



6th March 2016

Sunday Snippets

Greenfingers Club Ready for Action

The first get together of the Greenfingers Club members is programmed for next Saturday morning, 12th March from 9.00am in the Churchyard. After the recent storms, there is plenty of tidying up to be done and a dozen or more workers toiling away for a couple of hours should make a massive difference to the appearance of the area. Don't forget to bring some cutting tools if you have any, sensible footwear and a neighbour or friend if possible. You will be doing them a favour by increasing their fitness in the fresh air with friendly company and the satisfaction of doing something worthwhile.

There is even a good possibility that refreshments will be provided.



Mothering Sunday Flowers

We are very grateful that the bunches of flowers being given out on this Mothering Sunday have been most generously donated by the Co-op Funeral Directors at Crownhill. Our thanks to Katharine on behalf of the Co-op and may all our lady members receive God's blessing today.



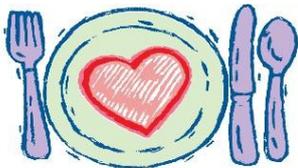
Wake up to Fairtrade

Fairtrade Fortnight continues this week and the Diocese is urging us to support the Fairtrade movement by buying locally produced items and those with the Fairtrade logo such as cocoa, coffee, tea, rice and bananas. On Wednesday, 9th March, beginning at 1.00pm, there is a talk entitled "Speak up for Fairtrade" at St Mark's Church, Ford. To book, contact Joanie Harris by telephoning 01392 293930 or joanie.harris@exeter.anglican.org.



Midweek Service & Community Lunch

On this coming Wednesday, 9th March, there will be a short Communion Service in St Edward's at 11.30am. For those booked in for the Community Lunch in the church hall, this follows from 12 noon. Then there is the Well Spring Café from 2.00-4.00pm, also in the hall.



COMMUNITY LUNCHEON

Messy Church Forum

Tomorrow evening (Monday) between 7 & 9 o'clock, there will be a Messy Church Forum for all Messy Church leaders and helpers at St Luke's Church, Buckfastleigh. Hot drinks will be provided upon arrival. This is described as a chance to share joys and struggles plus KEY NOTE: Prayer in Messy Church. To help the organisers confirm numbers, email evangelism@pemd.org.



Further Thanks from the Food Bank

It has only taken two weeks for Helen Soole's challenge to donate 50 items of toiletries to the North Plymouth Food Bank to be fulfilled and well exceeded. In all, 70 items have been given and Hilary at the Food Bank has asked for a big "Thank You" to be conveyed to all at St Edward's who have responded so quickly and generously.





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Commencement Date Fixed for Toilet Installation

No sooner is Easter over than the day that many have working towards arrives. The contract for the installation of the disabled toilet and baby changing facility in the base of the tower is due to commence on 4th April with a projected completion date of 9th May. The external excavations will result in access to the western churchyard being closed for a few days during the contract period. The actual restricted dates will be announced nearer the time and promulgated on the churchyard gate notice board.



Easter Lilies

For those wishing to make a donation towards the purchase of Easter lilies and other seasonal flowers in memory of loved ones for the decorating of the church for Easter Day, envelopes are available in a box at the back of the church.



Only Joking!

What's the difference between a no-claims bonus and a banker's bonus? You lose your no-claims bonus after a crash.

A man walked into a bar but was told by the bartender that he could only be served if wearing a tie. The man said, "OK, I'll be back," and went to his car to search for a tie but could only find a set of jump leads. He tied these around his neck, returned to the bar as asked, "Are these alright?" The bartender said, "Well maybe just this once - but don't start anything."



Donkey Boomer Thriving

We have received a lovely letter from the Ivybridge Donkey Sanctuary expressing appreciation for the donation of £100 we sent them after Christmas for Boomer the donkey's attendance with his handlers, Chrissi and Ros, at our Christmas Eve Nativity services. Apparently, Boomer, 25 years old, is retired from riding therapy but in good health and he loves going on visits to churches and attending services. He is said to be a donkey with a really big personality and enjoys meeting new people. We may well see him back here at St Edward's sometime in the future and will certainly be warmly welcomed if so.



Mustard Seed Choir

Recommended by our Director of Music, Glenda Davies, is the presentation of Roger Jones' work 'Mary Magdalene' by the Mustard Seed Choir at Pencycross Methodist Church, Pridham Lane on Wednesday, 23rd March at 7.30pm. There will be guest soloists and admission is free.



Advance Notice – SW Conference

'Open Doors', the organisation serving persecuted Christians worldwide, are holding their SW Conference – "Voices from the Field" with speaker Elnur from Azerbaijan – at Brunel Manor, Torquay on Saturday, 21st May from 9.30am-4.00pm. Cost of admission, including coffee and a 2 course lunch, is £15 per person and booking is essential through Rachel on Rachel@opendoorsuk.org or telephone her on 01626 872307. Come and learn more of the situation across the Turkic Belt, together with the latest news from other places where our brothers and sisters are persecuted for their faith from people who have recently visited and met with them.

