



Sunday Snippets

Builders to Arrive Tomorrow

Monday, 4th April, 2016 is scheduled to be of some significance in the life of St Edward's Church. It is tomorrow that work should commence on the installation of a disabled toilet and baby changing facility in the base of the tower. All the contents of what has been known as the kitchen have been removed and deposited in various nooks and crannies – in the church, up the tower, in the boiler room and across in the garage. If you find



boxes containing anything from vases to cutlery or cleaning materials under the seat of your pew, don't worry, it is but a temporary arrangement. The work is due to be completed by 9th May but



these things can have a habit of dragging on a bit so don't hold your breath. In the initial stages, access to the west section of the churchyard is likely to be restricted. If you do find yourself



inconvenienced in any way over the next few weeks, please do accept the apologies of the PCC. Hopefully, it will all prove worthwhile and 'convenience' will be the watchword in future.



Greenfingers Gang Active Again

Despite any disruption in the churchyard, it is hoped that the Greenfingers Gang will be out in force from nine o'clock next Saturday morning, 9th April. There was considerable progress made last month clearing overgrowth from graves and other general tidying up but plenty more remains to be done. Please don those work-clothes you keep in the outhouse, find some sturdy footwear and bring your gardening gloves, any tools you think may be of use and come along to join in the activity on what should be a lovely spring morning full of birdsong and blossom.



Church Service Rota

Our Churchwarden Peter Anderson, is now responsible for compiling the Church Service Rota which is produced each month. He would like to expand the number of members who are available for readings and presenting the intercessory prayers. Also, some additional sides-persons are needed to help at services. At present the few who are on the rota, are on duty once a month. The more people available, the less frequently they will be required to serve. Please let Peter know if you are willing to participate in our worship in one of these ways.





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Helen's at it Again

Following the success of the appeal for toiletries for the North Plymouth Food Bank, Helen Soole is now suggesting we might donate tea bags and tinned fruit of which they have a shortage. Taking her inspiration from the Musical 'Oliver', Helen suggests everybody sings to the tune "Food, Glorious Food," the words, "Tea, Glorious Tea! Send it to the Food Bank. Add tins of fruit and send them to the Food Bank!" Unlikely she will be considered for an Ivor Novello Award.



Only Joking!

During a bitter row with his parents, a teenage boy shouted, "I want adventure, excitement, money and beautiful women. I'll never find any of those here so I am leaving. Don't try to stop me." With that he stormed across the room and departed. His father rose from his chair and followed closely behind. "Didn't you hear what I said?" shouted the boy. "I don't want you to try and stop me." "Who's trying to stop you?" asked his father. "If you'll hang on for just a moment, I'll come and join you."

A man was getting increasingly irritated by his brother-in-law who lived nearby and was always asking to borrow something. The man told his wife that next time her brother was on the scrounge he would outsmart him. That same morning the brother-in-law called and said, "Are you going to be using your power-saw this morning?" "As a matter of fact," the man replied with glee, "I'm going to be using it all day." "OK," said the brother-in-law. "If that is so, you won't want your golf clubs. Mind if I borrow them?"



Confirmation Course

Rev Chris has selected a course, "Who is God? Who are We?" to assist in the preparation for Confirmation. It will run on Sundays from 17th April to 29th May inclusive in church between 4.00 & 5.30pm. The Confirmation Service with the Bishop of Plymouth will be in St Edward's at 9.30am on 6th June. Full details can be obtained from Rev Chris who says that coming along to the sessions does not commit you to get Confirmed.



Parish Giving Scheme

The Diocese of Exeter has launched a new video to celebrate the one year anniversary of the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) within the Diocese. The first year's success of the scheme has seen the return of over £1 million to Devon parishes. To celebrate this success, Katie Stevenson, Mission Resources Adviser, travelled around the Diocese collecting stories from clergy and church members asking how the Parish Giving Scheme has helped them. The video can be viewed on the Diocese of Exeter website: <http://www.exeter.anglican.org/parish-giving-scheme-returning-1-million-year-parishes/>

If you are interested in joining the PGS, please contact Mandy Collins or one of our Churchwardens.



Prayer Sheets & Magazines

Please note that the Prayer Sheets and Parish Magazine for April are now available at the back of the church.

