

Sunday Snippets

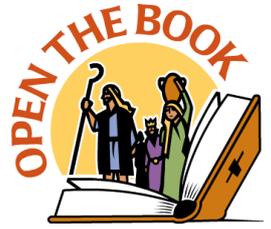
Best of Luck to Sharon

It was almost a year ago that Sharon Cundell, the cook at St Edward's CE Primary School was crowned South West School Chef of the Year. On January 19th, Sharon will again be competing, this time attempting to retain her title. She will be joined in battle by a lady from Ivybridge and others from Somerset and Dorset. The winner will go on to compete against nine other Regional Champions for the National School Chef of the Year crown in the Finals in March.



Back into Routine

With the Christmas and New Year celebrations well and truly behind us, it was time to resume more normal activities this past week. The children returned to school and our 'Open the Book' teams were back in harness at St Edward's CE School and St Matthew's CE Academy. The weather was not much better than it had been for the holidays and the dark mornings did not readily encourage early rising. Despite this, Nature is keeping everyone interested with the unseasonable warmth triggering premature budding and blooming. In the churchyard, some daffodils have flowered and plenty of the bulbs have leaves showing. There have been celandines peeping above the sodden grass for some time. In church today can be seen a display of camellias from a nearby garden and, whilst some of the plants may well come to grief if a particularly cold spell arrives, all we can do is make the most of what is on show now and hope that Nature can successfully adjust to any changing climatic conditions.



Growth Group Change of Time

The Growth Group hosted by Vicki Hocking at 6 Orchard Avenue on the first Thursday of each month will, until further notice, begin half an hour earlier than previously - at 2.30pm



instead of 3 o'clock.

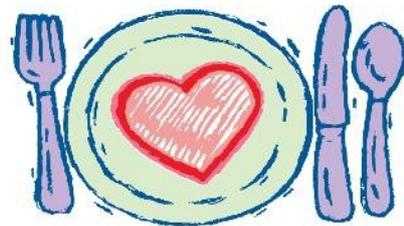
Community Team Meeting

The next meeting of the Community Development & Planning Team will be this coming Tuesday, 12th January at the Vicarage, starting at 7.30pm.



It's Lunch Time

The monthly Eggbuckland Community Lunch will be held in the church hall on Wednesday this week (13th January) beginning at 12 noon. There will be an opportunity for anyone who wishes to attend Morning Communion to do so in St Edward's at 11.30am.



COMMUNITY LUNCHEON



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Only Joking!
 An Englishman was having a long wait at Sydney Airport to clear Immigration. The official kept consulting his computer and examining the passport closely, page by page. Finally, the official looked up and asked, "Have you got a criminal record?" "No," the Englishman replied. "I'm afraid not. I didn't know that was still necessary to enter Australia."



A bishop had acquired a reputation in his diocese for preaching long and boring sermons and this had spread rapidly because each Sunday he would visit a different parish to preach. One day he arrived just before the service was to start in a small country church. He was welcomed by the vicar who appeared somewhat flustered. He led the bishop into the church and, to the bishop's surprise there were only three people in the congregation. "Didn't you warn them I was coming?" he asked the vicar. "I certainly did not, Bishop," replied the vicar. "But I shall do my utmost to find out who did."

A new poster was erected outside a city church containing the slogan - "If you are tired of sinning, please step inside." The next day, scribbled underneath it was the message, "But if not, telephone 231321."



Magazine Deadline

Next Sunday, 17th January is the deadline date for items for the February issue of our Parish Magazine. At the moment, material is in short supply and Pat Whatty would welcome suitable contributions. It would be good to hear of news from the schools in the parish, your Festive experiences, how you may have been affected by the weather, what you are hoping for in 2016 and whatever else might be interesting to read about.



Invitation to Taize Service

An invitation to our congregation has been received from Sister Margaret Mary and the members of Christ Church, Estover to attend the Taize Service there on Sunday, 24th January at 3.00pm. This will be followed by tea and biscuits and the Service will mark the end of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Christ Church members are keen to remind us that they have good parking facilities and easy access.



PCC Meeting

The next Parochial Church Council Meeting will be held at the Vicarage on Wednesday, 20th January at 7.30pm.