



# Sunday Snippets

## Welcome to Tearfund's John Appleton



Today we welcome John Appleton of Tearfund to our Morning Service. He will be talking about Tearfund's educational initiatives to raise awareness of people trafficking and their attempts to prevent it, especially amongst children. The following excerpts of a case study illustrate how heart-wrenching the problem is. The story is told by a mother of 8 from the Horn of Africa:

Sadiq is my eldest son, aged 17. He was always a good and kind-hearted boy and clever at school. When I heard he was in Addis Abba, I was shocked and worried – he had no money to pay for food. I made every effort for his return, without success. Seven days later he contacted me from near the border between Ethiopia and Sudan to say he was emigrating to Europe to get a better life for the family. I asked who gave him the money and he said a friend. I was unable to convince him to return home. I know that smugglers take young people across borders without payment and later force them to pay all expenses and a ransom. I had no money, his father died 7 years ago and there are no assets except a small yard next to my house. I later received a phone call from a stranger who demanded \$4,000 in smuggling fees otherwise Sadiq's legs and arms would be cut off until he died. The phone was passed to my son who was crying and said he had been beaten and then the call ended abruptly. I managed to get some money from relatives abroad, friends and members of a self-help group to which I belong and I also sold my land. Sadiq was freed. He had suffered several injuries and he made his way to Tripoli. I was forced to raise more money to fund his costs to cross the Mediterranean and get to Europe and am still repaying the money. Finally he arrived in Italy where he is very unhappy and awaiting an asylum application.



## Easter Lilies

Many thanks to everyone for their donations towards the purchase of Easter lilies and other seasonal flowers in memory of loved ones. As a result the church should look a picture for Easter Day.

## 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 this evening's Heartbeat Service at 6.30pm. Carl says all are welcome and early arrival will avoid queuing.



## Lent Course

This year's Lent Course, 'Encounters with 6 Middle Eastern Women', concludes tomorrow (Monday) with Encounter 6 – 'Waiting for breakthrough'. The meeting is at the Vicarage at 7.30pm.



## Palm Sunday Duty for Bob in Sofia

Today we will be thinking of our Reader, Bob Hall, who is leading the Anglican worship in Sofia, Bulgaria. The congregation will comprise mainly ex-pats and some tourists.





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## Messy Church at St Matthew's Academy

An Easter themed Messy Church has been planned to take place between 3.30 & 5.30pm at St Matthew's CE Primary Academy, Derriford on Tuesday, 22nd March. Derry & Carrie Bowman are appealing for assistance with this session.



## Some Easter Week Events

Tuesday 22nd-Friday 25th March, 10am-4pm, in the Devonport Live Café, George Street, Devonport, The Easter Story told through Art. Devonport Community Baptist Church and local artists, community services, schools and other churches are transforming the Live Café's art space into the story of Easter told through the 14 Stations of the Cross.



## Holy Week

## Passover Meal at St Edward's

We are having a Passover-style Meal here in church at 6.30pm on Maundy Thursday. This is to help us re-live the Last Supper in a fun, family friendly way. There will follow an Iona style informal Communion Service at 8.00pm.

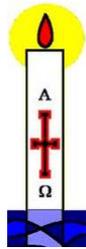


On Wednesday, 23rd March at 7.15pm, the Salvation Army Songsters will present an Easter programme of songs and readings at Crownhill Methodist Church.

Also on Wednesday, the Mustard Seed Choir is presenting Roger Jones' work 'Mary Magdalene' at Pennycross Methodist Church at 7.30pm.

## Easter Saturday Vigil

At 6.30 on Saturday evening, there will be a short reflective candlelit vigil in St Edward's before the rejoicing of the Resurrection on Easter Day.



## What to do with your Milk Bottle Tops!

Plastic milk bottle tops can't be recycled – but they can enable Ashborough House on St Stephens Road, Saltash to get a wheelchair for the equivalent weight in tops. So, please keep yours and drop them in to Mike Parker at Saltash DIY & Home Decorating, 11 Keast Mews, who



## Only Joking!

On a visit to his parents' house, a young man went to fetch a beer from the fridge. When he opened the door, he saw taped to the inside a picture of a scantily clad, super slim model. He asked his mother why the picture was there. She said she had put it there to remind her not to overeat. "Is it working?" asked the son. "Yes and no," she replied. "I've lost over a stone but your father has gained nearly two."



## Good Friday Service & Walk of Witness



On Good Friday we are joining the members of Crownhill Methodist Church for a reflective service at 10.30am. For those who are sufficiently fit and wish to participate, there will be a Walk of Witness from St Edward's to Crownhill commencing at 9.30am. Refreshments will be provided upon arrival.