

Sunday Snippets

Welcome Tea & Service
 Following his Ordination at Exeter Cathedral this morning, we will be welcoming our Curate in training, Rev Carl Budden, together with his wife, Linda, with tea in the church hall this afternoon at five o'clock. This occasion will also provide the opportunity for us to welcome our South West Youth Ministries trainee, Libby Marsh who was Commissioned this week. There is an open invitation for all to attend the tea and the welcome Service in church commencing at 6.30pm.



New Minister Appointed for Crownhill Methodists
 At the beginning of this month Rev Chris attended the welcome Service at Crownhill Methodist Church for their new Minister, Rev Donna Leigh. She is also Minister of Compton and Colebrook Methodist Churches. Donna replaces Rev Doug Rix who has moved to Torquay and her husband, Rev Simon Leigh, is the Superintendent Minister for Plymouth & District Circuit. A new Children's and Families' Worker (Hannah) has also been appointed this month. We would like to congratulate Crownhill on the appointments and look forward to continuing working together and supporting each other as opportunities arise.



Refugee Crisis – Local Initiatives
 Here at St Edward's there will be a retiring collection after each Service throughout September in aid of Tear Fund's work with refugees. Mother Elizabeth Burke, Assistant Curate at the Church of the Ascension (Crownhill) is organising a fund-raising morning (for Tear Fund) on Saturday, 17th October. As well as fund raising it will be a drop off point for 'needed' items. These will ultimately be sent to Calais. Other churches and organisations are being invited to provide stalls at the event - Crownhill Methodists have already offered to run a cake stall.



Death of Harold Stafford
 After a lengthy illness during which he has been in a nursing home in Saltash, Harold Stafford of Eggbuckland Road died last Sunday, 6th September. In the past Harold had been involved with St Edward's by providing transport for members of the church luncheon club, helping at fund raising events with some of the heavier tasks and bringing his wife, Phyllis, and next door neighbour, Muriel Marshall to Sunday Services. The Funeral Service will be held in St Edward's on Tuesday, 22nd September at 11.00am. We offer our condolences to Phyllis and the family.



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Magazine Deadline
 Difficult as it may be to realise, the deadline for the October Parish Magazine has been reached today. Please pass any material for publication to Pat Whatty within the next 24 hours.



Bulb Planting in the Churchyard
 Following on from the success of the previous bulb planting days in the past two years, donations of bulbs or money are again invited in memory of loved ones or to mark a special occasion or anniversary. Our Grounds Steward, Jon Lake, says that he would willingly purchase bulbs on behalf of anyone who is unable to get to garden centres or shops. The number of daffodils, tulips, crocuses and other flowering bulbs is gradually increasing in the churchyard and it is intended that the spring will be even more colourful here next year. The date of the bulb planting day has been set for Saturday, 7th November between 9 and 11 am. The weather cannot be wetter than last year. Please contact Jon Lake 07925 136 874 or Peter Anderson 707377 if you wish to make any donations of bulbs or money.



Only Joking!
 A little boy had a habit of sucking his thumb and, in an attempt to stop him, his mother told him if he kept doing so he would grow really fat. A few days later friends of his mother came for coffee and one of them was a heavily pregnant lady. Upon seeing her, the little boy pointed and announced, "Ah ha, I know what you have been doing."

A young girl attending a church service with her mother suddenly felt unwell. "I think I am going to be sick," she said. "Well, go outside and use the bushes by the side of the church," whispered the mother. The girl went out but returned almost immediately.



"That was quick," said the mother. "Are you feeling better now?" "Yes, but I didn't need to go right outside. I used the box near the door that says "For the sick.""

Shoebboxes
 A reminder has been received from Margaret Hall that it is not too long before we shall be collecting and sending off shoeboxes full of presents for the Operation Christmas Child appeal. This can be a really enjoyable and satisfying task, the results of which give great pleasure to children far less fortunate than most of those in our relatively affluent society.

