



Sunday Snippets

Advent

Today is the first Sunday in Advent. This is the season of Anticipation, of Hope and of Preparation.



For some it is also a time of penitence, acknowledged by the fact that we have no flowers in church until Christmas. Traditionally, though, there is the Advent Ring or Wreath with five candles. You will notice that ours is situated in the Memorial Chapel. The evergreen material represents eternity and each candle an aspect of the spiritual preparation for the coming of Christ. They will be lit progressively over four Sundays starting today with what is known as the Prophecy Candle in remembrance of the prophets and, in particular, Isaiah who foretold Christ's birth. The fifth candle, the middle one, will be lit on Christmas Day – a reminder to us to keep Christ at the centre of Christmas.

Thank You

Very grateful thanks to all who helped with yesterday's Christmas Fair. This includes those who assisted with the setting up, manning the stalls, donating goods for sale and spending their money. The result, which we hope will be a good one despite all the competition from many other similar events including at neighbouring parishes, will be announced before our service today. The Guides deserve a special mention for the work they put into creating Santa's grotto and wrapping the presents.



Friday Night Beer and Bands

As a prelude to the Village Christmas Light Festival next Saturday, 3rd December, the Prince Maurice is arranging a Beer Festival on Friday with local bands performing from 7.30-10.30pm. The centre of the revelry will be a marquee in the Prince Maurice car park and the three bands playing on Friday are Molly Stewart, Benassi Lake and Ramon Walsh. The latter is believed to comprise of family members of Jon & Sue Lake.



Saturday Evening Village Christmas Light Festival

Activities begin at 4.00pm next Saturday when the church hall will have sales stalls with crafts and Christmas gifts as well as refreshments. The church will be open with choirs singing and Father Christmas in the Vestry grotto. The actual lighting up switch-on is programmed for six



o'clock and there will be various other amusements and events, with mulled wine, hot chestnuts, soup and pizzas. Bands performing in the marquee will be Egguckland College Music, Old Town Twelves, Africussion, Carol & John, Jazzacadabra, Queen's Dock Ukelele Band followed by an open mic session. It promises to be an amazing occasion and fine weather would be a bonus.

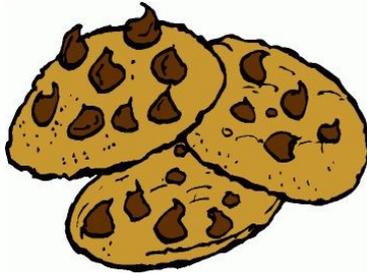




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Baked Biscuits

That arm twisting lady, Helen Soole, is now using her persuasive powers to appeal for Christmas baked biscuits that can be sold to children on the refreshments counter in the hall next Saturday. Helen is very grateful to all who have donated mince pies following her request.



School Governor Vacancies

Would you be interested in serving as a Foundation Governor (representing the Parochial Church Council) at St Edward's CE Academy? If so, please speak to Rev Chris for further details.



Only Joking!

The owner of a discount store is dismayed when a huge new similar store opens next door, erecting a large sign that pronounces, "Big Deals." He's even more horrified when another large discount store opens up on the other side of his premises saying "Lowest Prices." The shopkeeper is in a state of panic until he has a bright idea. He puts a large sign over his own store saying, "Main Entrance."

I went to a school reunion recently. Sadly all my friends had become so fat and old that no one could recognise me.

Question: Why do more women pay attention to their appearance rather than improving their minds?

Answer: Most men are stupid but few are blind.



I Believe in Miracles!



deadlines.

Against all the odds and defying logical predictions, it should be possible for you to find copies of the December/January Parish Magazines at the back of the church today. New Year's resolutions will hopefully include undertakings to meet

Christmas Choir Concert

With all the excitement of the Christmas Fair, the Village Light Event and Festive preparations, it would be easy to forget that in just a couple of weeks' time we will be hosting the Tamar Concert Choir here in St Edward's. An evening of Christmas songs will be on offer on Friday, 9th December at 7.30pm.

If all those who enjoyed the Tamar Choir's renditions earlier this year turn up with a guest, the church will be packed out so it will be advisable to come early. Try not to miss out on what promises to be great seasonal entertainment.

