



# Sunday Snippets

9th December 2018

## All We Could Have Wished

Last Saturday evening's lighting event and Christmas Fair proved the success that everyone had hoped and even the weather cooperated with the rain holding off until the very end. There was great excitement when Father Christmas was seen abseiling down the church tower, accompanied by an intrepid Rev Chris who wanted to make sure that Santa found his way to his specially prepared grotto. The Morris dancers were in fine form on the play area outside the lower hall and the Stannary Brass Band provided seasonal music to sing to inside the churchyard entrance. The choirs were much appreciated and most who attended visited the Fair in the hall. The magnificent sum of £1,500 was raised on the night which will give a boost to the fund for the next phase of the hall and parking area refurbishment. Hard work it was for many, both before the event and on the night but all would surely agree that the result made it all worthwhile.



## Second Sunday in Advent

We will be lighting the second candle in the Advent wreath today. It represents the Old Testament prophets who told of the coming of the Messiah and the candle is a symbol of Peace, joining the first one which was lit last Sunday, symbolising Hope.



*Lord Jesus Christ, light of the world, the prophets said you would bring peace and save your people in trouble. Give us peace in our hearts this Christmas time and may all the world know your love. Amen.*

## Thanks to Donors

A major source of the money raised by the Christmas Fair was the raffle, the prize table for which was most impressively filled. Many thanks are due to all who contributed to this and the sales stalls. We would particularly like to acknowledge and thank the businesses who generously donated prizes. These were Messrs Sainsbury of Marsh Mills, the Plymouth Co-operative Society outlets at Fort Austin Avenue and Embankment Road and Eggbuckland Stores in St Edward Gardens.



## Evening Service

Our Service at 6.30pm today will be a Service of Prayer for Justice and Peace which fits in with the second Advent candle symbolising Peace. There is so much injustice throughout the world today, much of it affecting the freedom of Christians to follow their faith.



## Community Café

Please note that the Eggbuckland Community Café, which normally meets on Monday afternoons in the church hall is closed during December.





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## Communal Christmas Card

The Adults and Toddlers Group, Eddy Bears, has been very busy with craft work recently and the latest creation to emerge is the communal Christmas card that is now at the back of the church. Church members are invited to enter their greetings on the card to other members, thereby nullifying the need to give individual cards. The money thus saved can be donated to this year's chosen charity – the Woodland Trust. It will be put towards the planting of three centennial woods across the



UK to commemorate the centenary of the armistice of the First World War. The

communal card will also prevent dozens of cards being left lying around in church, many of them either never claimed or only finding their intended recipients when Christmas is but a memory.

## Mince Pies Still Wanted

Donations of mince pies are still being sought for the several Christmas events in the church and hall. Please pass any boxes to Pam Capps or Helen Soole. All the retail outlets have plenty of mince pies of varying quality and price. Interestingly, Iceland stores have a range that are palm oil free as is some shortbread that they stock. Palm oil is the scourge of rain forests with many animals suffering but especially orang-utans with tens of thousands having died in countries such as Borneo and Sumatra. Despite this, palm oil is now used in so many food products that it is difficult to find those which are more ecologically acceptable.



## Enchanted Saltram

A magical experience for the young at heart of any age can be found at Saltram until 30th December. Rooms of the house have been transformed into fairytale settings – Cinderella, 12 Dancing Princesses, Beauty and the Beast, Pinocchio, Rapunzel and Goldilocks and the Three Bears. The attention to detail will amaze you and the Christmas tree lights are stunning. Returning to reality outside, further enchantment can be found in the gardens following the route of the illuminated trees. The house is open from 12 noon each day but the best effect can be had at the end of daylight. To avoid the crowds, arrive at dusk. Sadly, it seems that many children are missing out these days by being unfamiliar with fairytales. This event will surely spark their interest and refresh the memories of those of us whose fairytale reading days have been lost in the mists of time.



## Only Joking!

Two men are fishing in a boat with great success. They catch so much they have to return to harbour early. "This is great," says the first man. "We should mark the spot so that we can return tomorrow." "You're right," said the second man who promptly reaches over the side and paints a big 'X' on the bottom of the boat. They then head for land and just as they are about to moor up, the first man looks at the second and says, "I've just thought of something. What if we don't get the same boat tomorrow?"

