



# Sunday Snippets

8th March 2020

## Today's Service

Our Ministry of the Word Service will be led by Lystra in conjunction with Peter who will be preaching. Holy Communion is being celebrated at Christ Church, Estover where Rev Chris is conducting the Service.

# LENT

## A Huge 'Thank You' to the Following

- All who joined the refreshed Community Lunch team which it was great to restart on Wednesday.
- Councillors Ian & Lynda Bowyer for their generous grant towards the cost of the defibrillator now in place outside the church hall and to the Fabric Team members for organising and installing it.
- The Green Fingers team for their hard work in the churchyard yesterday.
- The members of the Church Choir and helpers who helped make the Gospel Choir Concert go so well last evening and those who came along to support.
- Everyone for their understanding and support regarding the main church entrance door being out of action. Completion date unknown but work is proceeding.



## Some Advice from the Diocese regarding Coronavirus (COVID-19)

If you have health concerns then you should phone the NHS 111 helpline. Public Health England guidance can be obtained from <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england> Good Hygiene



**CATCH IT.**



**BIN IT.**



**KILL IT.**

Government advice suggests that individuals should follow good hygiene practices including: carrying tissues and using them to catch coughs and sneezes, and binning the tissue; washing hands with soap and water for 20 seconds or using hand-sanitiser gel to kill germs.

### Sharing the Peace

According to current guidance, congregations can continue to share the Peace by shaking hands, though some people may prefer to share the Peace just verbally as a precaution.

### Communion

Parishioners with coughs and sneezes should refrain from handshaking during the Peace and should receive Holy Communion in one kind only (ie only the consecrated bread). Communion in one kind is sufficient and should not be thought of as "half-communion". Intinction (dipping the wafer into the consecrated wine) is not recommended, even by the celebrants or administrators of communion. This represents an infection transmission route, as well as a risk to those with certain allergies. Priests at the Eucharist, administrators of communion and servers should all wash their hands, preferably with an alcohol-based (minimum 60%) hand-sanitiser.

## Help Sought

Rev Chris would be very grateful for help with refreshments and welcome before the 11.15am Service next Sunday (15th March). He is also seeking help that might be given to enable the smooth running of the 9.30am and 11.15am Services on Mothering Sunday, 22nd March.

Please let him know on 781564 or email [vicar@stedwards.church](mailto:vicar@stedwards.church)





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## Life Group on Hold

The Tuesday Life Group which meets at 4 Rigdale Close has closed down until after Easter allowing members to support the Lent Course instead.



## Lent Courses Continuing

The two Lent courses are continuing this week – On Tuesday at 12 noon at the Elm Centre, Estover studying the story of Jonah & the Whale and on Wednesday at 7.00pm in St Edward’s Church, the Everybody Welcome Course.

Both are open to all from across the Forder Valley Mission Community.



## Revision of Electoral Roll

This year’s revision of our Church Electoral Roll commences today and has to be completed by 21st March. New members will need to complete a form with existing members only needing to complete an updated form if their circumstances, such as address or name, have changed. Blank forms can be found at the back of the church and registration qualifies you to be considered for service on the Parochial Church Council and to have the right to vote for the election of PCC members.



## Could God Be Calling You To Ministry?

Why not come along to St John the Baptist, Barnstaple on Saturday, 21st March for this vocations event if you have sensed a nudge from God to church leadership, or people around you have mentioned it? There will be a great chance to hear about the different shapes and sizes of ministry. Coming does not commit you to anything but could be the next step you need to explore further. The event begins at 10am with coffee from 9.45am. Bring your own lunch for 1.00pm and departure from 1.30pm. To sign up for more details, contact Hannah Mears, Diocesan Vocations Adviser – [Hannah.mears@exeter.anglican.org](mailto:Hannah.mears@exeter.anglican.org)



## Black Tie Event at Aquarium

SW Youth Ministry (SWYM) runs training courses for youth, children’s and community workers also joins with Urban Saints to host SPREE SW where our young people have camped for the last few years. They are holding a major fund-raising Black Tie event next Friday, 13th March at the National Marine Aquarium where there will be a three-course meal in the amazing Eddystone exhibit (the largest single viewing panel in the UK with sharks, rays and much more). This will be followed by a short auction. There will be exclusive access to the aquarium on the evening to explore all it has to offer from the local waters of Plymouth Sound to the colourful Great Barrier Reef. Tickets are £50 and for more information and to book online go to [www.swym.org.uk/event/swym-at-the-aquarium/](http://www.swym.org.uk/event/swym-at-the-aquarium/)



## Only Joking!

A young man goes to a girl’s house for the first time and she shows him into the living room whilst she goes to the kitchen to fix some drinks. As he stands alone, he notices a cute little vase on the mantelpiece which he picks up. As he’s looking at the vase, the girl comes back in and says that’s my father’s ashes in there. “Oops...I...don’t know what to say,” says the young man. “Yeah I know, it’s shocking,” says the girl. “He’s too lazy to go to the kitchen to get an ashtray.”

