



Sunday Snippets

24th November 2019

Christmas Trees & Village Festival

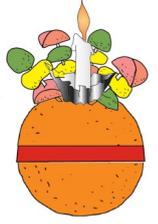
The Christmas trees for the church window sills will be put in place this afternoon between 3.00 and 4.00pm.



Anyone willing to help and comes along then will be warmly welcomed. This is the start of the preparations for the Village Christmas Festival next Saturday afternoon at which from four o'clock there will be much activity and fun for all the family. The events will include live band and choral music, Morris Dancing, an interactive Nativity, a Real Ale Festival in conjunction with the Prince Maurice, charity stalls, the Christmas Fayre in the Church hall and the children will have the chance to meet Father Christmas.

Christingle Service

Our Christingle Service in St Edward's will be in two weeks' time – Sunday, 8th December, at 11.15 following the 9.30am Family Communion.



Formal Opening of the Refurbished Hall

Immediately before all the fun and games of the



Eggbuckland Christmas Festival commence next Saturday, the refurbished Church Hall will be formally opened by Councillors Ian and Mrs Lynda

Bowyer. This will take place at 3.00pm (not 2.30pm as previously advertised) and we would like to have a good number there for the event. So, if you are coming to the Christmas Festival, please do make an effort to attend the opening. It will be a time to give thanks for the completion of the Project and sing the praises of the grant giving organisations which provided the essential

funding. Overall, it has been a three year project costing £200,000. The Project has had many highs and lows but we have got there in the end and let's hope that



we can now look back on a job well done. The Hall should now be in a fit state to serve the Church and Eggbuckland community for many years to come.

North Plymouth Food Bank

The local food bank which we support is seeking men's and



ladies' toiletries to give to those in need for Christmas. Items requested include deodorants, shower gels,

shampoo, hair conditioner and toothpaste. Donations can be placed in the box at the back of the church and we will ensure they reach the food bank in good time.

Christmas Quiz Night

Our friends at Estover are holding a Christmas Quiz Night on Friday, 6th December starting at 7.00pm. This will be in Christ Church and the cost is £5 which includes supper.





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Christmas Fayre

The Fayre in the Hall at 4.00pm after the official opening ceremony next Saturday, promises to be one of the most successful ever. There will be stalls upstairs and down with a mixture organised by church members and visiting sales people. The Grand Raffle contains many excellent prizes and there will be plenty of refreshments available. This should be a great opportunity to find the stocking fillers you need and, perhaps, even solve one or two of the larger present problems.



Mince Pie Challenge



The appeal for mince pies has received only a moderate response to date and falls well short of the 50 boxes target.

The pies are needed for the various seasonal events such as next weekend's Festival and the forthcoming Christingle and Crib Services. Please help Helen Soole achieve her ambition of reaching the magic 50 mark.

Toy Service

Next Sunday, 1st December, we will be holding our first Toy Service at 9.30am. This will provide the opportunity for members of the congregation to bring toys which will be distributed to children of families in the North Plymouth area who struggle to buy gifts due to their current circumstances. We will be working with our friends and partners at the Salvation Army at Whitleigh who are asked by Barnardo's, Social Services, schools and health visitors to support their needy clients with children's gifts. Ideally, most of the toys required are for children aged 5 years or younger and should be new and packaged but unwrapped and that can be played by individuals rather than with other players. The toys that are wanted are those that do not need batteries, are not computer based and cost from £5-£10. This is a deserving Mission Community initiative that helps children closer to home without incurring high transport costs.



Only Joking!

A husband was so impressed by the meat dish served for dinner that by the end of the meal he asked his wife, "What did you marinate this in?" She immediately went into a long explanation about how much she loved him, how she cherished their forty years together and how she could never imagine life without him. Seeing the puzzled expression on his face, she said, "What did you ask me?" Hearing his answer, she chuckled and said, "Sorry, I thought you asked me if I would marry you again!" As she left to go into the kitchen, he called out, "Well, would you marry me again?" She replied, "Vinegar and barbecue sauce."



Children's Books

Eddy Bears will be hosting an 'Usborne' children's book sale in the Church Hall tomorrow (Monday) from 9.15am. The Group will receive free books depending on the sales. This is open to anyone who wishes to go along and order books for children/grandchildren, etc. The orders will be filled in time for Christmas but need to be paid for at the time of ordering.

