

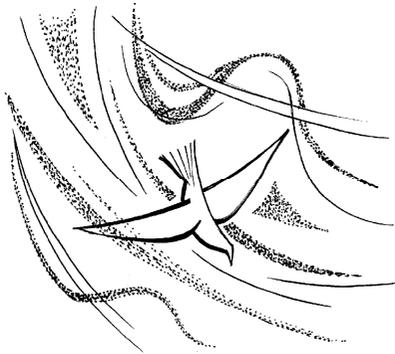
Fr Tubbs Writes .....



Just like buses, important events don't happen for a while, then suddenly three – or in this case four – all happen within the space of a month!

'Am I Bothered' really is an important event. Torbay does not often attract such high-profile speakers as the five who are coming to us from 1 to 5 June. You already have full details, in last month's magazine and in the two leaflets, the yellow one and the glossy one – just note that a mistake on the glossy means that Sunday evening will be at 7.30pm, the same time as the other evening events. Doors will open from 7.00pm each evening when coffee or tea will be available, with refreshments at the end of the evening. Thursday evening at S Marychurch will be a Eucharist followed by a party!

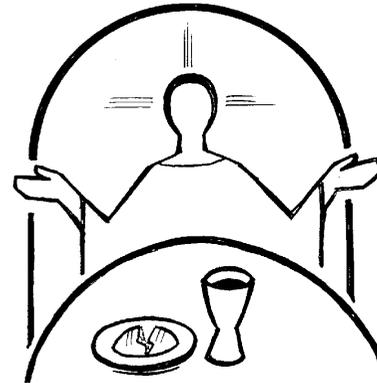
The lunch-time events will also be Eucharists. Thursday is the feast of S Boniface, so on that day there will be a Sung Eucharist at S Boniface followed by lunch.



Anniversaries are important to most of us, so I wanted to share the fortieth anniversary of my ordination as a priest with you, the people of the parish in which I now serve, as well as friends from the past. There will be a Sung Mass at 7.00pm on Monday 9

June at which the Bishop of Plymouth has agreed to preside. I really hope that every one of you will join Gwyneth, Nicola and me for that. That occasion too will be followed by refreshments, hopefully on the Vicarage lawn.

The feast of the Birth of S John the Baptist, our feast of title, is on Tuesday 24 June, and the Bishop of Plymouth will again be here to celebrate the Eucharist and confirm at the Sung Eucharist at 7.00pm.



Once again refreshments will be served after the service – on the Vicarage lawn!

Last but not least, Ron Edinburgh celebrates the fortieth anniversary of his licensing as a Reader and he is celebrating on Saturday 28 June with a Sung Mass at S Andrew's at 7.00pm. Ron writes elsewhere about his celebrations.

You may well feel that there is just too much going on! Unfortunately we can't help that some times – and there is very little going on in July, so you can relax then! But please do your best to support each of these events as much as you can – and don't forget that you could invite a friend to some of them! An upbeat service followed by some good refreshments may well be a very effective tool for evangelism!

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fr. R. Tubbs".



## AM I BOTHERED? LOOK AT MY FACE

I read in a church newspaper about a teaching week that had taken place in Brighton and Hove in 2006, and it sounded so good that I immediately wondered whether it could take place here in Torbay. I wrote to the organiser and to the five speakers, who came from all over the country, and four of the five said they would be willing to come to Torbay and repeat the week. The one who couldn't come was the Rt Revd Lindsay Urwin, Bishop of Horsham, who has been to the Parish Church before. I asked the Bishop of Plymouth if he would come instead, he agreed – so we have a team of five speakers.



'A teaching week' doesn't sound very exciting, does it? The Brighton/Hove week was called 'Goodness Gracious Me!', so after some thought TAP into Faith thought we would call the week 'Am I Bothered? Look at my face.' Those of you who heard me preach about the week and about the title will remember how I took up Philip's question to Jesus, 'Lord, show us the Father and we shall be satisfied', and the reply of Jesus, 'He who seen me has seen the Father.' So the week will help us to look at the face of Jesus and see the Father.

