



Sunday Snippets

17th March 2019

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Please note that the date of the Parish of Eggbuckland with Estover APCM is Monday, 1st April at 7.30pm and will be held here in St Edward's Church. Please do try and attend to show your support and gratitude for our PCC (current and prospective members) churchwardens and sides-people as we review 2018 and prepare for 2019 and 2020. Attendance is open to all.



Mothering Sunday – 31st March

For the past two years, we were fortunate to receive donated bunches of daffodils to give out on Mothering Sunday. A similar arrangement is not possible this year so flower posies will have to be made 'in house'. A visit to contacts in the Tamar Valley will undoubtedly produce some flowers but others such as heathers, grape hyacinths, primroses, camellias, etc, from local gardens would be very much appreciated. If anyone would like to lend a hand to bunch the posies, they would be



welcomed with open arms in church on Friday, 29th March from 9.30am. If you are able to help in any way, please let Brenda Whatty know – tel: 773145. There will be two services in St Edward's on Mothering Sunday – the usual morning Communion followed by Baptisms – so a considerable number of posies will be needed.

Lent Prayer Course

The special Lent Prayer Course continues this Tuesday, 19th March in Eggbuckland Church Hall from 7.45pm. This is open to all and there is a short film, group discussion and prayer as well as refreshments.



Our Lent Appeal – The Pink Foundation

The PINK Foundation is committed to helping children at risk develop their human potential, believing all children deserve a fair chance to lead a happy, healthy and productive life. The idea for PINK grew out of a decade of practical experience working among



children at risk in communities and institutions around the Balkan region. However, with short term involvement, improvements in their lives were found to be only temporary and a need existed for a long term consistent presence to effect permanent, positive change. The PINK Foundation, based in Sofia, Bulgaria, works with children as young as 3 years old and stays with them until they reach maturity. There are group activities as well as adult staff and volunteers setting aside regular, individual time and attention for every child.

Confirmation

There will be a Confirmation Service with the Rt Rev Robert Atwell, Bishop of Exeter at St Edward's on Sunday, 8th September. If anyone is interested in being Confirmed or finding out more about what it means, please contact Rev Chris – tel: 01752 781 564. A course entitled Christianity Explored, is running until the end of April on Wednesday evenings from 7.30-9.30pm at the Vicarage. This could be a great way to consider Confirmation (with no pressure or commitment) and is open to anyone who would like to attend.



The Lent Appeal could be a one-off donation, a fundraising activity or a commitment to regularly donate – either individually or as part of a group. Next Sunday Margaret Hall, over from Bulgaria, will be attending our morning service to tell us more about the Foundation in which she is an actively involved worker. Margaret has also written an article for our April Parish Magazine.



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Church Cleaning

Following various work that has taken place in and around the church over the past months, there is a need for some sprucing up before we celebrate Eastertide. A small, dedicated (and largely unnoticed) group of members work hard throughout the year to keep things neat and tidy but something of a more major exercise is now required. We are calling for all who can lift a brush, shake a duster or spot a cobweb to turn up on Saturday, 6th April at any time in the morning from 9 o'clock and see what a difference some good old fashioned elbow grease and teamwork can make. The exercise if being coordinated by Churchwarden Peter Anderson, ably accompanied by his second (or is it first?) in command, Maureen. Please speak to either of them for any further details.



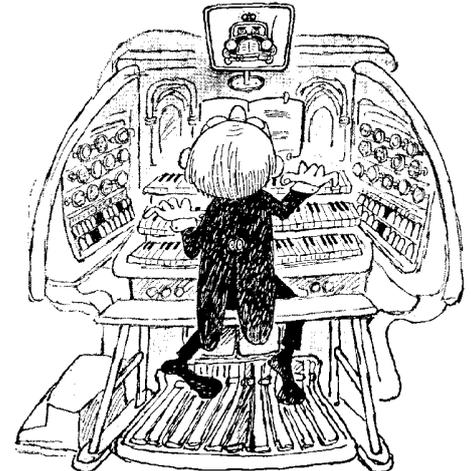
Concert Date to Note

We are pleased to announce that there will be a concert in St Edward's by Soundhouse Brass on Friday, 3rd May in St Edward's. The Band, based at Tor Bridge High, Estover, already has a devoted following by some of our members and always provide high standard entertainment. This is one not to be missed and tickets will be on sale well in advance of the date.



Organ Demonstration

On Sunday, 5th May we will be privileged to welcome Dr Sean Sweeney to our 9.30am service which will be followed by a FREE demonstration at 11.00am by Dr Sweeney of our newly refurbished church organ.



Only Joking!

Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson go on a camping trip. After a good dinner and bottle of wine, they retire for the night. Some hours later, Holmes wakes up and nudges his faithful friend. He says, "Watson, look up at the sky and tell me what you see?" "I see millions and millions of stars, Holmes," replies Watson. "And what do you deduce from that?" asks Holmes. Watson ponders for a minute. "Well, astronomically, it tells me that there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets. Astrologically, I observe that Saturn is in Leo. Horologically, I deduce that the time is approximately a quarter past three. Meteorologically, I suspect we will have a beautiful day tomorrow. Theologically, I can see that God is all powerful and that we are a small and insignificant part of the universe. What does it tell you, Holmes?" Holmes is silent for a moment. "Watson, you idiot!" he says. "Someone has stolen our tent!"

