



Sunday Snippets

This Morning's Guest

We are delighted once again to have the opportunity of welcoming Rev John Richards this morning. He is the final 'stand-in' for Rev Chris during his summer holiday which is fast reaching its conclusion. Most of us will know Rev John from his previous visits here and some from his early curacy days in Eggbuckland with the late Rev Charles Whitfield.



If, for some reason, you were to 'Google' the name "Rev John Richards", amongst the names surfacing would be a late Bishop of Ebbsfleet – the first of two flying bishops assigned to minister to clergy, laity and parishes who, on theological conviction are unable to receive the ministry of women priests – a late Bishop of St David's and a Pastor of an Ebenezer Baptist Church in Mold.

GUEST SPEAKER

September Parish Magazine

Searching for the September Magazine today will prove a fruitless exercise. Unfortunately copies will not be available until next Sunday but it is hoped that the wait to read it will have been worthwhile. The reason for the delay is that it will be appearing in a revised format now that we are part of the Forder Valley Mission Community together with Christ Church, Estover. Much consideration and work has gone into the new layout, with Rev Chris's ideas being brought to fruition by Julian Payne, who has spent many hours (the majority of them when most of us are asleep) at the keyboard. What has been drafted is intended to provide more easily accessible information of the activities of our respective churches and listed details of those members who may need to be contacted. No doubt future fine tuning will be necessary and suggestions for improvement will be appreciated. It's now just a matter of waiting a week until the copies will be in church.

Holidays Ending

It's back to school time for most children this coming week and some will be starting for the first time. There will be many emotions: excitement, nervousness and uncertainty – and that's just for the parents! Not only will children be starting new schools, but there will be teachers moving to new situations and those at the very beginning of their careers. We would ask that all involved in education – the provision and the learning – be held in your prayers today and during the week ahead.



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Alpha Course

An Alpha Course will be starting on Sunday, 2nd October in St Edward's Church from 5-6.30pm and on subsequent Sundays at that time. Please let the Churchwardens or Rev Chris know if you are interested in being involved as a participant or a helper.



Only Joking

A couple's marriage was under extreme pressure for nearly ten years because of the presence in their home of elderly Aunt Gertrude. All the while she was with them she was bad tempered, complained for the slightest of reasons and it was an immense relief when finally she died. After the funeral, the husband admitted to his wife that if he hadn't loved her so much, he wouldn't have put up with having her Aunt Gertrude living with them for so long. His wife looked at him in amazement: "My Aunt Gertrude?" she cried. "I thought she was your Aunt Gertrude."

A man and his wife were sitting in the living room when he turned to her and said: "Just so there is no misunderstanding, I never want to live in a vegetative state, dependent upon some machine. If that ever happens, just pull the plug." "Alright, I fully understand," said his wife. She thereupon got up and promptly unplugged the television set.



Open Church (Repeated Appeal)

The church continues to be open on Friday mornings for any visitors (church members included) who might wish to drop in. Tea and coffee is available, there is the chance to look around, sit in quiet meditation, pray or even converse with those present who usually include a couple of flower arrangers. At the moment volunteers to ensure the church can be open are in very short supply and more are desperately needed. If you think you can spare an hour or two – maybe just occasionally – please speak to Churchwarden Peter Anderson. If this commitment can be spread amongst several volunteers, the less frequently any individual will need to be called upon.



Eddy Bears

This Group for adults & toddlers starts again on 5th September in the Church Hall. It runs every Monday in term time from 9.15-11.00am and the cost is £2 per session. For further information please contact Michelle Taberner on 07780647882. On the 5th September there will be a 'spring clean' of all the toys. Everybody welcome!



Wanted – Spare Shoe Boxes

Glenda Davies is asking for empty shoe boxes that can be used for the Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoe Box Appeal. Anyone with spare boxes, please bring them to church as soon as possible so that they can then be available to be filled with all the lovely presents that will be a Christmas highlight for some under privileged child. Setting the ball rolling by providing a dozen boxes is Dorothy Usher to whom our thanks.

