

Sunday Snippets

Disability Toilet/Baby Changing Facility



At the Parochial Church Council Meeting on 15th June, members gave approval for the design and construction of a disability toilet/baby changing facility on the ground floor of the tower. The present kitchen fittings will be removed and the space divided between the toilet and a storage area for flower arranging accessories. Provision for water heating and a sink will be positioned in the Children's Corner in a compact chest-like construction which is opened only when required. The total cost is likely to be close to £40,000. To date, over £5,000 has been donated/raised and applications are being prepared for substantial grant aid. In conjunction with the Church Fabric & Maintenance team, Churchwarden Julian Payne has drawn up a schedule of action which includes Architect's plans, submission to the Diocese for a faculty (permission to proceed) and then placing work out to tender (minimum of 3 contractors). If all goes smoothly, work could commence by the beginning or by Easter next year. You can view the Plan and find more details, on the notice at the back of the church.



Pupils Visit Churchyard



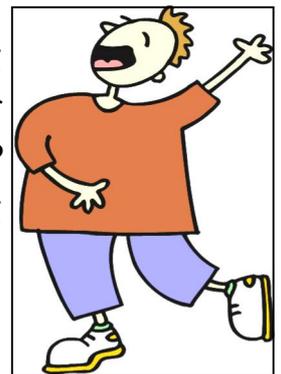
On Friday morning, 30 members of Year 2 from St Edward's CE Primary school came to the churchyard where they were met by **Jon & Sue Lake and Peter & Maureen Anderson**. Jon explained to the party about the ongoing work to create a 'living churchyard', environmentally friendly for flora and fauna. The children were intrigued to witness the activity around the bee hives in the north-west corner and then helped with the planting of Echinacea at the bottom of the churchyard where bee and insect loving plants are already growing. They helped spread some mulch, dig holes for slug beer traps and look at the wild flower meadow area in which Jon has identified several different grasses and where it is hoped the dormant flowers will eventually emerge such as wild orchids. Yesterday's gathering of the 'Green Fingers' Club saw additional clearance of the overgrown area in preparation for more cultivation.



Only Joking!

One Sunday morning, a mother went in to wake her son and tell him it was time to get ready for church, to which he replied, "I'm not going." "Why not?" she asked. "I'll give you two good reasons," he said. "They don't like me and I don't like them." His mother replied, "I'll give you two good reasons why you should go to church: "You're 59 years old and you're the Pastor." (Submitted by **Frances Rendle**)

Did you hear about the Dial-a-Prayer service for atheists? It rings and rings but nobody answers.





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A Man for All Seasons

This is a **Tamaritan's** Theatre Production in the **Drum Theatre**, Theatre Royal from **14-18 July**. A tragic historical drama in the reign of Henry VIII when Sir Thomas More's refusal on grounds of conscience to sign the 'Act of Supremacy' making Henry both spiritual and temporal leader of England,

ultimately leads to More's execution. An excellent play by Robert Bolt.



Sheldon Open Air Concerts

This fabulous setting the Teign Valley is the venue for another set of concerts this July, starting with the ever popular 'Joey the Lips' on **Friday 17th**. There follows five Tribute Acts – **The Dolly Parton Story (Saturday 18th)**, **Quo Incidence (Wednesday 22nd)**, **Paul Metcalf as Rod Stewart (Friday 24th)**, **Abba Magic (Saturday 25th)** and on **Wednesday 29th** it's the turn of the **Fabulous Beatles**. Admission prices range from £9-£18 depending upon when you book or pay on the day. Further information can be obtained from www.sheldontheatre.co.uk and by telephoning **01647 253916**. All shows begin at 7.30pm and free car parking is available from 6.30pm. An evening under the stars at Sheldon is an evening to be remembered.



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Becoming Involved



PCC members have agreed to meet quarterly in addition to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in April. **Rev Chris** has recommended the

setting up of a number of teams to deal with specific subjects. The membership of these would be open to all church members so that there is a greater involvement (and a spreading of workload) than when everything falls upon only the PCC and church officers.

Members are sought for the following teams:- Finance, Fabric & Maintenance; Worship Development & Planning; Community Development & Planning (including fund-raising and social events); Schools Work; Discipleship & Pastoral Care.

To save being asked to get involved, you may wish to volunteer your services, in which event, please speak to **Rev Chris** or one of the churchwardens.



School Fayre

The St Edward's Primary school Fayre is to be held on **Friday, 3rd July from 3.00-6.30pm**.

If you are able to help in any way – with refreshments, running a stall, etc – please let **Helen Routledge** know. Even if you cannot help, do please make an effort to support the event.

