



# Sunday Snippets

## Still Searching for Summer

Here we are half way through July and still summer has barely arrived – just a few occasional appearances. The children will be breaking up for their holidays at the end of this coming week and before we know it, the monsoon season of August will be upon us. Let us pray that the families have a safe and enjoyable break.



## Offers invited

The superb wicker picnic hamper that Pam Capps is donating is still open to offers from anyone interested in purchasing it. The hamper can be seen at the back of the church. The sum raised – large or small – will be used to start the fund for a glass door to replace the wrought iron gates in the church porch. Please speak to Pam if you are an interested purchaser.



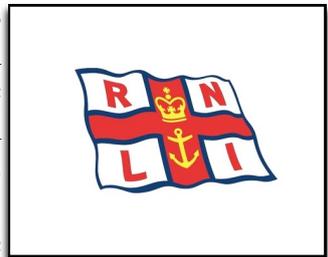
## Parish Giving Scheme

Several of our church members participate in this scheme and an annual review reveals that it is popular because it reduces admin time, there is effective and automatic gift aid administration, increased cash flow, no weekly hassle with change and envelopes and it's easier than standing order as there is no need to remember to increase the gift annually. As at June of this year there were a total of 168 churches in the Exeter Diocese that were registered with the scheme. The total amount of offerings returned to the parishes in the year ending June 2016 was £902,095 and the amount of Gift Aid that was returned for the same period was an impressive £172,437. Anyone interested in participating in the Parish Giving Scheme, please speak to Mandy Collins or one of our Churchwardens.



## Community Fun Day helps Charitable Giving

Last Saturday's Community Fun (Gala) Day in the village recreation field proved a great success despite the damp, misty conditions. The



attendance ran into many hundreds and there were excited children letting off excess energy all over the place. St Edward's was represented with a refreshments marquee and a jewellery and books stall. The demand for teas and coffees was continuous keeping Helen Soole and her small band of helpers busy. The takings for the day of £212, together with £100 out of our church funds was divided between the RNLI, the Mission to Seafarers, Aggie Weston's/HMS Drake and the Sailors' Mission to acknowledge last week's Sea Sunday which was celebrated at our morning service.



## Congratulations

Our special wishes and congratulations go to Courtney & Margaret Turner of 'Hillcrest' (opposite the Vicarage) who this week celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary. Courtney is a keen bowls player and among her other activities, Margaret is one of our church flower arrangers.



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## An Appeal for Tea

"Tea is the magic key to the vault where my brain is kept," so said British children's writer, Frances Hardinge. Helen Soole says she now knows where she has been going wrong because she only drinks coffee. However, she adds that many people like to start the day with a cup of tea but cannot afford to purchase the beverage because their children need more pressing essentials. Helen asks that we put an extra box of tea bags or packet of loose tea in our shopping trolleys over the summer as the North Plymouth Food Bank have very low stocks at present. Helen's weekly visits to the Food Bank with any products that our church members have donated are always appreciated.



## Only Joking

A small boy came running out of the bathroom in tears. "What's the matter, son?" asked his father. "I dropped my toothbrush in the toilet," said the boy. "Never mind, son, but we'd better throw it away." So the father fished the brush out of the toilet and threw it in the dustbin. When he returned he saw the boy holding another toothbrush. "Isn't that my brush?" asked the father. "Yes," said the boy. "And we'd better throw this one away too, because it fell in the toilet last week."



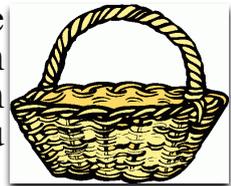
## Up for Auction

The near derelict bungalow at 7 Widey Lane is coming up for sale by auction at the New Continental Hotel next Thursday, 21st July at 2.00pm through Shobrook & Co. The guide price is between £100,000 and £125,000.



## Baskets Wanted

Vicki Hocking is seeking suitable baskets into which fruit can be placed to make draw prizes for members attending the Community Lunches in the church hall on the second Wednesday of each month. Please let Vicki know if you can help.



## Carl's Big Date

Rev Carl Budden wishes it to be noted that the time of the Ordination of Priests in which he is included at St Eustachius Church, Tavistock on Saturday, 24th September has been put back an hour to 4.00pm. Carl hopes that as many of us as possible will attend and there will be refreshments back here afterwards as we celebrate this significant occasion.



## Made to Give.....With Love

This is a community group bringing people together to have fun, laughter and chatter at the same time as sharing skills to make handmade items to donate in support of charity projects. The group meets at Hobbycraft, Knit & Natter, Friary Retail Park in Exeter Street on alternate Tuesdays between 11.00am and 2.00pm. If you can't knit but would like to learn, then just go along. If crocheting, sewing or some other handicraft project is your preference, you're also welcome to join the group. For a list of meeting dates, phone 0330 026 1102. Anyone with surplus wool that they would like to donate to the group can do so through Vicki Hocking – tel: 787475.

