



# Sunday Snippets

12th August 2018

## Holiday Time

Mention was made in last week's Snippets of the National Fireworks Competition this past Wednesday and Thursday. Weather conditions proved ideal and the vast numbers of spectators were treated to two evenings of colourful spectacle that most suggested surpassed the majority (if not all) of the 21 previous annual competitions. Certainly, the winning entry by Illusion Fireworks of Wallingford, near Oxford, was a display that was eye-catching and breathtaking. The result was never in doubt and all the more commendable because the Company has only been in existence for about four years. Some killjoys may question the expense but the pleasure provided to so many people and the trade brought to City businesses is immeasurable. And, for the participants, the publicity is invaluable, especially for the winner. It is known that there were many from our community and church membership who were enthralled by the occasion(s) and most will probably turn up again next year.



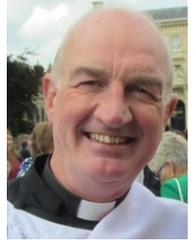
## Songs of Praise

Another event to record in our diaries for September is the proposed Songs of Praise Service to be held at Leigham Hall on the 30th at three o'clock in the afternoon. Some members of the Leigham community may well feel they have been a little neglected in recent times so this will be amongst the start of a number of events that will be taking place in the Leigham Hall.



## Congratulations & Celebrations!

It is with considerable pleasure we are able to report that Rev Carl Budden is now fully fledged, having finished his curacy training. The Bishop of Plymouth would like us to celebrate the completion of Carl's Curacy training as part of a Sunday Communion Service. Arrangements are being



made for this to take place on Sunday, 23rd September in St Edward's when the service will be at the later time of 10.30am. This will allow the Christ Church, Estover and Eggbuckland congregation's to join together for this happy celebration.



## Get Well Soon!

Our prayers and best wishes for a speedy recovery go out to church member Len Punter who has undergone remedial surgery on his knee. Since his previous operation, Len had valiantly tried to continue daily activities whilst in considerable discomfort in the hope and belief that things could only improve. They didn't, hence the need for a further hospital visit. Rugby and football may be out of the question, but we could well see Len re-joining the Greenfingers gang in the churchyard in the coming months.





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## Saving Water

Our Ground Steward, Jon Lake, says he has derived great satisfaction recently in being able use the contents of the water butt positioned on the west side of the church for watering the churchyard flower garden. The fixing of the butt is



yet another task for which we have to thank Martin Easton for his time and expertise. The timing could not

have been better, almost coinciding as it did with the awarding to St Edward's of the Silver Eco certificate by A Rocha UK. And a surprise seen in the garden this week is a foxglove in bloom – clearly a late developer.

## Major Work in Churchyard

A considerable expense that we could well have done without is the major repair work that is necessary to the retaining wall between the churchyard and Victoria Cottages.



Some remedial work was undertaken fairly recently but, unfortunately, it became evident that something more comprehensive could not be avoided and the renovations are currently proceeding

## Magazine Deadline

Please note that today is the deadline for items to be included in the September Parish Magazine.



## Only Joking!

Nurse: "Doctor, the man you just gave a clean bill of health to dropped dead as he was leaving the surgery."

Doctor: "Turn him around. Make it look like he was just walking in."

I'm not an organ donor, but I once gave an old piano to the Salvation Army.

Bob spent many years trying to find a cure for his halitosis and acne only to find people didn't like him anyway.



A man is sitting in a train next to a vicar. The vicar, who is doing a crossword puzzle, looks most uncomfortable. "What's this one?" he asks the man and reads out the clue. "Found in the bottom of a bird cage. Four letters. Ends in I T." "Grit?" suggests the man. "Oh yes, of course," says the vicar. You haven't got a rubber, have you?"