



Sunday Snippets

Tearfund Rising to the Challenges

Next week (Palm Sunday), we will be welcoming John Appleton to our Morning Service. He will be telling us about Tearfund's work in raising awareness of and initiatives to prevent people trafficking. This horrendous problem is not confined to any one country or area of the world. In general more women and girls are affected than men. Available statistics show detected victims of trafficking comprised 49% women, 21% girls, 18% men and 12% boys. The major reasons were sexual exploitation (53%) and forced labour (40%). In Cambodia, the main reason for human trafficking is poverty and poor education. Tearfund's World Relief Cambodia helps prevent trafficking by raising awareness of the dangers and how to identify suspicious activity. There are church run adult health education groups teaching the importance of long-term hopes and dreams rather than short-term goals. Church leaders and members become advocates for the protection of children and local community leaders learn how to make their community more stable. More children are staying in education in villages and fewer people are migrating from the communities where Tearfund is working.



Thanks for the Help

In the early part of this past week the prospects of fine weather for yesterday's churchyard tidy up were at the best remote. In the event, conditions could hardly have been better and a big vote of thanks is in order to all the Greenfingers Club members who turned up and those who came along for the first time.



You are now co-opted and experienced members of the team.

Birthday Greetings

Happy Birthday

We offer slightly belated birthday greetings and congratulations to Phyllis Tolman of St Edward Gardens who celebrated her 90th birthday on 4th March. Husband, George, says he and Phyllis like to keep in touch with all that is going on in St Edward's through the Magazine and Snippets and is very sorry that they are no longer able to come to our Services.



Request for some Help

In advance of the construction work commencing for the church toilet and baby-changing facility on 4th April, it is necessary for the ground floor of the belfry (kitchen area) to be cleared. We will be making a start on that task next Saturday morning (19th March) and would ask for anyone with an hour or so to spare to come along in the morning from nine o'clock. There is no restriction on age but it would be fantastic if some younger muscles put in an appearance rather than the majority of the work being left to the newspaper, slippers and beer brigade.



Easter Lilies

Many thanks to those church members who have already donated towards the purchase of Easter lilies and other seasonal flowers in memory of loved ones for the decorating of the church. For anyone still wishing to do so, envelopes are available in a box at the back of the church.



Carl's Holy Land Reflections

Following his recent study tour of the Holy Land, our Curate, Rev Carl Budden, will be sharing his reflections during next Sunday evening's Service – 6.30pm on 20th March.





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Lent Course

This year's Lent Course, 'Encounters with 6 Middle Eastern Women', continues this week with Encounter 4 – 'Rescued by Compassion' which will be at the Vicarage tomorrow (Monday 14th) at 7.30pm and on Tuesday 5th March at 1 Crown Gardens, Miles Mitchell with Encounter 5 entitled 'Brought to the Centre'.



Comfort for the Choir

If you notice more smiles than usual today in the choir stalls the reason may be that members of our Choir are enjoying the comfort of the new cushioning that has been very kindly and generously donated. The cushions match those of the pews in the nave.



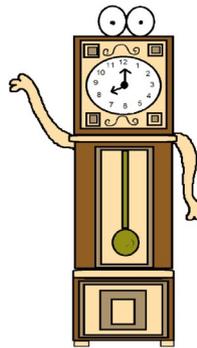
Tokens for Brownies

If you shop at Asda, you might wish to support Egguckland Brownies by placing the green tokens provided by the till operators in the container assigned to the Brownies. Your tokens may help them to be the best supported of the three organisations currently due to benefit from Asda's community sponsorship.



Ticking Along Nicely

Time is no longer standing still in Miles Mitchell Village. For something like 14 years, the clock in the attractive tower there has not been working. Now at some considerable expense, the timepiece has been repaired and is electronically operated. No longer will there be any excuse for the residents there to be late for church or any other of their engagements.



New Age Kurling and Ping Pong

For anyone over the age of 50, Plymouth Age UK is offering a free taster session of Kurling and Ping Pong at Elspeth Sitters House, Hoegate Street next Wednesday, 16th March from 2-4.00pm.

Refreshments will be available and transport can be arranged. Contact Pauline, the Centre Manager on 665424 for more details.



Only Joking!

A pair of hunters were in the woods when one of them suddenly collapsed. He didn't appear to be breathing and his eyes look lifeless. His companion immediately called the emergency services on his mobile and gasped to the operator: "I think my friend is dead. What should I do?" The operator reassuringly said, "Stay calm, I can probably help. First things first, let's make sure he's dead." There was a silence and then the operator heard a gunshot. The hunter came back on the line and asked: "Okay, Now what?"



Magazine Deadline

Today is the deadline for our April Parish Magazine. Items for inclusion, please, to Pat Whatty.

