

Fr Tubbs writes...

Unlike Easter, Christmass and Pentecost, Harvest Thanksgiving (the Church of England does not call it Harvest Festival – festivals commemorate the events of our redemption like the three I've mentioned) is a relative new-comer. In 1843 the Revd Robert Hawker, the very eccentric vicar of Morwenstow on the north Cornwall coast, wrote to all of his parishioners saying that on the first Sunday in October they would be giving thanks for the harvest at the Sunday Eucharist. From that remote corner of England the custom quickly spread throughout the Church of England and into all the other main denominations – Roman Catholic, Methodist, Baptist and indeed even into some non-mainstream denominations.

We are so used to this annual celebration, with all that goes with it – the decoration of our churches not only with flowers but with fruit and vegetables, corn and wheat, dried and tinned food; singing those hymns which we never sing at any other time of the year; the harvest supper; the distribution of some of the gifts to the sick, the elderly and housebound in the parish – that it can be a bit 'here we go again', yet it really is an important occasion, and particularly the bringing of gifts to be distributed after the service. We are so lucky in England, in the West Country, in Paignton; all the food we can eat, the supermarkets packed with exotic foods from all over the world, as well as local produce, never knowing what it is to be hungry. We do need to give thanks for that to the God who made this world so fruitful. Then we need to respond to that generous God by giving back to him some of what he has given us, to be distributed to others. Those who receive it are unlikely to be poor, impoverished people; they are more likely to be elderly, housebound, sick, bereaved – and the gift will be accepted in the spirit with which it is given, bringing joy and pleasure to the recipient as they know that they are not forgotten.

We are also asked to give tinned and packet food at our harvest. Some of this goes to Factory Row, where it is used to

feed the homeless and those who really are impoverished, who *do* know what it is like to go hungry, who have often slept on a park bench or in the hedgerow. Some goes to the Children's Society for their project in the Bay, where again it will be gratefully received.

So Flock Together on a harvest theme; the harvest supper, an opportunity to sit down and share a meal with other members of the Christian community in the parish; Harvest and Community Sunday, a chance to bring an offering of food, to give thanks for the harvest and to pray for our local community as we welcome councillors and members of local organisations.

It may not be an ancient commemoration, but it is a good one! Please play your full part in it.

Yours sincerely,

(I realise that S Boniface and S Andrew's have had their harvest celebrations.)

Stewardship Campaign 2009 – Sunday 18th October

Nearly 150 people in our Parish contribute regularly through the envelope scheme. If **ALL** these contributors would give 50p a week more that would be £75 a week. Many others give by direct debit – no need to change your standing order – just pop 50p into the collecting plate each week.

All together approximately £100 a week more, £5,000 a year. What a marvellous help this would be!

PLEASE HELP

S. Boniface

After the recent decision that the S. Boniface Project would not continue as we had hoped, we realised that work would have to be done on the building before the onset of winter. This work is now in progress with some of the wooden panels being replaced by uPVC, the electrical system is to be tested, to ensure it meets with the required specifications. It is hoped that we can decorate the interior and make it more attractive to those who now use the hall and also to potential users. I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who have generously donated to S. Boniface so this work can commence. One of our next priorities has to be the screen that divides the church and hall, it is getting more difficult each week to open and close.

So the fundraising continues!!

What would you like to see? What would you support?

- Would you like to learn to dance?
- How about an afternoon Tea Dance?
- What about Keep-fit, or a slimming club - I'm game if you are!!
- Perhaps a games afternoon/evening or Art & Crafts



Please let your thoughts be known to me or someone at S. Boniface.

Meanwhile our weekly Coffee mornings with table top items for sale continues after the 9.30am Mass on Tuesdays 10.00am – 11.30am.

Prize Bingo Wednesday 28th October.

Table Top Sale from 2.00pm Saturday 24th October

Fr. Bob

» 3 Thank You 3 « from St Andrew's

A big thank you to everybody who contributed to our Flower Festival to make it such a success. From the flower arrangers to those who washed up. Everybody I spoke to said the Church looked lovely.

A special thank you to Bo-K of Hyde Road who supplied the flowers and who also made up a display and to all those who came along to support the Festival.

