



Sunday Snippets

26th November 2017

Where Have All The Berries Gone?

About a month ago it was thought that for the first time in memory, there would be berried holly from the churchyard amongst our Christmas decorations in St Edward's. Sadly it's not to be. All but two or three berries have disappeared –



presumably enjoyed by our feathered friends, with the blackbirds being the most likely culprits – or could it be redwings passing through? Let's hope there's plenty of other food available in the colder months ahead.

Community Card

We will be continuing the tradition of having a community Christmas card at the back of the church to which everyone who wishes can attach their greetings to other church members. The money that would have

been spent by so many of us sending cards to all and sundry can instead be donated. This year's community card is being made by Eddy Bears and the chosen charity to benefit will be the Woodland Trust. Sue Lake explains that the Trust has an ongoing project – "First World War Centenary Woods" – aimed at planting over a million trees and creating four new woods in the British Isles to commemorate the Centenary of the Armistice. This is a very special way to remember those who died in the Great War, to help the planet and leave a legacy for our descendants.

**A living,
growing
tribute**

Get the latest news
about our First World
War Centenary Woods

December/January Magazines

There is a limited number of Parish Magazines for December/January at the back of the church. If you fail to get a copy today, the remainder of the print run should be available by next Sunday.



New Wine United Conference August 2018

A message from Rev Chris:

With the weather so grey and gloomy and Christmas around the corner, it is a perfect time to consider the summer and what you would like to do this year. You may already have plans but I would love you to consider this as a possibility:

Keith and Annette, Helen and I have been to New Wine now for a number of years but this year we are planning to go together as a little village community on the Bath & West showground. We would love it if you would join with us – absolutely no pressure, just a very warm invitation. The biggest objection people normally use to New Wine is camping which is included in the ticket price so to opt for off-site accommodation is more expensive. However, that is a possibility as there are many guest houses in the area. Another alternative is to hire a caravan for the week from a company that will set it up for you. Helen will be organising catering so all who wish can eat together as a group. However, camping is a lot of fun and, as a group, helps us to enjoy time together much easier. Other positives include going away as a church or group and growing in faith meeting and worshipping with thousands of other people and, for families, the children's work is exciting, fun and helps the young ones grow in their faith. If you are interested, please have a chat with Helen or myself, Annette or Keith and if the cost is a problem there may be ways some modest help can be given. Discounts are available for bookings before 3rd December.





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Christ Church Events
 If you would like to attend an early Christingle Service, you can go along to Christ Church, Estover at 7.00pm tomorrow (Monday, 27th November). Immediately before the service – from 6.15-6.45pm – there will be a Christingle making session. Don't forget also at Christ Church there is to be a Christmas Tree Festival from 21st-23rd December and for anyone wishing to enter a tree, just telephone 780830 for further details.

Christmas Craft Evening
 A really fun evening awaits those who decide to go along to the church hall on Friday, 15th December from 7-9.00pm to make their own Christmas wreath and other hanging decorations. Any money raised will be for the work of Eddy Bears – our Parent & Toddler Group. The cost of the evening is a bargain £5 per person with all materials provided and there will be mince pies and mulled wine available. To book a place, contact Michelle Taberner on 07780 647 782. First come, first served!

ONLY JOKING!
A BUSINESSMAN MOVED TO THE COUNTRY AND BOUGHT A DONKEY FROM A FARMER FOR £100. IT WAS AGREED THAT THE ANIMAL WOULD BE DELIVERED THE NEXT DAY BUT WHEN THE FARMER ARRIVED HE SAID HE HAD SOME BAD NEWS: "THE DONKEY DIED ON THE WAY HERE." "WELL, GIVE ME MY MONEY BACK," SAID THE BUSINESSMAN. "I CAN'T," SAID THE FARMER. "I'VE SPENT IT." "OK, THEN JUST UNLOAD THE DONKEY." "WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH HIM?" ASKED THE FARMER. "I'M GOING TO RAFFLE HIM OFF." "YOU CAN'T RAFFLE A DEAD DONKEY," SAID THE FARMER. "SURE I CAN," SAID THE BUSINESSMAN. "I JUST WON'T TELL ANYONE HE'S DEAD." THE NEXT MONTH THE PAIR MET AGAIN AND THE FARMER ASKED HOW THE RAFFLE HAD GONE. "I SOLD 500 TICKETS AT £2 A TIME AND MADE A PROFIT OF £998." "DIDN'T ANYONE COMPLAIN?" "ONLY THE MAN WHO WON SO I GAVE HIM HIS £2 BACK."



**WHY DO GORILLAS HAVE BIG NOSTRILS?
 BECAUSE THEY HAVE BIG FINGERS.**

Wanted – Mince Pies
 Helen Soole is feeling rather neglected and forlorn. Her appeal for mince pies has thus far resulted in only one box being received. The pies are needed for a number of church events throughout December and Helen says that 'use by' dates can be ignored as our answer to Iceland, Pam Capps, can freeze them until required. Incidentally, in one survey of blind tasted Christmas fare from ten supermarkets, the Co-op Irresistible mince pies at £2 for 6 came out on top. That is not to suggest that you should patronise that particular outlet. Asda's Extra Special Brandy -Soaked Iced Christmas cake (£13) was deemed the best as was Sainsbury's chocolate and cream Yule log at £7. To avoid any accusations of favouritism, the same survey considered Tesco's Finest Potato Trio lightly salted savoury snack (£1) as the best of those tasted.