



Sunday Snippets

16th December 2018

Communal Christmas Card

This is another reminder that the communal Christmas card is at the back of the church. Church members are invited to enter their greetings on the card to other members without having 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.



Third Sunday in Advent

The third candle in the Advent wreath will be lit today. This one represents the John the Baptist who prepared the way for Jesus' ministry. The candle also symbolises Love & Joy, joining the first two symbolising Hope and Peace.



Blessed are you Lord God. You are just and true. To you be praise and glory for ever. Your prophet, John the Baptist, was a bright witness to the truth. May we, your servants in our day, rejoice and be led to witness to the glory and power of God. May be witness to the world that Jesus is our Saviour and the king of all time. Blessed be God forever. Amen.

Crib Service at Christ Church

On Wednesday, 19th December, our friends at Christ Church, Estover are holding a Crib Service at 1.30pm. They are inviting all to go along to sing and dance and build up the Crib story and say that under 5's and carers are especially welcome.



Brightening our Day

Did you notice the camellia bush as you approached the church porch today? It is beginning to bloom, displaying an astonishing resilience to the extremes of weather it has faced since last it flowered. There have been freezing temperatures, lengthy heat and drought conditions, excessive rain and howling gales. We should surely take heart from such example.



Evening Carol Services

Once again this year we are holding two Candlelit Carols & Lessons Services this evening. The first will commence at 5.00pm and be repeated at 7.00pm in the hope that all who attend will be able to find a seat. It's really worth arriving early for whichever is your time of choice.



Greening Up

Our thanks to Angela, Brenda, Jen and Pauline for the greening of the church prior to the adding of the colourful flowers next week to mark the end of Advent and celebrate the beginning of Christmas.





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Readers Sought

Our Churchwarden, Peter Anderson, is keen to hear from anyone who is willing and able to undertake one of the readings at the Christmas Eve Communion Service or at the Christmas morning Family Communion Service. Please let Peter know if you can provide him with some peace of mind – speak to him in church or telephone 707377.



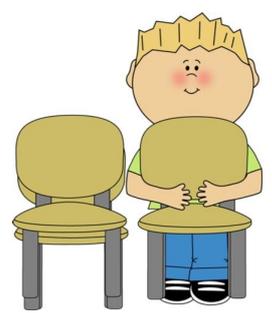
Schools' Carol Services

The pupils of St Matthew's CE Primary Academy will be coming to St Edward's at six o'clock next Tuesday evening (18th December) for their School Carol Service. The following day, our church will be hosting to Carol Services for St Edward's CE Primary Academy. These will be at 12 noon and at 6.00pm. In the past two weeks, there have been the Honeyshute Pre-School Nativity and Austin Farm Primary School Carol Service here so the church is very much in demand at this time of year.



Christmas Present from our Councillors

Bringing some brightness in these dull wintry days is the surprise good news that our Ward Councillors are very generously donating a total of almost £3,000 from their community funds and a fundraising effort, to enable us to replace the chairs in the church hall. Very many thanks to Councillors Ian & Lynda Bowyer and Heath Cook.



Let Every Day Be Christmas

Christmas is forever, not for just a day.
For loving, sharing, giving and not to put away
Like bells and lights and tinsel, in some box upon a shelf.
The good you do for others is good you do yourself.
Norman W Brooks

Only Joking!

A hunter goes into a butcher's shop and asks for a duck. "I'm sorry," said the butcher. "I don't have a duck. How about a chicken?" "Oh, yes," replies the hunter. "And how do I tell my wife I shot a chicken?"

An Englishman is applying for emigration to Australia. "Do you have a criminal record?" ask the emigration official. "No," says the Englishman. "Do I need one?"

Professor to medical student: "What happens when the body is immersed in water?" Student: "The telephone rings."

