

# Sunday Snippets

## Spring Fair Next Saturday

Now that the excitement of the General Election has subsided, we can concentrate on the arrangements for our Spring Fair next Saturday. In addition to all the stalls outlined in Snippets last week, there will be a grand draw with the chance to win a huge teddy bear, large box of chocolates, bottles of wine, Theatre Royal tickets and Plymouth Garden Centre vouchers. Also, for patrons, there will be the customary opportunity to sit down with a cup of tea and slice of scrumptious cake. Please do support us. The hall will be open on **Friday afternoon (15<sup>th</sup> May) at three o'clock** when we will begin setting everything up and some help then with bringing items up from the garage and sorting out would be very much appreciated. The hall will also be open from **ten o'clock on Saturday morning** so that all can be ready for the grand **opening of the Fair at 2 o'clock**. Some help during the morning and/or in the afternoon would also be most welcome and items for sale can be brought to the hall on the Friday afternoon or Saturday morning.



## Nepal Earthquake Appeal

Thanks to all who contributed to our church appeal a couple of weeks ago for donations to help the survivors of the disaster in Nepal. Including sums that were Gift Aided, a sum in excess of £100 has been despatched.



## Churchwardens Sworn in

Our Churchwardens, *Julian Payne & Peter Anderson* attended the Archdeacon's Visitation at St Mary's Plympton this week when their appointments for the coming year were confirmed. Congratulations to them and well done to Julian for flying the flag for St Edward's by reading a lesson which was sprung upon him at short notice.



## Community Lunch

The monthly Community Lunch will be held in the church hall this coming **Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> May**. Diners should arrive from 12 noon, ready to sit down and tuck in to a good, substantial meal at 12.30pm. Anyone wishing to attend who has not already booked should contact *Rev Chris*.

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## Shoeboxes a Christmas Treat for 10 million children



A letter has been received from Samaritan's Purse telling us that for last Christmas 850,638 shoeboxes filled with gifts were collected in the UK. Through the gifts collected from all the participating countries, more than 10 million needy and traumatised children were able to receive gifts and given an opportunity to hear the Gospel. Many were given the chance to connect with a local church. Last May, serious flooding affected Serbia. In the worst hit town of Obrenovac, many people lost their homes and livelihoods – machinery and crops were ruined. Aid was given by Samaritan's Purse and at Christmas they returned with shoeboxes for the children. The gifts were received with tremendous joy by children who had lost everything in the floods.



## September Arrival

We are expecting to welcome *Libby Marsh* to work with us as a SWYM worker in September. This young lady will be needing lodging – a spare room sufficiently large to house a bed, desk, chest of drawers and wardrobe. It is the room that is particularly needed. The necessary items of furniture can be provided. Anyone who believes they may be able to help with this request should speak to *Rev Chris* for further information.



## 101<sup>st</sup> Birthday

Belated congratulations to Gertrude (Bev) Johnson who celebrated her 101<sup>st</sup> birthday on 30<sup>th</sup> April. Recently widowed, Bev has now moved to the Oasis Care Home in Plymstock Road where we trust she will quickly settle and be comfortable.



## Only Joking!

A Texan is admiring the Niagara Falls when a local inhabitant approaches him and says, "Bet you've got nothing like that where you come from." "No," admits the Texan. "But we've got plumbers who could fix it."

A film crew is on location in the Arizona desert. One day an old Indian goes up to the director and says, "Tomorrow rain." The next day it rains and the Indian says, "Tomorrow storm." The next day there is a hailstorm. The director is impressed and hires the Indian to predict the weather. However, after several accurate forecasts, the old Indian doesn't show up for several days. Finally, the director sends for him. "I have to shoot a big scene tomorrow," he says. What's the weather going to be like?" The Indian shrugs his shoulders and says, "Don't know. Radio broken."

