

Sunday Snippets

Church Christmas Fayre

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Please do support our Christmas Fayre next Saturday @ 2.00pm in the church hall. With plenty of patrons, this could be the most successful ever. Stallholders have been working hard gathering together sales items and there has been a good response to requests for these. This really is an opportunity to find stocking fillers and some even larger presents at bargain prices. There will be plenty to interest the children with Father Christmas, a toy stall and a novelty competition as well as the pleasure of browsing amongst the bric-a-brac. The Christmas themed stall, new this year should prove most popular. We can always do with help setting things up and will be doing this on Friday afternoon from three o'clock. Anyone who still has items for sale can bring them along then or on Saturday from ten o'clock onwards. Food and produce will be most welcome as will anything chocolatey for Linda Hodgson's lucky numbers game.



Crib & Village lighting event

Provided the weather is reasonably kind, the Crib and village lighting event on the evening of Wednesday, 2nd December should be a really good, fun time. In addition to Christmas lights on many of the buildings in the village, electrical work has been carried out this week so that the yew tree can be illuminated. That just leaves the matter of acquiring the bulbs and arranging for the lights to be put in place. It is also now going to be possible for the crib structure, being made by students of the Community College, to be lit up. This will be positioned inside the entrance to the churchyard. We are delighted to report that Councillors Ian and Lynda Bowyer are contributing £400 towards our costs.



There will be Carols and Christmas songs led by our Church Choir and the Eggbuckland Community Choir in the church. Efforts are also being made to provide other entertainment on the little green opposite Kay's Hairdressing Salon. Outside The Prince Maurice it will be possible to enjoy a



glass of mulled wine and the Chip Shop will be serving hot food. Inside the church hall there will be a number of stalls and refreshments available.



Community Lighting Event Meeting

There is to be a meeting next Sunday, 29th November at 11.00am in church after the Morning Service for all those involved, and anyone else interested, in the arrangements for the Lighting Event. This will be to finalise the details.

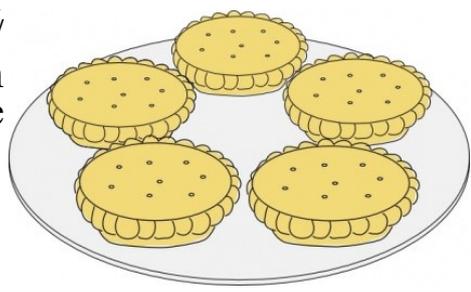




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The Mince Pie Challenge

Our PCC Secretary, Helen Soole, has been challenged to collect 50 packets of long shelf-life mince pies for hungry participants at the Lighting Event, Church Christingle and the Christmas Eve Crib Service. If you would like to help her meet this challenge by donating a packet, please bring it to church or arrange collection/delivery with Helen – telephone 783412.



Planted at last

The recent weather has certainly conspired to make the bulb planting in the churchyard difficult this year. After some delays, a small group of the Green Fingers Club braved the dampness of last Saturday afternoon and planted more than 400 bulbs. Only next spring will reveal whether the bulbs drowned, rotted or flowered. At least the gardeners survived to enjoy a warming beverage.



Only Joking!

Every day, at precisely 10.15am, the local vicar left whatever he was doing to go into his conservatory from where he had a view of the express train that rushed past the bottom of his garden at that time. No matter who was with him or what meeting he was chairing, he would enter the conservatory and stare at the train. A new curate wondered about this and asked, "What is so important that you find it necessary to drop whatever you are doing to watch this express. Is it your hobby?" "Oh, no, I have no interest in train-spotting," said the vicar. I just enjoy watching the only thing that moves in this parish without me pushing it."

Community Wellness Café

The Wellness Café in the church hall will not be operating again until the beginning of the New Year. There will be reminders of the day and times of opening closer to the date.



St Edward's School Fair

The St Edward's CE Primary School Christmas Fair is to be held on Friday, 4th December between 3.30 & 6.30pm at the School. A number of our church members are helping and if anyone else wishes to do so please contact Helen Routledge.



Two nuns, driving in the country ran out of petrol. They found a farmhouse nearby and the farmer said they could siphon off some fuel from his tractor. However, they had nothing suitable in which to carry it until the farmer found a battered old chamber pot. This was filled with the petrol and the nuns returned to their car and began pouring it in. A passing motorist couldn't believe his eyes. He stopped and said, "I am not a religious man but I have to admire your faith."



Eddy Bears

The Eddy Bears Adult & Toddler Group meets every Monday in the church hall in term times from 9.15-11.15am. There are fun activities and refreshments, the cost for which is £2 per session.