P Siviers

Club 2000

Dates for your Diary

Fri	9 Oct	7.15pm	Bingo in the Hall
Thu	15 Oct		Coach Trip to Lee Mills and Morwellam Quay
Wed	24 Nov		Coach trip to the Indoor and Outdoor Markets at Dorchester
Sat	19 Dec		Our annual visit to Buckfast Abbey for the Carol Service. Leaving Church St 1.15pm/Train Station 1.30pm

Happy Birthday Our congratulations to Barbara Green on her 80th birthday in October.

PARISH REGISTERS

Weddings	12.9.09	Simon Wallace & Carolyn Lee
Funerals	18.9.09	Diane Earley

Bell Ringers' News

Some bell ringing news has been in the national dailies lately. One article was about a tower with the oldest complete ring of 5 bells in the county. Paignton does have the distinction of having a bell that is 368 years old. This relates to the tenor (bell 8) that weighs in at 21 cwt, 3 quarters and 5 pounds and has a diameter of 48.50 inches. The table below gives the information about the eight bell of Paignton Parish Church.

Bell	Weight	Note	Diameter	Cast	Founder
1	5-3-24	E	29.63	1902	Mears & Stainbank
2	6-1-8	D#	31.00	1902	Mears & Stainbank
3	6-3-20	C#	32.63	1871	Wm Blews & Sons
4	7-3-4	B	34.50	1805	Thomas Bilbie
5	9-1-25	A	37.13	1748	Thomas II Wroth
6	11-0-14	G#	38.88	1748	Thomas II Wroth
7	13-2-16	F#	43.50	1903	Mears & Stainbank
8	21-3-5	E	48.50	1641	Thomas II Pennington

Another article has been about Taylors, Eayre and Smith (formerly John Taylor & Co) who are now in administration. This 225-year-old bell foundry based in Leicestershire claims to be the world's largest bell foundry. It was John Taylors who last tuned and rehung our bells in 1963. Many of Taylors installations of that time have had favourable remarks about the high quality of workmanship and we are very privileged to have such a fine set of bells. This information is available on: <http://www.paigntonparishchurch.co.uk/the-church/short-history/>

Bell ringing takes place every Tuesday night from 7.30 to 9pm and on Sundays generally from 8.50 until 9.30am. If you want to see what happens, please, just come along. For further information please phone the Captain, John Kelly.

Michael Webster

The Diocese and Us

When William Briwere became Bishop of Exeter in 1224 he already had experience of cathedral government and services as Precentor and he became chief organiser of the Cathedral body. Until then, the bishop had been head of the Chapter, but now he divested himself of that authority and, in 1225, he instituted the office of Dean, coming into line with other cathedrals.

Last month, on September 11th, Prince Charles visited the Cathedral and it was interesting to see that he was welcomed and led in by the Dean as host, and after the service led out by the Bishop — a good division of duties. The early deans. Dean Serlo and his successors, did not have the absolute power enjoyed by modern deans, but they had the cure of souls and the exercise of discipline. The other dignitaries taking precedence after the Dean were, in order, the Precentor, the Chancellor and the Treasurer and armorial bearings were designed for each official, which are still in use.

From the Diocesan point of view, the one blot on Bishop Williams 20-year episcopate was when he went on Crusade to the East for five years with Bishop Peter of Winchester, about the time Jerusalem was ceded to the Christians in 1228. When he returned, there were other non-ecclesiastical duties to perform when Henry III asked him to act as escort to his sister, Isabella, before she went abroad to marry the Emperor, Frederick II.

Most parts of the Cathedral have been reconstructed since Williams' time, but the lower part of the present Chapter House, with its Early English arcading work, was his creation. Some of the quaint carvings of men, beasts and birds under the seats of the modern choir stalls may also be attributed to him. The church in Devon had considerable property, and at the time of the Domesday Survey it owned one-seventh of the cultivated land or one-fifth of the assessed value of the whole. When the Saxons conquered this region it is thought they dedicated one-

tenth of the land for the relief of the poor, the maintenance of the Church's services and the support of the clergy - tithing in action!

Sadie Yates.

Mothers' Union

Holiday Tokens. Unfortunately the Mothers' Union is no longer able to collect holiday tokens due to alterations in booking arrangements. Thank you all for your support in the past.

