



# Sunday Snippets

29th July 2018

## A Joyful Concert

Last Saturday evening's visit by the Tamar Concert Choir saw practically every seat filled in St Edward's. The expectations of the audience for a pleasurable evening's entertainment were fully justified as the members of this mixed choir which sings in four part harmony were in fine voice. Musical



Director Jonathon Lewsey clearly has the choir well rehearsed with each and every one determined to meet his high standards. The singers demonstrated a refreshing enthusiasm and obvious enjoyment in their presentation. The programme for this concert of 'Songs for a Summer Evening' included many favourites including The Sound of Silence, You Raise me Up, Fields of Gold, Hallelujah and Fever. The audience was won over from the start as evidenced by the appreciative applause throughout. Proceeds from the evening which will go towards church projects amounted to almost £500 – a most satisfying outcome. Certainly The Tamar Concert Choir will, as the saying goes, be a hard act to follow but the Laira Youth Band which will be performing in St Edward's on Saturday, 8th September should prove a popular attraction.

## Silver Eco Award

Many congratulations to Jon & Sue Lake, plus all who are complying and co-operating in making ours an eco church. A Silver Eco Church Award for St Edward's has been confirmed by A Rocha UK and to prove it a Silver Certificate has been received.



## Eggbuckland Community Festival

The Festival of Fun in the village recreation field on Saturday 14th July was attended by scores of families who were able to participate in and enjoy the myriad activities throughout a beautiful summer afternoon and into the early evening. Vicki's cake stall proved extremely popular (a sell out), alongside Helen Soole's which provided fun for the children and cordial drinks. Between them they raised an impressive £170 towards church projects. They would like to thank their helpers including Rev Chris who erected the protective gazebos.



## Community Café

The community café in the church hall will be closed throughout August but will re-open in early September. The date will be announced in Snippets.



## Thanks from Bob & Margaret

Bob and Margaret Hall would like to thank everyone at St Edward's and beyond for their generous gifts last Sunday for the charity Pink Foundation for which they will be working in Bulgaria. They are also most grateful for the cards and good wishes they have received as they journey together in their next chapter of their ministry. Bob says they greatly appreciate our prayers, support and blessings as they head off on their new adventure. He says it's been a great few years journeying with us in



Eggbuckland and that we will continue to be in their thoughts and prayers. Margaret intends keeping up-to-date with happenings here (their home church) through Snippets.





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## Poetry Trail

Next Saturday, 4th August, will see the start of some special community events to commemorate the end of WW1 100 years ago in November. The 4th of August 1918 was the date when King George V called the nation to prayer and it was 100 days before the Armistice. Our poetry trail in the churchyard is being changed to reflect the poems of 'Woodbine Willie'. Martha Routledge has selected a number of poems that she felt expressed something of the mood of the Great War. Here is a reminder of how to access the poems on the sign posts. A smart phone is a necessity onto which a free QR scanner app should be downloaded from either Google Play Store or the Apple Store. Once installed, the app can be opened and by pointing the phone camera at the QR code on each of the sign posts, immediate contact can be made with the poem.



### HER GIFT

Dead black against a blood-red sky  
It stands,  
With outstretched hands,  
The Calvary.  
What can it mean,  
Beyond the vain recalling of a scene,  
A shameful scene of centuries ago?  
And yet, if that be so,  
How can it be,  
For you and me,  
A thing of any worth at all?  
We've seen men die,  
Not once, nor twice, but as many times  
In agony



## Changes Afoot

At the recent monthly meeting of the Clergy and Wardens, some changes of services were proposed with a view to enabling Rev Keith and Annette to concentrate more on work at Seaton. The 9.30am Holy Communion Services in St Edward's would continue as at present with a team being set up to look at how the services can be developed. From 7th October, in the church hall on the first Sunday in the month, there would be the more informal 'café' format as a monthly Fresh Expression for the Eggbuckland community. A live talk/discussion will be incorporated. On the third Sunday, the Baptism Service will remain at 11am with the whole Clergy team. There will be 'Quest @ Seaton' on the second and fourth Sundays.



## Only Joking!

A Royal Navy Admiral and an Army General were fishing together on a lake when a storm blew up and capsized their boat. Both men were left floundering helplessly in the water. Eventually, the General managed to right the boat and clamber back in. He then rescued the Admiral from drowning by getting him to grab an oar. As the Admiral was dragged into the boat, he spluttered, "Please don't say a word to anyone about this. If the Navy knew I couldn't swim, I'd be disgraced." "Don't worry," said the General. "Your secret's safe with me. I'd hate my men to find out that I couldn't walk on water."



What do you call an intelligent, handsome, sensitive man? ..... A rumour.

How many men does it take to open a beer? ..... None. It should be opened by the time she brings it to you.