



Sunday Snippets

19th January 2020

Prayer for Christian Unity

During this next week we will be celebrating the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Resources to help you pray and reflect on this during the week can be found on this web address: <https://ctbi.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/WPCU-2020-English-pamphlet.pdf> In addition to this, everyone is very welcome to join in with the following:

Monday, 20th January – Morning Prayer in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – 9.00am at St Edward’s Church, Eggbuckland followed by coffee.

Sunday, 26th January – Unity Service @ St Edward’s Church, Eggbuckland – 9.30am.

Sunday, 26th January – Unity Service @ Christ Church, Estover – 10.30am.



Stormy Weather

The first weeks in January have certainly seen some stormy weather as Mother Nature has flexed her powerful muscles. This past week brought destructive winds on three days following and one of the ropes securing the church tower flag finally succumbed to the constant battering. Below in the churchyard, the first snowdrops bowed their heads and survived winter’s ravages and suddenly, on the bank in front of the hall, some early daffodils decided it was time to brighten the dark days with their yellow trumpets and petals. A spell of dry, cooler weather would not go amiss now, allowing the water table to drop from such a high level.



A Plea from Bulgaria

Ironically, despite no shortage of rain, Margaret and Bob Hall are experiencing water supply problems in their home in Pernik. Margaret e-mails – “Please continue praying for the water situation in Pernik.

We are having longer periods without water now. Thank You.”



South Porch Door

It’s been a long time in coming but the signs are promising that installation of the glass south porch door will be completed in time for Easter. Contract signing with the installer, Obedair, is imminent, all the delaying snags having seemingly been ironed out.





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Future of Community Lunches in Doubt

There is a big question mark over the future of the Community Lunches which have been so popular in the church hall on the second Wednesday of each month. This month's lunch was cancelled and there is no current prospect of it recommencing in the immediate future. It is essential that someone willing to co-ordinate the event each month is found before any future



planning is possible. Anyone who may be interested in what is entailed should speak to Rev Chris or Churchwarden Peter Anderson for further information. It would be really good news if this community project could start again in the coming months.

Donation Card Reader

What may still be a mystery to some is the presence of the white 'box' alongside the notice board at the back of the church. This is a donation card reader which provides an easy means for visitors to St Edward's to make a donation. It is particularly useful for those who carry little cash but have a credit or debit card available. This can often be the case on occasions such as Baptisms and Weddings. This means of payment can, of course, be used by anyone, regular member, occasional worshipper or a once only visitor.



Only Joking!

A Canadian park ranger is giving some ramblers a warning about bears. "Brown bears are usually harmless. They avoid contact with humans so we suggest you attach some small bells to your rucksacks to give the bears time to get out of your way. However, grizzly bears are extremely dangerous. If you see any grizzly bear droppings, leave the area immediately." "So, how do we know if they're grizzly bear droppings?" asks one of the ramblers. "That's easy," replies the ranger. "They're full of small bells."



Some women these days have fake eyelashes, false fingernails, assorted make-up, blushes, creams, living bras, various pads, have plastic surgery, botox treatments and then complain that they can't find a 'real' man.



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