



# Sunday Snippets

## The Season of Advent

Today sees the lighting of the third candle in the Advent Ring. This candle represents John the Baptist who prepared the way for the ministry of Christ and it also represents Joy at the imminent Advent of Jesus.

*Blessed are you Lord God.*

*You are just and true. To you be praise and glory for ever.*

*Your prophet John the Baptist was a bright witness to the glory and power of God.*

*May we witness to the world that Jesus is our Saviour and the King of all time.*



## 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 intend coming should sign up on the sheet on the notice board at the back of the church so that we know the numbers for catering. There will be party games and entertainment. Sue Lake (298434) would like to hear from anyone who has a 'party piece' they can present - singing a song, playing a musical instrument, reading a poem, telling a short story or performing a sketch. Please sign up now and don't hide your talent.



## Blankets to a Good Home

There were some locally and beautifully hand-made knee blankets at our Christmas Fair which were unsold. They were far too good to be stored and forgotten so Pam Capps took them to the Salvation Army where they were gratefully accepted. The blankets will be found homes where they will be very much appreciated in the cold months ahead.



## Christingle

Our Christingle Service is here this afternoon at three o'clock. All are welcome to attend this lovely service when we will be joined by the St Edward's School Choir. Morrison's of Outland Road have very kindly supplied the oranges for which many thanks and we are also most grateful to Sainsbury's of Marsh Mills for donating a voucher for the sweets, etc.



## Christmas Tree

St Edward's is being much used this month with church events and services as well as by the schools for Nativities and carol services. The Christmas tree has been erected in good time so that it can add some additional cheer to all the proceedings. We are very grateful to Fiona of the Plymouth Garden Centre for agreeing to waive the delivery charge.





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## Village Light Festival

How different was the weather last weekend for the switching on of the village lights and associated events from that of last year when everyone got a soaking. At a conservative estimate the attendance ran into many hundreds and an air of excitement prevailed. The PCC underwrote the expenses together with a donation of £300 from our local Councillors. The major outlay was for the marquee and PA system which cost around £1,650. Income was received from the Prince Maurice who had raised an impressive sum of £681 through quizzes and Bonus Ball competitions. A further £687.50 was raised on the day through hire of stalls, Father Christmas, etc. Proceeds from the sale of refreshments in church amounted to £191 which will boost the new porch door fund. It is intended that a generous donation will be made to the Plymouth Drake Foundation whose aim is to help the City's young people reach their potential, the actual amount being decided when the accounts have been completed



## Only Joking!

A middle-aged man walked into a post office and stood at the counter spraying perfume over bright pink envelopes and then sticking special Valentine's bay stamps on them. The woman behind in the queue asked him impatiently what he was doing. "I'm sending out 300 Valentine bay cards signed "Guess who?" he said. "Why?" asked the woman. The man replied, "Because I'm a divorce lawyer."



Did you hear about the men who were arrested for throwing bombs from a

boat? They dropped the charges. [www.stedwards.church](http://www.stedwards.church)

## Church Decorating

The decorating of the church for Christmas will take place this coming Friday - 16 December - from 9.00am. Helpers are needed and no experience or specialist skills are required. This can be a very pleasant social occasion when, with a common purpose, the building is transformed with festive decorations and displays in time to be resplendent for the Candlelit Service two days later (Sunday, 18th at 6.30pm. Seasonal greenery, especially holly, would be most welcome.



## 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.

