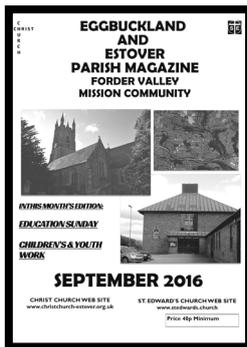




Sunday Snippets

September Parish Magazine

We're pleased and relieved to say that copies of the September Parish Magazine are now available at the back of the church, albeit a week later than would normally be the case. The layout should be largely familiar to regular readers and, hopefully, who does what within our Mission Community can readily be found. Efforts will always be made to try to improve the content and make it a more interesting and informative read for all. Any constructive suggestions, observations or criticisms can be passed to Rev Chris, Julian Payne or Pat Whatty.



Back in Routine

Here we are, into September already; most holidays are now but pleasant memories, children returning to school and so many of us resuming familiar routines. The beginning of the new academic year is always a time of anticipation and, for some, a resolve to make a fresh start and knuckle down to some serious studying. New exercise books almost invariably have the neatest writing on the first few pages! This past week has been a busy one for Rev Chris after what we trust was a relaxing time. Accompanied by our Pastoral Co-ordinator, Vicki Hocking, he has been taking Holy Communion to some of our housebound members and those in care homes and hospital. As well as receiving the Eucharist, these visits are a vital link with our churches and very much appreciated.



Greenfingers

This month's gathering of the Greenfingers Group is next Saturday, 10th September. We are hoping for better weather than on a couple of previous occasions so that good progress can be made with tidying up the churchyard now that most of the growth has slowed down. Saws, shears and woodcutters are likely to be the order of the day but of most importance will be to have someone at the end of a tool or implement; so do come along if you are able at any time from nine o'clock until around noon.



Prayer Diaries

If you have not already had a copy of the September Prayer Diary, please take one from the back of the church as you leave.



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.



Thanks from the Food Bank

Helen Soole reports that Hilary Clift of the North Plymouth Food Bank is delighted to have received 12 tubes of toothpaste and 46 toothbrushes donated by members of St Edward's. We hesitate to repeat Helen's observation that, as a result, Plymouth dentists are down in the mouth.!



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Eddy Bears

This Group for adults & toddlers starts again tomorrow (Monday) in the Church Hall and will be running every Monday throughout the school term from 9.15-11.00am. There is a very modest charge of £2 per session and for further information please contact Michelle Taberner on 07780647882.



Charity Quiz

A date for your diary - Bob Hall is organising a Charity Quiz in aid of Diabetes UK. It will be on Friday, 30th September at 7.30pm in the Church Hall. Further reminder and details nearer the date.



Still Wanted – Spare Shoe Boxes

Glenda Davies is still looking for a supply of empty shoe boxes and requests that they be brought to church as soon as possible. They will be used for the Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoe Box Appeal and distributed to anyone who would like to experience the pleasure of filling them with presents to delight under-privileged children in less prosperous countries than our own.



Only Joking

A woman bought a self-assembly wardrobe for her bedroom which she painstakingly put together. She was very pleased with the result until a train rattled past on the line close to her house, causing the wardrobe to collapse. Thinking this to be a freak occurrence, the woman re-assembled the wardrobe but it collapsed again when the next train passed by. She contacted the store from which she had purchased the furniture to complain and a repair man was sent to investigate the problem. He rebuilt the wardrobe and sat inside it to see what would happen when the next train went past. Shortly after the repairman entered the wardrobe, the woman's husband came home early from work and finding



the man crouching inside the half open door, demanded to know what he was doing in his bedroom. The repairman replied meekly, "You're unlikely to believe this, but I'm waiting for a train."

What's Ahead?

There are many hopes and plans for future events and developments, mostly in the embryo stage. Whether they come to fruition will very much depend upon not just an enthusiastic response but a sufficient number of people willing to provide practical support. Presently, the comparatively small group of church members upon whose shoulders the majority of work falls cannot be expected to keep having more piled upon them. The final straw is within near reach. A major event will be the lighting up of the village at the beginning of December – just a week after the Christmas Fair. Helen Soole is co-ordinating our involvement so can provide details of what help will be needed. On a smaller scale, the Tamar Concert Choir has been invited back to provide a festive musical evening and the Plymouth Area Police Choir will be visiting us on the 27th Jan 2017. Within the church building (clock chamber, upper vestry and boiler house) there is much clutter to be removed and the co-ordinator for that task is Churchwarden Peter Anderson. There is every intention of strengthening our Sidmouth Parish links and there should also be much future activity with the church hall project. It's a case now of 'watch this space' and for anyone who has some time to spare – no matter how little or infrequent – there will be plenty of opportunities to help contribute and make a difference.

