



Sunday Snippets

9th February 2020

Unwanted Christmas Presents

Vicki Hocking is sure that a number of people received unwanted Christmas presents of cosmetics and toiletries. She has already been given one or two for her stall at the Spring Fete in May and would welcome many more so that can put on a really good display once again. Vicki can be contacted on 787475.



Community Lunches – Promising Development

There is potential good news concerning the future prospects of the Eggbuckland Community Lunches. It has not been possible to hold these in



January and February because of the lack of a co-ordinator. Councillor Mrs Lynda Bowyer has now contacted Rev Chris to say she knows someone suitably qualified who would be willing to coordinate the cooking, thus enabling the continuation of the Lunch Club in the church hall with sufficient support. A meeting has been arranged in the hall this coming Thursday, 13th February at 2.00pm to discuss the practicalities. This meeting will be open to all who may have an interest and willingness to help – those who previously were involved and any others – so that the new co-ordinator will have the support she will need. If all goes according to plan, it is intended to start the lunches again on Wednesday, 4th March.

Work Starts on Door Installation

The long-awaited work on the installation of the automatic glass door, to replace the wrought iron gates at the entrance of the church porch, began early this week.



The gates, which had been financed by parishioners' subscriptions, were erected in 1977 to commemorate the Queen's Silver Jubilee and the fitting solved the problem of cider drinking and unruly behaviour there. It is believed that a glass door will prove to be more 'customer friendly', allowing a view into the church interior when the present wooden door is open. Due to the amount of work to be undertaken

which includes new flooring, electrical wiring and redecoration of the porch, there will be no access through this entrance for several weeks and in the meantime the 'donkey door' at the east end and the tower door at the west end can be used.

Big Pancake Party

The Trustees of Transforming Plymouth Together would like to invite you to the Big Pancake Party on Shrove Tuesday, 25th February at St Mark's Church, Ford to share some pancakes and find out about the brilliant work of TPT and their Feast of Fun project to combat holiday hunger. The event takes place from 10.30am – noon.



Magazine Deadline

Contributors are reminded that today is the deadline for material to be included in the March issue of the Parish Magazine. Don't risk missing out seeing your piece in print.



Snowdrops

There is already a good selection of snowdrops becoming established in the churchyard, admired and appreciated by visitors walking through. The display will be enhanced by the work of Ground



Steward Jon Lake who has this week planted a further 200 bulbs.



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Clean our Patch

Lynda Holmes tells us that 'Clean our Patch' is a wonderful community organisation started by local couple El Clark and Ash Samuels. They have recently been presented with the South West Business and Community Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Community and work closely with Plymouth City Council. The couple began to clean up their local streets in 2018 and the litter picking group grew from there. They are responsible for collecting and instigating the collection of tons of litter from our streets and beauty spots, aiming to create a safer, cleaner environment for all of us and the wildlife that share our patch. The organisation has been active in the streets of Eggbuckland and surrounding woodland areas. If you would like to join them on a litter pick as part of a life affirming group with a fantastic spirit of community you can find out more by searching for Clean our Patch online. They are available on Facebook, or you can contact them on mobile number 07948 623783 or by email: cleanourpach@hotmail.com



Only Joking!

On the last day of his visit to New York, a Japanese tourist hailed a taxi to take him to the airport. During the journey, a Honda car overtook the taxi and the passenger shouted excitedly, "Honda, very fast! Made in Japan." A few minutes later, a Toyota overtook the taxi and the Japanese man shouted out excitedly, "Toyota, very fast! Made in Japan." Shortly afterwards, the taxi was overtaken by a Mitsubishi, prompting the passenger to exclaim, "Mitsubishi, very fast! Made in Japan." The taxi driver, irked by these outbursts, remained silent until arriving at the airport. That was when the passenger learned that the taxi fare was two hundred and eighty dollars. "That's expensive," he complained. The taxi driver replied, "Meter, very fast! Made in Japan."



Wanted – Flower Arrangers

There is an urgent need for volunteers to help with the church flower arranging. Someone to co-ordinate the floral decorations is required in time for Easter (following the resignation of Brenda Whatty) and others willing to join the rota. Brenda will be pleased to provide any information about what is involved – tel: 773145.



Dates for Diaries

At the back of the church you should be able to find leaflets with the dates and details of the Green Fingers Team activities and the 'From the Choir Stalls' Concert series. The first meeting of the year when Green Fingers members will be starting to tidy up the churchyard once again is Saturday, 7th March from 9.00am – noon. There is no membership fee and the only requirement is to turn up suitably clad and if possible with a few tools for clearing undergrowth, brambles and pruning branches of shrubs and trees. On the same date (7th March), we will be hosting the Callington Gospel Choir in St Edward's at 7.30pm. Tickets will soon be available and there is a significant saving if purchased in advance rather than at the door on the night.

