



Sunday Snippets

Autumn has Arrived

The autumn equinox was on Thursday when the lengths of day and night were equal. From now until just before Christmas the days will become progressively shorter. However, we have all the autumn colours to enjoy in the meantime. There are still masses of flowers in the gardens and the trees have barely begun to shed their leaves let alone show any signs of autumn so, unless there should be a sudden dramatic change in the weather, we could have some pleasant weeks to shorten the winter. The most obvious signs that summer has gone are the cooler nights, condensation on windows in the morning and heavy dews which are all the more evident when seen sparkling in the early morning sunshine on the numerous strings of cobwebs criss-crossing garden paths, bridging the shrubs and bushes.



Harvest Festival Approaching

For many of us, the season of autumn is synonymous with Harvest Thanksgivings. Our Harvest Festival in St Edward's will be in two weeks' time, 9th October. After the Morning Service there will be the customary refreshments together with an auction of the harvest produce. The church will be open all morning on Friday, 7th October with the decorating team in situ and additional help is desperately needed. This will be the best time to bring donations of vegetables, fruit, flowers and any other produce.



Alpha Course

Our Alpha Course will be starting next Sunday, 2nd October here in church from 5-6.30pm. Please let the Churchwardens or Rev Chris know if you are interested in being involved as a participant or a helper.



Celebrating Carl's Ordination

As most of us will surely know by now, Rev Carl Budden was Ordained to the Priesthood yesterday in Tavistock. To mark this momentous milestone for Carl, there is a celebration Tea Party in the church hall this afternoon starting at two o'clock. Everyone is invited, so please do come along and join in the fun.



Muriel has Moved

Our longstanding church member, Muriel Marshall, who has spent some time recently in Derriford Hospital, was discharged this week. She is now a resident in the Greenacres Care Home, 12 Pearn Road, Higher Compton, PL3 5JF. We pray that this accommodation will be appropriate for Muriel's particular needs and that she settles quickly and comfortably in her new home.



Share Prayer

The inaugural gathering of the Shared Prayer for Peace Women's Group met here in St Edward's this past Wednesday evening. An encouraging number attended. The group will be meeting on the third Wednesday in each month. For any additional details, please contact Lynda Holmes tel: 07772 777 914.



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Barn Dance

Christ Church Estover have organised a Barn Dance, with 'Blue' calling, to be held in the ELM Centre on Friday, 7th October from 7-10.00pm. Tickets will cost £6 to include a pasty supper (meat or vegetable) and the price for under 16's will be £3. Our friends at Christ Church would be very pleased to be joined by members from St Edward's and they say that a good evening is guaranteed!



Tamar Concert Choir to Return

Those of us who were fortunate to have enjoyed the concert by the Tamar Concert Choir earlier this year will be delighted to hear that they have been persuaded to return to entertain us with a Christmas Concert in St Edward's. The provisional date is Friday 9th December. Full details will, of course, be publicised well before the actual date.



Only Joking

An artist, a lawyer and a computer programmer were discussing the merits of a mistress. The artist enthused: "A mistress has energy and passion and there's always that thrill of being discovered." The lawyer warned: "It can lead to a costly divorce and bankruptcy, so it's not worth the risk." The computer programmer said, "Taking a mistress is the best thing that's ever happened to me. My wife thinks I'm with my mistress, my mistress thinks I'm with my wife and I can spend all night on the computer." Why did the duck cross the road? To prove he wasn't chicken.



Letter of Thanks

We have received a lovely letter from the North Plymouth Food Bank expressing "a big thank you to everyone in St Edward's who supports the work that we do." Hilary Clift, the Food Bank Co-ordinator, says that if anyone would like to see the work that goes on in the Food Bank they should feel free to pop in on either a Tuesday or Thursday morning between 10am and 12 noon. She even suggests that a cup of coffee could be offered. Helen Soole reminds us that the Bank has a current wish list for biscuits, jam, tinned rice pudding and instant mash potato.



Prayers for MP's

A list of people who will commit to praying for our politicians is being coordinated by Felicite Darwall. The aim is for each MP in the UK to have three people praying for them on a daily basis. Possible points for prayer could be – for wisdom; that they might serve God in their work; protection and



courage to stand for righteousness; righteous decision making.

Anyone interested should contact Felicite on felicitedarwall@btinternet.com or tel: 01822 820 252.

Quiz Night

Get your thinking caps on and turn up next Friday, 30th September in the church hall for the Quiz Night that will start at 7.15pm. It is being held to raise funds for Diabetes UK. Margaret Hall suggests you get your teams ready – or just turn up and join a team on the night – and bring your own drinks and snacks. The entrance fee is a modest £2 per person and there will be a prize draw.

