of the Parish Magazines for May are now available at the back of the church.



## Thanks from Samaritan's Purse.....

A letter has been received from the Executive Director of Samaritan's Purse for the gift of £106 from St Edward's raised through the recent Walk for Water at Plym Bridge. The money is being matched pound for pound by the UK Government and will be used to provide wells for the people of Karamoja, Uganda who at present are forced to drink filthy, bacteria-ridden water. The work is to start on 1<sup>st</sup> July and will take 36 months to complete but the first wells should become operational at the end of this year.



## .....and Embrace the Middle East

Who have also written to thank us for the £33.42 which was donated as a result of those using the communal Christmas card in church rather than giving individual cards to fellow church members. The money has been allocated to their general fund which is used for long-term projects as opposed to emergencies for which specific appeals are made. An example is helping village communities in Egypt to start their own development programmes, gaining resources to generate an independent income with all the resultant advantages.