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## CHURCH WARDENS

At the annual meeting on 27 April we only had one nomination for church warden, and that person refused to be elected on her own. This meant that no church wardens were elected. We therefore called an extraordinary meeting on May 18, by which time we had three nominations and an election took place.



As a result of that election Mavis Hawkins and Ann Howard were elected to serve for the ensuing year. I am sure you will want to wish them every blessing in the year to come.

Thanks too to Carol Haggett who was not elected. I hope that at some stage in the future she might stand again and be elected.

**BRT**

## MOTHERS' UNION

Many thanks to all who knitted squares for our appeal. The campaign is now closed but outstanding squares may still be handed in. We shall soon be dispatching them to Zambia where they will be made into blankets.

**Advance Notice:** At our Corporate Communion on 7 August we shall be celebrating Mary Sumner day and we will be joined by members of other branches in the deanery. Please support this. Coffee will be served after that service.



Corporate Communion: 4 June.

*Susan O'Brien*

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## JUNE - A MONTH OF CELEBRATIONS?

I should like to offer my congratulations to Fr Tubbs, who will celebrate the fortieth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on 9 June – I do hope that many of you will join him for his special mass at 7.00pm in the Parish Church on that day. 5 June is St Boniface Patronal Festival and 24 June is of course St John the Baptist Patronal Festival – details elsewhere in this magazine.

On Saturday 28 June I shall be marking the fortieth anniversary of my admission to the Office of Reader in the Church. Admitted on 29 June 1968 at St Aldate's Church, Oxford, I served two terms at St Mary Magdalene Church, Tilehurst near Reading separated by a spell in the rural Oxfordshire village of Woodcote. Arriving in Paignton in 1983 I was licensed briefly to the parish of Christchurch before the urgent need of an organist at St Andrew's led to my transfer to the parish, formally from Michaelmass 1985. I thank God for the opportunity to serve in this ministry in many different ways, both locally and nationally, over these forty years. I must thank Pam and our children for their support in my ministry and Fr Tubbs and the three congregations of the parish for allowing me to minister amongst you.

I hope many of you will feel able to join us at St Andrew's at 7.00pm on Saturday 28 June for a special celebration. Bishop John Ford has agreed to preside at mass and Bishop Richard Hawkins (former Bishop of Plymouth and of Crediton) will be our preacher. Refreshments will be served after the service.

*Ron Edinborough*



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## Do you use the Internet?

If the answer is yes, did you know that you can raise money for the church at no cost to your self simply by using 'everyclick' as your search engine? Every time you make a search using 'everyclick' the church receives 1p. It's surprising how quickly the money builds up. Go to

[www.everyclick.com](http://www.everyclick.com) now and register as a fundraiser for St John the Baptist Paignton Parochial Church Council, then make everyclick your home page. It's always to hand then when you are looking for something. You can encourage your friends and family to become fundraisers or join your fundraising group by adding a signature to the end of your emails, follow the 'spread the word' link or go to the 'My toolkit' tab on the 'My Everyclick' page. There is a link to everyclick on the home page Parish Church Website [www.paigntonparishchurch.co.uk](http://www.paigntonparishchurch.co.uk)

The more fundraisers the parish can involve, the greater the share of funds we can receive from the unspecified donations.

115,338 people have already helped raise over £433,680.33 for charity just by searching the web. With your help we can raise much more. (source: everyclick.com)

*Ron Edinborough*

## THANKS

Following their successful elections as Church Wardens, Ann Howard and Mavis Hawkins would like to thank all those who supported them.

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## THE ARTHUR DAY COLUMN



You will recall that on 23 May a Reception was held at Oldway to commemorate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first meeting of the Torbay County Borough Council, and it occurred to me that it would be appropriate to recall that up to 1863 such Local Government services as existed were mostly under the control of the Churchwardens of this parish. Luckily, our Churchwardens' Accounts for the period 1699-1874

have survived, being now in the local Records Office. I am therefore quoting from some of them – I am well aware I did this in the April, 2001, magazine, so if you recall any I quoted then, please forgive me for the repetition, at the same time accepting my congratulations on your good memory!

