



Sunday Snippets

Safely Returned

Almost before we had noticed his absence, Rev Carl Budden had returned from his ten days' visit to the Holy Land, spiritually refreshed and in fine form. Carl has promised to write about some of his experiences for the March Magazine – something interesting to which we can look forward – and, who knows, there may well be a future opportunity for him to show some photos and tell us just how significant the trip was for him.



Pilates in the Hall

Last Tuesday saw yet another activity taking place in the church hall. At 9.15am on Tuesdays there is now a Pilates class. Pilates is a system of exercises designed to improve physical strength, flexibility and posture which dates back to the 1930's and is named after the German physical fitness specialist Joseph Pilates.



Surprise Construction

During last week's Service, the result of the children's Lego project proved something of a surprise for we oldies who were waiting to see what sort of houses or other buildings were going to be constructed. Instead, however, we discovered that the dextrous fingers had produced intricate and imaginative little space-age creations. One thing that surely hasn't changed about Lego is the exquisite pain that can be experienced if it is stood upon with bare or stockinged feet!



Janet's Unique Achievement

Last Sunday morning's Service covered a great deal about Education, especially within our Parish and we learned just how many of our members have been, or currently are, teachers or involved with Education in one way or another. There was particular interest in hearing of our links



with and work in St Edward's CE Primary Academy (it is now part of the St Christopher's Multi-Academy Trust), and it was a pleasure to be joined by Camilla Shepherd, the Acting Headteacher and to learn of her philosophy and faith. Within our congregation last Sunday (as she is most Sundays) was Janet Bettison who can claim unique links with St



Edward's School. Janet, whose childhood was spent in Egguckland, attended the school from the mid 1940's. At that time, of course, it was situated on Church Hill below the Vicarage, near what is now the junction with Shirburn Road. Janet could not possibly have known then that some 40 years or so later she would be appointed the Headteacher of St Edward's. That was in 1991 and she held the post for 6½ years until a deserved retirement following a lifetime in Education. What was interesting to those of us who were around during Janet's Headship was that her philosophy for the school matched, almost exactly that as outlined by Camilla. For Janet, every child was special.



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Thursday Growth Group

A reminder for those who attend the Growth Group at 6 Orchard Avenue hosted by Vicki Hocking that the starting time is now half an hour earlier at 2.30pm. The next meeting is this coming Thursday, 4th February.



Only Joking!

An elderly couple died in a car crash. They had been in excellent health for years through regular exercise and the wife's obsession with healthy eating, keeping an eye on both their diets. When St Peter told them of the excellent social facilities in Heaven they were keen to try them out. The husband was most impressed with the golf course and Olympic size swimming pool and told St Peter so. "Oh, that's not all," said St Peter. "Come and see the restaurant." Upon seeing the sumptuous buffet with every choice of food imaginable, the husband asked, "Where is the low-fat food table?" "You don't have to worry about that sort of thing here now," said St Peter. "You can eat whatever you want. That's the beauty of Heaven. Hearing that, the husband threw his hat on the floor in a fit of anger. "Whatever's upset you to behave like that?" asked St Peter. The husband turned to his wife and said: "It's all your fault, Mabel. If it weren't for your ghastly bran muffins, I could have been enjoying myself here years ago."

A newspaper proprietor consulted his doctor and said: "I'm suffering from anxiety because my paper has lost a quarter of its readers over the past year." "Right," said the doctor, "I'll prescribe you some tablets." "Will they cure my anxiety?" "No, but they'll improve your circulation."



Public Theology Lecture

There is an open invitation to attend a lecture at the Marjon Chaplaincy on Thursday, 11th February at 7.30pm to be given by Dr Christopher Southgate.

It is entitled "What do we mean by glory and what might it mean to be transformed from one degree of glory to another?"



Spring Fair

The date of our Spring Fair has been set for 14th May. That is quite some way off but some thought is being given to a change of format. Instead of commencing at two o'clock, it has been suggested that an earlier start could be made with light lunches available. To make space for a dining area, there could be a reduction in the number of sales stalls – perhaps dispensing with the bric-a-brac on this occasion. Suggestions and opinions would be very welcome. However, there is one essential prerequisite and that is



sufficient helpers, especially on the catering side, committed to making it a success. Please let Pat Whatty know if you have any views about the suggested change and whether you are able to help.

February Parish Magazine

Copies of the February Parish Magazine are now available at the back of the church. You won't know what you don't know if you don't pick up a copy.

