



12th October 2014

Sunday Snippets

Dorothy is with her Lord

This week we finally had to say "farewell" to a longstanding member of the St Edward's family when **Dorothy Lazard** passed peacefully away in the Bethany Care Home at Greenbank where she had resided for the past few weeks. Dorothy had reached the amazing age of 104 (she would have been 105 in January) and after an active life had made it known that she was more than ready to meet her Lord. Many of us have fond memories of Dorothy's "This is Your Life" evening in the church hall when she celebrated her 90th birthday and then ten years later when we enjoyed another party, the highlight of which was a film of her in conversation with **Glenda Davies**. It had only been shortly before her 100th birthday that Dorothy, mainly due to failing eyesight, had given up her membership of St Edward's church choir. In recent years she enjoyed visits by her church friends to her Miles Mitchell bungalow and she was particularly grateful for all the friendship and loving support she received for so long from **Frances Rendle**.



Dorothy's strong and unwavering faith was an example to us all and her lovely sense of fun will be long remembered.

An Appeal for Help

Church member **Eleanor Parry** says she has received a message from someone who is a father, legally separated but not yet divorced, who has two requests. The first is for the loan of a car for a pre-booked holiday between 26th October and 1st November. The second is for two wardrobes to put in his home for when his two teenaged children come to visit. Eleanor says that this person (Mr Smith) can be contacted on +447877807805.



Only Joking!

Hamish buys a cheap vase for his sister's birthday but accidentally smashes it before he can give it to her. He has a brainwave. He wraps the vase in gift paper, puts it in a box and posts it to her – this way he'll be able to blame the breakage on the postal service. His sister rings the next day, thanks him for the vase but tells him it arrived broken. "Oh dear," says Hamish. "That's a pity." "Yes, it is" replies his sister. "But it was kind of you to wrap each piece individually."



Two slugs are slithering along the pavement. They go round a corner and get stuck behind two snails. "Oh no!" says one. "Caravans."

Colour for the Winter

All attending church today will have seen that now the poppies have ceased flowering after an impressive prolonged spell and been taken up, their space inside the churchyard



entrance has been filled with winter flowing pansies. These should provide a welcome splash of colour during what may well be a cold winter ahead. Just have to be careful that they don't become donkey fodder at Christmas!



Memorial Service

A memorial service for the late **Rev Charles Whitfield** is to be held in St Edward's Church on **Tuesday, 28th October at 11.00am**. This will be a good opportunity to support the family and, for those of us who were fortunate enough to have known Charles when he was our Vicar here for 22 years from 1968, to remember him and share reminiscences. This should be a joyful occasion to which all are welcome and it is hoped that there will be a good representation of our church members able to attend.



The Tower Toilet Fund

We are delighted to announce that a very generous church member has anonymously donated £1,000 (gift aided) to this fund. A site visit by the Architect is anticipated shortly and there should be sufficient money already raised now to get the scheme underway. **Julian Payne** will this week be attending a meeting in Exeter designed to provide tips on fund raising and applying for grants so hopefully he will learn of various ways of boosting finances for the project



Cream Teas

Just another reminder of the cream teas to be hosted by **Pam Capps** at 10 Towers Close, Mainstone on **Thursday, 6th November** between **2 and 4.00 pm**. Tickets can be obtained from Pam. Proceeds will go towards the tower toilet fund



Reminder

Material for inclusion in this weekly newsletter should be passed to **Pat Whatty (773145)** or **Julian Payne (344632)** before a Friday.

