



Sunday Snippets

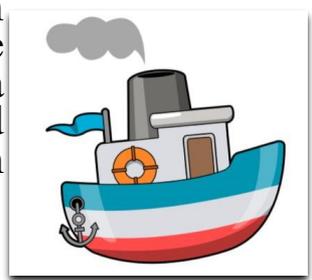
Church Hall Project

If you have already been given a survey form to complete on which you can indicate your preferences for the refurbishment of the church hall, can you please pass them in today to the siderspersons. Further forms are still available and can be obtained at the back of the church. A professional survey of the hall has been carried out recently and a comprehensive report produced with recommendations for improvements/repair work and meeting health and safety issues. It is intended that in the reasonably near future decisions can be taken on prioritising the work to be undertaken. Grant applications can then be made in conjunction with fund raising efforts. This is going to be quite a mammoth task but the eventual improvements will be to the benefit of both church members and the general community.



Sea Sunday

You may well have noticed the trouble that has been taken in producing the maritime theme of the church decorations today and wondered about the significance.. In addition to this being Trinity 7, it is Sea Sunday which always falls on the second Sunday in July. In the current issue of our Parish Magazine there is an excellent article by Rev Andrew Scott about Sea Sunday. Andrew is well qualified to have written this as he has twice served in the Royal Navy, on the second occasion as a Chaplain (a position known affectionately in the Service as a Sin Bo'sun) and spent some time at sea on minesweepers. As Andrew says, "On Sea Sunday we are reminded to pray about all who are associated with the sea, although we shouldn't need a reminder and should pray more often than just once a year."



Quinquennial Inspection

Every five years an inspection of the church and grounds has to be carried out and a list of works to be undertaken is produced. Our Quinquennial Inspection took place this week. Whilst we shall not know for some time the detail of what it revealed, we are optimistic that no unexpected major item of expenditure requiring immediate attention will be included. There are some dampness problems on the west wall and in the bell-ringing chamber to be dealt with. The church heating system is another matter to be addressed at some stage and investigations and recommendations will be forthcoming. With a building that is 600 years old there will always be an ongoing maintenance commitment.



Offers invited

Pam Capps has had the good fortune to come into possession of a fine wicker picnic hamper. The contents include plates, cutlery, wine glasses, and a corkscrew as well as other bits and pieces – but no food. In yet another of her generous moods, Pam is offering the hamper for sale and is seeking offers from anyone interested. The hamper can be seen at the back of the church and will be open to offers for the next four weeks. The sum raised – large or small – will be used to start the fund for a glass door to replace the wrought iron gates in the church porch. Please speak to Pam if you are an interested purchaser.





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Greenfingers in Action

Members of the Greenfingers Club will be in action again next Saturday morning – 16th July – from 9.00am in the churchyard. To be a member you only need to turn up with a willingness to prune, chop, saw or hack at anything that needs tidying up. A pair of gardening gloves and a couple of appropriate tools would also prove useful.



Ticking along again

Thank you to Brian Bassett for having set the church clock ticking again after its weeks of inactivity. It's surprising how many people admit to missing it when not working despite all the sophisticated means available these days for checking the time.



Muriel Missed

We missed Muriel Marshall in church last week. She was preparing to come when taken ill and spent a short time in Mount Gould Hospital. Muriel has now had her home care increased and we pray that she will make a speedy recovery.



Mission Support Meeting

The date for the next meeting of the Mission Support Team has been rearranged for Tuesday, 19th July at 2.00pm in the Vicarage.



Courtlands Summer Fayre

Don't forget it's the Courtlands School Summer Fayre next Friday, 15th July from 3.00-5.30pm. A welcome awaits all who wish to attend.



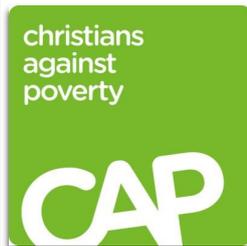
Only Joking

A cargo plane was preparing for departure from a US Air Force base in Greenland and the crew were waiting for the truck to arrive so that the aircraft's sewage tank could be pumped out. The aircraft's Commander was growing impatient. Not only did the truck show up late but the Airman carrying out the task was very slow pumping out the tank. Finally the Commander snapped and threatened to punish the Airman for being so slow. The Airman replied, "Sir, I have no stripes, it is 20 degrees below zero, I'm stationed miles from civilisation and I'm pumping sewage out of airplanes. Just what are you going to do to punish me?"



Christians Against Poverty

John Kirkby, the founder of Christians Against Poverty (CAP) is visiting Torquay on Sunday 31st July. He will be at the Riviera Life Church, 527 Babbacombe Road, Torquay from 6.00pm. This is a great opportunity for churches that may be interested in hearing about CAP's work to come and hear about it from the man who began it. Website details: www.rivieralife.co.uk



Good to See You

It was very good to see Len Punter back in church again last Sunday. He has been convalescing after replacement knee surgery and despite still experiencing some discomfort, was able to join us at the morning service. Hopefully with continuing physiotherapy Len will soon become more agile.

