



Sunday Snippets

Winter is Here



At last we are experiencing some winter weather of the sort we would normally expect at this time of year. Coupled with the dark mornings, it doesn't make getting out of bed to greet the day any the easier and this could well be reflected in our attendance today. Those who we know will be absent – on holiday and

enjoying sunnier climes – will no doubt be oblivious to our icy conditions.

Nevertheless, it would be churlish not to wish Carl, Frances, Pam and anyone else under the sun, an enjoyable and mentally refreshing time. We will continue with our routines and try to avoid the condition SAD, prevalent at this time of the year.



Communal Christmas Card

The communal Christmas card that was on the notice board at the back of the church during December was used by a number of our members to convey their seasonal wishes to others in the congregation. From the expense saved of giving individual cards, donations were made totalling £130.50 (mostly gift aided) and this together with an additional £50 from church funds has been sent to the charity Embrace the Middle East. Thank you to all who participated and donated.



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

Members of the Parochial Church Council are reminded that they are due to meet at the Vicarage this coming Wednesday, 20th January at 7.30pm. Agenda items to be discussed include the possible New Services Plan, the New Mission Community and Easter Services. Good news will be the confirmation that the Common Fund (Parochial Share) for 2015 was paid in full to the Diocese.



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Only Joking!

John regularly went to his local race track meetings but had very little luck and frequently lost all his bets. Then, after failing to pick a winner in the first three races of a meeting, he noticed a priest step into the parade ring for the fourth race and bless the forehead of one of the horses. Although an outsider, it won the race easily. The same thing happened before the fifth race and John decided to place a small wager on the horse that was blessed. It too, won and John was delighted. The priest went through a similar procedure before the sixth and seventh races and on each occasion, John backed them and won. He was so confident that he had found a foolproof method of success that he withdrew all his savings from a cash machine and after the priest had anointed the forehead, ears, eyes and hooves of one of the horses, John's large bet was placed. To his disbelief, the horse finished a poor last. A distraught John collared the priest and asked him what had happened. He explained that he had lost all his savings after putting his money on the horse that had been blessed. The priest, showing little sympathy, said, "That's the trouble with you Protestants, you can't tell the difference between a simple blessing and the last Rites."



There was a pizza deliveryman who was found lying in the street covered in cheese, tomatoes, pepperoni and pineapple. The police said he topped himself.

School Governors

Both of the Church schools within our parish – St Edward's Primary and St Matthew's Primary – have vacancies for Foundation Governors, i.e. representatives from within our church membership to serve on the Governing Bodies. There are no other specific qualifications necessary although anyone with business or trade backgrounds would be useful but common-sense and enthusiasm would be equally beneficial. If you are interested in knowing more, please speak to Rev Chris.



Well Spring Café

On Wednesday afternoon of each week the church hall will be open between 2 and 4 o'clock for anyone who wishes to meet for companionship and light refreshment. Please speak to Vicki Hocking (787475) or Rev Chris for further information.



Magazine Deadline

Today is the deadline date for the February Parish Magazine. Please pass any items for inclusion to Pat Whatty as soon as possible.

