



Sunday Snippets

5th January 2020

New Year & New Decade

It is hoped that you celebrated the beginning of the New Year and Decade safely and enjoyably. There's not been much to celebrate about the weather since the sunshine of Christmas Day but the discovery of the first snowdrop in the garden and camellias in bloom (the latter at the back of the church today) are surely portents of better days to come.

Among many people now there is a sense of optimism and something of a feel-good factor that, after the period of Parliamentary stagnation, the opportunity exists for the important issues to be addressed at the same time as progress with the EU negotiations. Time will tell if such hope is fulfilled or misplaced. Let's pray that those in positions of power make the right decisions and don't disappoint those who have put their faith in them.



Clearing Up

The time has come for the decorations to be taken down and this afternoon from 3 o'clock, a work party will be clearing the church of all the Christmas paraphernalia including the trees. Please come along if you are able to help with this task which will be much more quickly completed the more volunteers there are.



Community Christmas Card

Sue Lake is still collecting donations from those church members who used the community



Christmas card to convey their greetings to fellow members. So far she has received in the region of £35 which will be given to the Woodland Trust to be used in their project to plant millions of trees in the fight against global warming.

Wanted – Blue Paint

We have also received a request from Sue Lake who says she is on the scrounge for any leftover exterior blue paint. It's required for a project she is undertaking with the children at school. Any shade of blue will do as long as it's suitable for outdoors.



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

DON'T TAKE CRITICISM FROM PEOPLE YOU WOULD NEVER GO TO FOR ADVICE.



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Water Situation in Bulgaria

We have received the following message from Margaret Hall: "Pernik in Bulgaria still needs prayers for the water situation. One good thing is that the Authorities have managed to replenish the amount we consume here each day by repairing leaks, etc which is good. We are still on water restrictions. The Mayor has appealed for the Government to renew all the pipes in Pernik and update the water supply which would be great and it might be that something good will come out of all this. A very Happy and Blessed New Year to you all. Thank you, Margaret."



Magazine Deadline

Following our Festive break, here is an early reminder to all regular contributors and anyone else who would like to submit a contribution, that the deadline for the February Parish Magazine is next Sunday, 12th January.



Only Joking!

A man dreaded his mother-in-law coming to stay. She was such a know-all. Whatever he said, she would say, "I know, I know." He might have heard the late news on the TV, or read a headline in the paper. No matter what it was, if he mentioned it, back came the reply, "I know, I know." When he learnt from his wife that her mother was coming to stay for Christmas, he had an idea. He had a friend at the local zoo and asked him for a favour. "Could you bring one of your penguins to my house early on Christmas morning? I'll pay whatever is needed and will only need it for about an hour." His friend agreed and sure enough before breakfast on Christmas Day he turned up with a penguin which was taken upstairs and placed in the water filled bath. When they returned downstairs and were drinking a cup of tea, the zoo keeper could hide his curiosity no longer. "Why on earth do you want to put a penguin in your bath," he asked. Well, it's like this," the man said. "My mother-in-law is staying with us. Whatever I say she always answers, "I know, I know." So when she gets up this morning she will go into the bathroom and she will scream and run out shouting, "Help, help! There's a penguin in the bath," and I shall say, casually, "I know, I know."

