



Sunday Snippets

Welcome

Today we welcome Rev Rodney Baxendale to our Morning Service. He is deputising for Rev Chris and we are all the more grateful for him giving us his time now that he has retired from his Chaplaincy work at Derriford Hospital.



Vandalism at Courtlands

How very, very sad to learn of the mindless damage there has been at Courtlands Special School in Widey Lane. It is understood that four youths entered the school grounds last Sunday evening, releasing rabbits and destroying plants including pumpkins the pupils had been growing for their harvest festival. One rabbit is still missing and the children who saw the results of the vandalism when attending a summer play scheme are said to be extremely upset. The Police are hopeful of identifying the culprits.



Nursing Home for Phyllis

Phyllis Tolman has now been transferred from Mount Gould Hospital to the Lelant Nursing Home in Seymour Road, Mannamead where we hope she will be able to settle in very quickly.



Carry on Camping!

This past week began with some considerable sympathy being felt for the camping fraternity as the wet weather in the south west showed no sign of abating. Fortunately, as the week progressed so the rain clouds have dispersed and the sun's warmth has been felt. Let's hope everyone has managed to dry out, especially those who attended 'New Wine' at Shepton Mallet.



Donation towards Community Lunch

This coming Wednesday's Community Lunch in the church hall at 12 noon will see diners sitting down to enjoy a Ploughman's Lunch. Most of the fare will be obtained from the Sainsbury's store at Marsh Mills and they have very kindly donated £10 towards the cost for which we are most grateful.



Greenfingers

This month's get together in the churchyard for the Greenfingers gang is Saturday, 20th August. Anyone willing and able to help with some tidying up is most welcome to come along at any time from nine o'clock until midday bringing some appropriate tools if possible, but not essential.





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Growth Group

Please note that the Growth Group meetings at 1 Crown Gardens (the residence of Peter & Maureen Anderson), have been changed from Tuesdays to the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 7.30pm.



Church Hall Project Questionnaire

There has been a good response to the consultation questionnaire for the preferred improvements to the church hall. Results should be made known in the near future but there is still just time to complete and submit a form which Julian Payne would be pleased to receive. A little bird has been overheard to suggest that renovation and updating of the toilets is a front runner.



Only Joking

A vicar is giving a sermon on the Ten Commandments. He notices that one of his congregation, Jack, shows signs of agitation at one point and then appears to become much more relaxed. After the service, the vicar asks Jack what concerned him so much about the sermon. "Well," he explained, "I have lost my umbrella. When you mentioned the Commandment 'Thou shalt not steal' I began to think someone may have stolen it. But then you recited 'Thou shalt not commit adultery' and I remembered where I'd left it."

A luxury cruise ship passes a small desert island. Passengers watch as a scruffy looking, bearded man comes running down the beach to the edge of the water shouting and waving his arms. "Who is that man?" enquires one of the passengers. "I have no idea," replied the Captain. "But every year we sail past and he goes berserk."



New Prayer Group Planned

Ladies, please make a diary entry that a Women's Prayer Group called 'Share Prayer' will be starting in church on Wednesday 21st September at 7.00pm and subsequently each month on the 3rd Wednesday. For further details, please contact Linda Holmes.



Alpha Course

Anyone coming down Church Hill would have to have had their eyes closed or been very unobservant not to have seen the Alpha banner on the church hall fencing. Rev Chris is hoping to start a course at the end of September/beginning of October if there is sufficient interest and support for a variety of roles. Please let the Churchwardens or Rev Chris know if

you are interested in being involved as a participant or a helper.

