



Sunday Snippets

8th April 2018

Thanks for Support

Rev Chris wishes to thank everyone for their support over the Lent and Easter period and for making it a very special occasion in and with our communities. A number of the participants of the challenging Lent course, using the material by James Bryan Smith from his book *The Good and Beautiful God*, would like to continue meeting. Rev Chris will be arranging for them to do so on Tuesdays from 24th April at 12 noon at Christ Church and 7.30pm in the Vicarage. He says they will be moving on to Book 3 – *The Good and Beautiful Community* – and is encouraging and inviting others to read the books and/or join one of the groups. Further details can be obtained from Chris on his return from leave after 14th April.



Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Details have now been finalised for this year's APCM. It is to be incorporated with the Morning Service on 22nd April (a fortnight today), and a thanksgiving for and a Blessing of the latest stage in the hall improvements project. The Service will commence as usual at 9.30am in church and following a period of worship and receiving of Communion, the Choir and congregation will process to the church hall for refreshments at 10.00am. There will then be the Blessing of the work and at 10.30am, the Election of Church Wardens. The APCM will follow with the presentation of the Annual Report and Accounts and the election of PCC Members. Concluding worship at 11.15am will comprise Prayers of Intercession and songs led by Rev Keith and the St Edward's Worship Band.



Evening Prayer at St Edward's

- 8th April Common Worship Evening Prayer
- 15th April Celtic Evening Prayer
- 22nd April Taizé Prayer
- 29th April Holy Communion



Quest Cancelled – For One Week Only

Due to staff holidays, this morning's Quest service in the church hall has been cancelled. Normal service will be resumed next week.



Plymouth Soup Run

The work of the Plymouth Soup Run is a Godsend at the best of times but it could well have proved to have been a life-saver in the recent bitterly cold weather when the Severe Weather Emergency Protocol was implemented during which Soup Run volunteers worked alongside Shekinah staff. The organisation has a map leaflet which has proved very effective in sign-posting many homeless and vulnerable people to relevant services in Plymouth. Unfortunately, supplies have run out and the Soup Run has no funds or even a bank account so it is an act of faith that they are aiming to print 5,000 leaflets at a cost of £298. Donations are being sought and Hope Baptist Church has offered to co-ordinate these which can be made either by transfer or cheque. The bank details are: Hope Baptist Church; account no: 6521393; sort code: 08-92-99; reference 'Soup Run'. Their address is Peverell Corner, Peverell Park Road, Plymouth, PL3 4QG. Please make cheques payable to Hope Baptist Church and indicate that it's for the Soup Run.





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Workshop Day

There will be a Legacy Workshop Day at St Luke's Church, Buckfastleigh next Tuesday, 10th April from 10am-3.30pm. It promises to be lively and informative, highlighting the financial, theological and practical reasons why parishes should encourage giving through legacies. Eleanor Stead, the National Legacy & Funding Officer, will be offering practical advice for parishes looking to encourage legacy gifts. She will introduce supportive literature and create space for discussion. A local solicitor will also be present to advise on Will Aid and encouraging testimonies from parishes. Lunch will be included. For further information, telephone 01392 294960 or go to www.Exeter.anglican.org/church-life/parish-giving-scheme/



Social Events & Fundraising

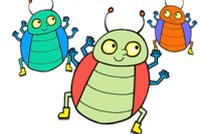
Please make a note in diaries and on calendars that there will be a Summer Fayre in aid of church funds on Saturday, 2nd June in the church hall with a 2.30pm start. Watch our also for details in the future of some concerts – hopefully one in the summer and one during autumn. There are also tentative plans for sales tables and entertainment as part of the Village Christmas Festival event on Saturday, 1st December.



Beetle Drive

Christ Church, Estover are organising a Beetle Drive with entertainment and refreshments next Friday, 13th April at 7.00pm in the Elm Centre. Cost for the evening is a modest £5. Everybody welcome

Beetle Drive Family Fun Game



Only Joking!

A knight in a besieged castle offers to break out and ride for help. Unfortunately all the horses are dead so the knight suggests riding out on the back of a giant wolfhound. "You can't," says the lord of the manor. "My wolfhound has a sore leg. The only other dog is this chihuahua and I wouldn't send out a knight on a dog like this."

A man is checking into a hotel. The receptionist asks him if he'd like a room with bath or a shower. "What's the difference?" asks the man. "You can sit down in a bath," explains the receptionist.



Mission Shed – A Free Event

Last year more than 100 people gathered at the first Mission Shed Central event in Cullompton for some inspirational talks, practical workshops and seminars on how to connect with our communities, share our faith, explore new ways of 'doing' church or making what we do already a little more mission shaped. This year's free event at St Andrew's Church & Community Centre, Cullompton is due to take place on Saturday, 28th April from 10am-3pm. Workshops and seminars will include Messy, Bread, Fireworks and Fun with Capt Jeff Hill of the Church Army/Torbay Centre of Mission: Sports Evangelism with Rev Andy Dodwell: Discipleship making & growing: Exploring the sacramental in Fresh expressions of church – Kim Brown: Wild Church – Samantha Werham and Mission shaped church in the Anglo-Catholic tradition with Peter March & Nick Debney. Come alone or with a group from church or mission community.

