



Sunday Snippets

Advent

Today, the Second Sunday in Advent, we remember the Old Testament prophets who foretold the coming of the Messiah. The second candle in the Advent Ring will be lit and it is said that this can represent Love and in some traditions it is called the Bethlehem Candle symbolising Christ's manger.

God our Father, you told the prophets of old that you would send a Saviour to bring peace to the world. You helped them to spread the joyful message of the Saviour's coming kingdom. As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Saviour, help us to share the good news of your love and your power with those around us.



Tamar Concert Choir

Tickets for the much looked-forward-to Christmas Concert by the Tamar Concert Choir here in St Edward's are now available and can be obtained from the Churchwardens or the Sidespersons today. The date of the concert is this coming Friday, 9th December at 7.30pm. Please do support what promises to be a most pleasurable evening and a good means of starting to get into the Festive spirit.



Christmas Fair

For anyone who has not heard the result of last week's Christmas Fair, we are very pleased to announce that in the final event we raised an impressive £825 for church funds. The support of those who attended was most generous and our helpers were as amazing as always – good humoured and determined to make the Fair a success. We can never say "Thank you" too often.



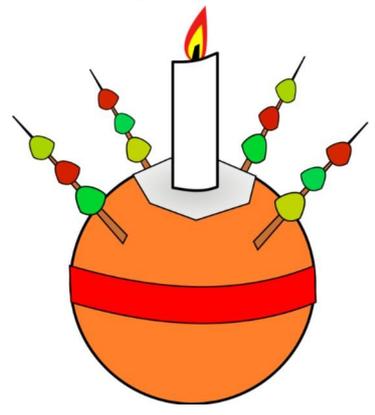
Christmas Lunch

The Dream Scheme Community Christmas Lunch takes place in the church hall next Saturday, 10th December. This gives the opportunity for students from Eggbuckland Community College to give up some of their leisure time and provide one of the Christmas highlights for many local senior citizens.



Christingle

Our Christingle Service in St Edward's is next Sunday (11th) at 3.00pm. All are welcome to attend what is a lovely, friendly and relaxed time when we can all – whether young or old – learn about Jesus Christ, Light of the World.





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Church Christmas Party

There will be a Christmas Party for all members of the church family who wish to attend on Tuesday, 20th December, from 6.30pm in the church hall. This will be hosted by the Community Lunch Team and children are most welcome. There is no charge for this event but it is important that all who hope to attend, sign up on the sheet on the notice board at the back of the church so that catering numbers are known. In addition to food there will be party games and entertainment. Sue Lake (298434) would like to hear from anyone who has a 'party piece' they would like to share – singing a song, playing a musical instrument, reading a poem, telling a short story or performing a sketch. Don't be shy, share your talent and add to the evening's fun and games.



Only Joking!

Arriving home to find that her house had been robbed, a woman called the police and insisted they send a patrol car over straight away. "I am afraid the only car we have in your area at the moment is a canine car," said the dispatcher. "I don't care," said the woman. "Just send him over." A few minutes later the police car pulled up and when the woman saw the officer dismount with his German shepherd, she wailed, "Just my luck. My house get robbed and they send me a blind policeman!"



Musician: "Did you hear my last recital?"

Friend: "I hope so."

Village Light Festival

A tremendous amount of work was undertaken by a great many people to ensure the success of yesterday's activities when Eggbuckland was all lit up. We can but propose a major vote of thanks to all who were involved and trust they will take satisfaction in a job well done.



Prayer Sheets

December's Prayer Sheets are available at the back of the church. Please take one as you leave and use it throughout the month as an aide-memoire when praying for each other and the local community.



Notice of Draft Pastoral Scheme

The more observant may have seen the legal notification displayed on the churchyard entrance gate regarding the Pastoral Scheme which will unite the (Anglican) benefice and parish of Eggbuckland and Estover under Mission & Pastoral Measure 2011. Some of the key changes are that the new parish and benefice will be known as 'The Parish of Eggbuckland with Estover'. Eggbuckland will be the parish church for the whole area. Estover will remain 'parish centre of worship for the whole area'. The Diocese will be able to use what was known formerly as Estover Vicarage as a property to house a church worker (if agreed by the Bishop). Rev Chris will have the title 'Vicar' as opposed to 'Priest in Charge'. There is provision to dissent by making a case to the Church Commissioners as outlined on the displayed notification which will remain until 5th January. If further clarification is required, Rev Chris or the Churchwardens can be consulted.

