



# Sunday Snippets

21st July 2019

## Summer Holidays

True to form, the school summer holidays began with a rainy day. However, the outlook appears to be more promising with every chance that July's fine, warm weather will continue for a while. Today we will be including in our prayers the safekeeping of schoolchildren during the holidays, the mental and physical refreshment the break will provide for teachers and the strengthening relationships between parents and carers with the young ones as they take advantage of the additional leisure time.



## From the Choir Stalls

Proceeds from the very enjoyable Concert given by the One Achord Ladies' Harmony Chorus on 12th July, amounted to £323 which included money given for refreshments. Glenda Davies, who had warmly welcomed and introduced the Choir, thanked them for providing such pleasurable entertainment and presented them with a cheque for £50 which will go towards the Choir's chosen charity of the year. Appreciation is also due to all who helped with the refreshments.



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## Church Hall Update

The line markings in the hall car parks are programmed to be completed this coming week. The main entrance door has been fitted and all that will remain is the installation of the entrance railings which are in process of manufacture. The date set aside for the official opening of the hall is Saturday, 14th September at 2.30pm. Confirmation and full details will appear in Snippets nearer the time.



## Happenings at St Edward's CE Primary

It's been quite a hectic time leading up to the end of term at St Edward's CE Academy. Those pupils who have 'Rocksteady' music lessons, formed three bands to provide stunning performances to a full house. There was a pleasant surprise for the girls who competed in the athletics at the Brickfields. They won an impressive trophy for coming first in the Girls' Track Events for Minor Schools category. They reached 5 finals and achieved top three finishes in four of them, scoring the most points of all competing schools. Amongst other end of term activities were visits to the Devonport Recycling Centre (incinerator), the scale of which was found to be really impressive, and there was a visit to Poole Farm. Here, pupils made the acquaintance of the animals as well as seeing the woodland habitat and pond life.



## New Youth Club at Leigham

Leigham Rock Solid is a youth club aimed at young people in school years 5-8. The club is designed as a safe place for young people to attend with their friends and burn off some steam towards the end of a long week at school. It is run by Plymouth Vineyard with other local churches. Club activities include a load of crazy games which usually involve a lot of running around or mess, as well as spending time eating free cake and 'hanging-out'. Most weeks there will be discussion about God and other topics relevant to the young people. The Club meets at Leigham Hall in term times on Thursday evenings from 6-7.30pm and the cost is £1 per night.





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**Helpers with Refreshments Sought**  
 From next Sunday, 28th July, there will be a new rota of volunteers to help with the refreshments after the morning services in St Edward's. If you are willing for your name to be included, please sign up on the list which is at the back of the church.



**Slime Party**  
 On Thursday, 1st August, there is to be a Slime Party in Leigham Hall from 6-7.30pm which is free and this will involve making, stretching and throwing slime. All youngsters in school years 5-8 are invited. The organisers ask that we pray for the success of the party, safe interaction between leaders and young people and that they will return in September.



**Food Bank Plea**  
 The North Plymouth Food Bank needs the following to cover the school summer holidays: Long-life milk, jam, sugar, snacks and ladies' toiletries. Please place donated items in the box at the back of the church.



## Only Joking!

A visiting preacher stood at the door of the church after the service, shaking hands with one person after another who thanked him for his sermon. "A wonderful message." "Marvellous." "A powerful word." "Tremendously helpful." The speaker was deeply flattered. Then an unusual looking man came up to him, muttering, "Talked too long." He decided to ignore this and continued shaking hands with members of the congregation who thanked him warmly. Then the strange looking little man reappeared. "Load of nonsense." The speaker tried to take no notice but the man kept rejoining the queue and each time he came to the speaker, would complain about something different: "Didn't understand a word, irrelevant, bored to tears." Finally, the preacher could stand it no longer. "Who is that man?" he asked the Vicar. "Oh, don't worry about him," came the reassuring reply. "He's not the brightest of fellows. He just spends his time repeating what everyone else says."

