

Sunday Snippets

Distinguished Company with Green Fingers Club

At last Saturday's (20th June) gathering of the Green Fingers Club, we were delighted to have a visit from our Member of Parliament, **Jonny Mercer**, who, together with his wife (**Felicity**) and two children, took a great interest in the environmental activities in the churchyard. Hopefully, after the hurly burly of a week in London, the cut and thrust of Parliament and the excitement of asking a question (his second already) at PM's Question Time, a stroll around the churchyard chatting to we mere straw sucking mortals would have provided some welcome relaxation.



Official Opening of 'Living Churchyard'
The Bishop of Plymouth, the Right Rev Nick McKinnel, has agreed to officially launch our 'Living Churchyard' Project on Saturday, 26th September at 11.00am. A number of other local dignitaries are expected to be in attendance including ward councillors and a representative of Plymouth City Homes who are donating an information board. Further details will be circulated nearer the date.



Transforming Plymouth Together (TPT)

This is a new joint venture between the Diocese of Exeter and Church Urban Fund which will begin by working in Plymouth, encouraging local churches to engage further with issues of inequality and poverty. TPT is now seeking to employ a Development Worker full-time or possible job share and the postholder will operate from St Mark's Church Centre, Ford. Closing date for applications is 6th July and interviews will take place on 15th July. Enquiries: joan.harris@exeter.anglican.org or telephone 01392 294940. Further information can be found at <http://www.plymouth.gov.uk/homepage/fairnesscommission.htm>



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Saying Farewell

Our good friend and near neighbour, Rev Doug Rix, Minister of Crownhill and Compton Methodist Churches, will be leaving Plymouth at the beginning of September to take up an appointment in the Torbay Methodist Circuit. We have enjoyed the occasions upon which St Edward's and Crownhill/Compton have met and worshipped together and Doug will surely be missed not just by his congregations but those of us in Eggbuckland who have had the pleasure of knowing him. May he go on the next step of his journey with our prayers and very good wishes.



Only Joking!

Before setting off on an expedition to the Amazon rain forest, a lone traveller consulted a survival expert who advised him what he should take in case of an emergency. He said, "The most important items are food, matches, distress flares, a compass, water and a pack of playing cards." "I understand the compass and distress flares are essential if you get lost, but what use are the playing cards?" asked the traveller. "Well, you know how it is," said the survival expert. "Whenever you start playing solitaire, someone always comes up behind you and says, "Put that red five on top of the black six."

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Disability Toilet/Baby Changing Facility

For those who may not have seen it yet, there is a Plan and information at the back of the church outlining the proposed alterations to the ground floor area of the tower and the new layout incorporating the toilet as well as the proposed kitchen facilities to be located in the Children's Corner. If you have any questions or require clarification on any aspect of these plans, please speak to one of the Churchwardens or member of the Fabric Committee.



St Mary's 'Alive & Kicking'

There were a few of us from Eggbuckland who took the opportunity to visit to St Mary's Church at Laira last Saturday lunch time when they had an 'Open Day'. They were at pains to make it known that the church remains active with two Communion Services a week – 10.00am on Sundays and 11.00am on Wednesdays. Of some particular interest was a portable Communion rail in front of the Lady Chapel which has two carved angels similar to those on the rail in front of our Memorial Chapel. As with ours, they were the work of the renowned wood carver, Violet Pinwell, who also fashioned a figure of Christ that is affixed to the west wall at St Mary's. We were told it is thought to be one of only two of this design carved by Violet. The whereabouts of the other is a mystery.



Becoming Involved

At the recommendation of Rev Chris, the PCC has agreed to the setting up of a number of teams to deal with specific subjects. The membership of these will be open to all church members which is vital for greater and more widespread participation. It will ensure that involvement in really important activities associated with St Edward's is not confined to a chosen or willing few.

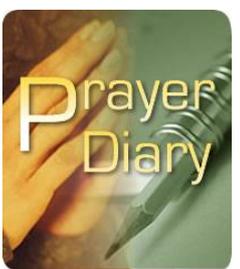
Members are sought for the following teams:- Finance, Fabric & Maintenance; Worship Development & Planning; Community Development & Planning (including fund-raising and social events); Schools Work; Discipleship & Pastoral Care.

Do please consider becoming involved in at least one of these teams. To volunteer or obtain further information, speak to Rev Chris or one of the churchwardens.



Prayer Diary

In addition to the July/August Magazines which are available today, please take with you a copy of the monthly Prayer Diary for July.



School Fayre – Final Reminder

Please note that the St Edward's Primary school Fayre is this coming Friday, 3rd July from 3.00-6.30pm. Your support will be very much appreciated and, if as we all hope, the weather is kind, there should be a really good atmosphere with excited children enthusiastically looking to raise funds for the Parents Teachers & Friends Association.