One set of entries from the Poor Rate Accounts Book relates to what we should today call a National Assistance Burial:

1715	Paid for the coffin (sic) for the Old Veale	8s 0d
	For making the grave	1s 2d
	For an affidavit for fetching	1s 0d
	For one pound of wool	9d
	For laying him forth	2s 0d
	Expended in bread and drink at his burial	3s 0d

(by law, in those days all corpses had to be shrouded in wool as a means of boosting the wool trade and before a burial took place an affidavit had to be produced certifying that this had been done.)

Apprenticeships were dealt with by the parish. In 1702 9/9d was paid for clothing Richard Goodridge's apprentice. In 1767 Mr Carter's apprentice was clothed for 15/-. A "pare of breeches" for Peter Gardner in 1718 cost 3/-, while in 1764 a frock was made for "Thom's child" for 6d.

Other entries are of payments for sick people, eg "Paid Dr Penny for Margery Spark in her sickness" (1710) and "Pd. For tending Follert's wife in childbed; wood and other things 5/6" (1726).

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These are just a few examples of entries in these accounts which give a fairly clear picture of everyday life for ordinary people in Paignton in those far-off days.

*Arthur Day*

## PARISH LADIES' GROUP



At our meeting in April we were well entertained by Keith Bower who supervises sea fishing in Devon. He gave us a most entertaining and humorous talk about his experiences interspersed with some political expertise.

Our visit to Shelter Box headquarters in Helston takes place on Tuesday, 17 June.

The coach will be leaving the Church at 11.00am. On the way our lunch stop is at the Tamar View Garden Centre. Tickets are still available from me. Please pay as soon as possible to ensure your place.

*Audrey Smith*

## CLUB 2000

Friday 13 June: Bingo in the Hall 7.30pm.

Thursday 5 July: Coach trip to The Honey Farm/Barnstaple/Atlantic Village if there is time. Cost £10.50 each – details from me on 556463.

*Cynthia Borrill*

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## BELL RINGERS' MAY DAY OUTING

The bell ringers' outing this May Day was to North Devon. The weather was good to us. We heard there had been rain at home all afternoon! We enjoyed a beautiful, fresh sunny day and the countryside was looking its best. Just right for visiting churches in the North Devon area.

Our first call was to Chittlehampton. The coach driver had to negotiate some tricky turns and ended up reversing, we then had a short walk to the church. From there we went to Georgeham and had lunch in Braunton and ringing there afterwards. The afternoon ring was at Chulmleigh and we then went across country to the Tom Copley at Spreyton for our evening meal.

The next coach trip will be August Bank Holiday Monday. You do not have to be a bell ringer to join us on the trip. If you do not mind hearing the bells ring for 45 minutes at a time, and seeing some remarkable churches and beautiful countryside, £10 for a day's entertainment, must be considered good value. If you want to see what else the ringers get up to, you can always visit them in the ringing chamber on any Tuesday between 7.30pm and 9.00pm, or up to an hour before the main Sunday Service or contact the Tower Captain, John Kelly. This ancient tradition can only survive as long as people are willing to carry it on.

*Michael Webster*

## CHRISTIAN AID

Thank you to everyone who helped in anyway with Christian Aid week. Special thanks to those who helped with the coffee morning and the quiz, whilst not forgetting everyone who supported both events or contributed in other ways. We have been able to bank over £1300 with still more to come.

*Jean Kitson*

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## A MINISTER WAS COMPLETING A TEMPERANCE SERMON

With great emphasis he said, 'If I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river.'  
With even greater emphasis he said, 'And if I had all the wine in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river.'  
And then finally, shaking his fist in the air, he said, 'And if I had all the whiskey in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river.'  
Sermon complete, he sat down.  
The song leader stood very cautiously and announced with a smile, nearly laughing, 'For our closing song, let us sing Hymn number 365, 'Shall We Gather at the River.'

