



Sunday Snippets

Welcome

It is Rev Richard Wakerell whom we welcome today to our Morning Service. He is deputising for Rev Chris, on holiday in Cornwall. Richard is a self-supporting Curate to the Church of the Ascension Crownhill. His day job is with the Plymouth & District Mind as a Mental Health Training Officer.



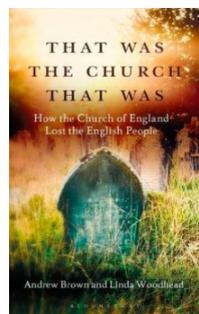
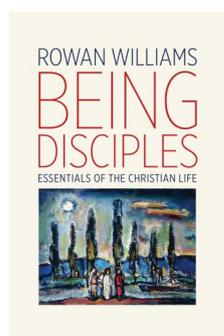
No Complaints with the Weather

At last we have enjoyed a week of fairly settled weather with plenty of sunshine. It's been ideal for moorland and coastal path walking with a pleasant cooling breeze. All those catering for holidaymakers have had the opportunity to make a bob or two and ice creams have been much in demand. We are fortunate here in the South West to have so many quality ice cream manufacturers – add a dollop or two of clotted cream and what could be better? We're missing out on one of our favourite fruits that can usually be depended upon at this time of year, available to all, and that is the blackberry. The weather has just not been suitable at the right time and the crop, when it finally comes, is in the main likely to be berries that are small and wizened. In contrast, woodland walking has revealed the prospect of plenty of sweet chestnuts in the autumn.



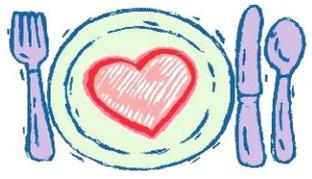
Recommended Reading

At last Sunday's Morning Service, Rev Rod Baxendale told us of two books he was currently reading – providing quite contrasting emotions for the reader – which he recommended. They are "Being Disciples" by Rowan Williams – SPCK Publishing and "That was the Church that was" by Andrew Brown & Linda Woodhead – Bloomsbury Press.



Community Lunch Appreciated

There have been some complimentary comments about last Wednesday's Community Ploughman's Lunch in the church hall. There were ample portions of tasty meats and cheeses and it would appear that the roulade dessert went down a treat. All those who help make this monthly community event the success it is are to



COMMUNITY LUNCHEON

Helen's Foodbank Plea

Helen Soole says that in the school holidays many children, whose parents are on low incomes, do not receive a free school lunch so this is putting added pressure on the Foodbank. Any spare staple foods that can be spared would be gratefully received. Also, the Foodbank is extremely low on tooth brushes and toothpaste so Helen is challenging us to provide 31 brushes and 31 pastes by 31st August!



Muriel gets her Wish

Muriel Marshall has this week moved to the Bethany Christian Home at 2 Woodside Avenue, Lipson. This is where she very much wished to live and she should be well looked after in a caring, Christian environment.



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Growth Group – Change of Meeting Day

For those who may not have seen the announcement last week, the Growth Group meetings at 1 Crown Gardens (the residence of Peter & Maureen Anderson), have been changed to the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 7.30pm – NOT Tuesdays.



New Prayer Group Planned

A Women's shared Prayer Group 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

Rev Chris is hoping to start an Alpha 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.



Fireworks

This coming week sees the annual National Fireworks Competition getting under way for the 20th year here in Plymouth. Seen by many as the best free spectacular event they can hope to witness, it will be taking place on Tuesday and Wednesday, 16th & 17 August starting at 9.30pm. There are so many viewing points available, probably few better than the Hoe and surrounds. If you are in the minority group of local residents who has never had the pleasure of seeing the amazing colourful displays presented by six Companies, then do yourself a favour and give the telly a rest.



Only Joking

For months a little boy had been pestering his father to take him to the zoo. Eventually his father relented and off they went. When they returned home the boy's mother asked if they had had a good time. "It was really good" replied the boy. "And daddy had fun too, especially when one of the animals came in at twenty-five to one."



I bought a box of those animal biscuits - you know, those lovely chocolate ones in the shape of different animals. It said on the box, "Do not eat if the seal is broken." And when I opened them up, would you believe it.....?

Greenfingers

Members of the Greenfingers Club (which means anyone who turns up) are due to meet again in the churchyard next Saturday, 20th August. There is plenty of growth to be cut down, pruned, sawn off, hacked away and tidied up. So please do come along at any time from nine o'clock until midday and enjoy some good company, healthy exercise and a sense of achievement at the end. Sensible footwear, a pair of gardening gloves and an appropriate tool or two will suffice together with some well directed energy.

