



# Sunday Snippets

1st December 2019

## Saturday's Activities

Without knowing at the time of writing these notes just what the weather was like and how



successful or otherwise yesterday's goings on were, it is not possible to pass much comment

other than to say that all the forethought, preparations, willing participation and hard work should have ensured an opportunity for many in the local community to have had a most enjoyable and pleasurable experience. At this stage we can simply say a big thank you to all who were involved in whatever guise and trust that much satisfaction was gained.

## Mince Pie Challenge

The appeal continues for mince pies which are needed for forthcoming seasonal events. Please help Helen Soole achieve her ambition of reaching the magic 50 boxes mark.



## Advent

Suddenly the first Sunday in Advent has arrived. It seems to have crept up almost unnoticed amid the distractions and diversions of all the other events, activities and electioneering hoo-ha. Now it's less than two weeks before Election Day after which we can but hope for an end to the back biting, dirty tricks, smear campaigns, promises, promises, promises and look forward to some greater stability and more sensible and constructive governance. Locally we have been distracted by chaos on the city roads, Nancy Astor's statue (for which three cheers) and all the parochial preparations that culminated yesterday with the hall opening, Christmas Fayre, the Village Christmas Festival and anticipating this morning's Toy Service. We are reminded of the new season's beginning by the presence of the Advent Ring with its pristine candles, the first of which will be lit today. This one represents the Old Testament patriarchs, Abraham, Isaac and Joseph and is also known as the candle of Hope. The ring (or wreath) is a circle of evergreen foliage which symbolises God with no beginning and no end and the evergreen being a reminder that God never changes.



## Parish Magazines

The December/January Parish Magazines are now available at the back of the church. Don't be put off by the fact that the cover colour is similar to last month's.



## Dates to Note

On Saturday, 14th December at 3.30pm and 7.30pm there will be Christmas wreath making classes in the Church Hall.

In a fortnight's time, on Sunday, 15th December we will be holding our Candlelit Carols & Lessons Service here in St Edward's at 6.30pm.



## Christmas Quiz Night

Our friends at Estover are holding a Christmas Quiz Night next 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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## Election Hustings

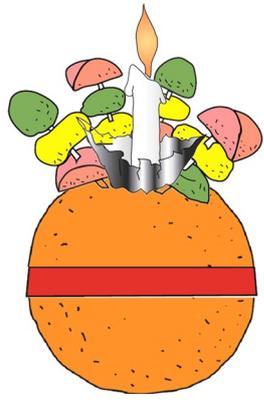
The Churches Together in Plymouth team are organising hustings to serve our communities and democracy. They are looking to welcome members from our Parish to the Moorside Constituency Election Hustings on Tuesday, 10th December at Derriford United Reformed Church, Powisland Drive when proceedings will commence at 7.00pm. This is a chance to question your prospective parliamentary candidates.

### **Election Hustings 2019**



## Christingle Service

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



## Plymouth Youth Concert Band

The final offering of this year's series of evening musical concerts in St Edward's took place on 15th November when we hosted the Plymouth Youth Concert Band. The young musicians filled every space available to them at the east end of the church and the audience contained a good number of their supporters, supplementing church members and others from the community who have enjoyed the musical offerings in 2019. The Youth Band's programme of light music got off to a rousing start with the theme from the Great Escape and an ABBA selection proved most popular. Memories were stirred with a medley of tunes from the Beatles' Sergeant Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band and the 1960's. There was a great drum solo with 'Sing, Sing' and plenty more music was film and shows including the 'Greatest Show' and Jesus Christ Super Star'. What a testament to youth is provided by these talented and enthusiastic musicians.



## Only Joking!

Making your own crackers - here are a few jokes for them:

- Waiter: "How did you find the steak, sir?"  
 Diner: "I just lifted up a few peas and there it was."  
 Diner: "This coffee tastes like earth."  
 Waiter: "I'm not surprised, sir. It was only ground this morning."  
 "Doctor, doctor, my little boy has swallowed a teaspoon. Please come at once"  
 "Very well, madam, I'll be right round. But in the meantime, tell him to sit still and not to stir."  
 Q. How do you make a bandstand?  
 A. Take away their chairs.



## 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.