*Submitted by Paula Radford*

## PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms:	25.5.08	Finley Asher Boyes Nate Joshua Carr Chloe May Scantlebury Teagan Jaimey Boylan	
Wedding:	24.5.08	Stephen Light & Emma-Jayne Howard	
Funerals:	8.5.08	Eric Edgar Mortimore	88
	13.5.08	David John Barker	64
	14.5.08	William Sloane	84
	19.5.08	Rene Barbara Wyatt	86
	22.5.08	Josephine Ann Burridge	64

Ann Burridge was a very faithful member of our congregation, always in her seat Sunday by Sunday. She was always out and about, even though her health was not very robust. We pray for her soul and offer our sympathy to Winnie Gummer her mother and to her three sons and their families.

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DIARY FOR JUNE

1	Sun	7.30pm	'Am I Bothered?' Teaching Week begins
2	Mon	7.00pm	'Am I Bothered?' Paignton Parish Church
3	Tue	7.00pm	'Am I Bothered?' All Saints Babbacombe
4	Wed	7.00pm	'Am I Bothered?' Paignton Parish Church
5	Thu	12.30pm 7.00pm	Sung Mass at S Boniface Church 'Am I Bothered?' At Marychurch
8	Sun	6.00pm	Evening Prayer: S Boniface
9	Mon	7.00pm	Fr Tubbs' celebration: Parish Church
10	Tue	8.00pm	Baptism Preparation: Parish Church
12	Thu	7.30pm	Organ Recital: Parish Church
15	Sun	6.00pm	Wholeness & Healing: Parish Church
16	Mon	7.00pm	S Boniface Committee Meeting
17	Tue	7.00pm	Parish Church Committee Meeting: Gallery
18	Wed	7.00pm	Friends of Paignton Parish Church AGM
19	Thu	9.00am	Magazine material to Vicarage please
21	Sat	8.30am	Coach leaves for Glastonbury Pilgrimage
22	Sun	6.00pm	Visit to Exeter Cathedral for Evensong
24	Tue	7.00pm	Sung Eucharist & Confirmation: Parish Church
28	Sat	1.00pm 7.00pm	Wedding: Parish Church Ron Edinborough's celebration: S Andrew's
29	Sun	6.00pm	CTIP Fifth Sunday service: S Paul's Preston



INTERCESSIONS FOR JUNE

1	Sun	<b>TRINITY 2</b>	TAP into Faith Teaching Week
2	Mon	Feria	TAP into Faith Teaching Week
3	Tue	S Charles Lwanga	TAP into Faith Teaching Week
4	Wed	Feria	TAP into Faith Teaching Week
5	Thu	<b>S BONIFACE BM</b>	The People of S Boniface
6	Fri	Feria	Our Schools
7	Sat	Of Our Lady	Walsingham
8	Sun	<b>TRINITY 3</b>	Our church wardens
9	Mon	Feria	All parish priests
10	Tue	Feria	Those asking for baptism
11	Wed	<b>S Barnabas A</b>	All missionaries
12	Thu	Feria	All musicians
13	Fri	S Anthony of Padua	Those who preach
14	Sat	Of Our Lady	Young People
15	Sun	<b>TRINITY 4</b>	Our Sunday Schools
16	Mon	Feria	The Deanery Chapter
17	Tue	Feria	TAP into Faith
18	Wed	Feria	The Parish Church Committee
19	Thu	Feria	Friends of Paignton Parish Church
20	Fri	S Alban M	The Church of England
21	Sat	Of Our Lady	The Glastonbury Pilgrimage
22	Sun	<b>TRINITY 5</b>	Our Cathedral Church
23	Mon	Feria	Those to be confirmed
24	Tue	<b>BIRTH OF S JOHN BAPTIST</b>	Thanksgiving for our Parish Church
25	Wed	Feria	All travellers
26	Thu	Feria	The ministry of retired priests
27	Fri	S Cyril of Alexandria	All theologians
28	Sat	S Irenaeus BM	All bishops
29	Sun	<b>SS PETER &amp; PAUL</b>	Those to be ordained
30	Mon	Feria	Paignton Hospital