Corporate Communion – Wednesday
October 7th at 10.00am.



Susan O'Brien

St Andrew's Church (Sands Road)



*The congregation of St Andrew's Church
cordially invite you to a Reception
'Reviewing the Situation'*

*In the church
Wednesday 7th October 2009
7 pm*

*To assist with catering please RSVP to
the Secretary (Tel: 01803 856999)*

Parish Ladies' Group

On a beautiful summers evening in August we went on a guided tour of Torre Abbey. Those of us who had visited the Abbey before the renovations were amazed at the work that had been completed.

Our excellent guide took us on a tour through the medieval monks' abbey into the more modern part of the house, where we were able to see the painting by Holman Hunt. So we had a most enjoyable evening of history.

On Monday 26th October at 7.30pm in the Hall there will be a talk by Mrs Jenny Read of Cruse Bereavement Care. This is the charity we are supporting this year with our Christmass Tea on Monday 14th December so please come to hear how your money will be used.

The bar/snack/chat lunch for October will be on Monday 19th. Please look at the Sunday bulletin for the location or phone a member of the committee.

Please remember our Winter Market stall on Saturday 14th November and please leave gifts for the stall in the box marked 'Ladies' Group' at the back of the church. Please write Audrey Smith or Valerie Stephens on your packages.

We need anything new that will make a good Christmass gift. Suggestions are cosmetics, toiletries, stationery, linens, jewellery, ornaments etc. Please use your imagination. If you can package the gifts we would be grateful, but please use see through wrapping. Buyers need to know what is inside. No bottles of wine please. You do not want to see the organisers in jail!

Thank you.
Audrey Smith

THE CHURCH AND MONEY - AGAIN

*Do you like sitting in a church that badly needs re-decorating?
No, of course not.*

*Do you like sitting in a church and shivering through the
service? No, of course not.*

*Do you like sitting in a church where the lighting is less than
adequate? No, of course not.*

*Do you like sitting in a church where the Vicars voice comes
and goes? No, of course not.*

*Do you like sitting in a church where the organ produces odd
noises? No, of course not.*

All these problems of course apply to Paignton Parish Church, but there is a much bigger problem in that we literally have no money to deal with any one of them. This little article is not so much an appeal for more giving but more an attempt to make everyone aware of our serious situation and get you all involved in putting things right.

Two suggestions have been made so far, one a modest one to involve everyone by asking for an extra 50 pence a week in the collection plate or envelopes, which would perhaps bring in enough to cover our daily running costs.

The other is a plea to you all to try and come up with something that could make a real difference. It may be that you could increase your regular giving by a considerable amount, it may be a one-off gift in memoriam or for the good of the church, it may be that, perhaps with others, could take on the funding for one of the jobs that began this article.

If we do nothing then our situation will only get worse, if we together produce £1000 then we could make a start. Between these two extremes maybe we can start tackling much needed work so that the church which I have been a member of for nearly 70 years will survive for someone else's 70th.

Ray Yates.

Paignton Parish Harvest Celebrations

Flock Together II

St Boniface Church Saturday 3rd October at 2.00pm.

*Try the workshops that are available. Everything
made in the afternoon will be used at the*

Mass at 6.15pm.

*Sign up for the workshops at any of our three
Churches.*



Harvest Supper

St Boniface Church 3rd October at 7.00pm

Choice of hot or cold Supper.

Tickets £2.50 adults

£1.50 children under 10

(free if child attends the workshops)

Tea and Coffee or BYOD!

Raffle



Harvest Thanksgiving and Community Service

Parish Church 4th October at 10.00am

Preacher The Ven Robin Ellis

former Archdeacon of Plymouth

To be attended by the vice-Chairman of Torbay

Council Cllr Matthew Phillips and Mr Adrian

Sanders MP

Coffee and cakes in the Hall after the service



DIARY FOR OCTOBER



1	Thu	7.00pm	Friends of Paignton Parish Church Committee Meeting: Hillcrest
3	Sat	2.00pm	Flock Together II: St Boniface Church: <i>see item in magazine</i>
4	Sun	10.00am	Combined Harvest Thanksgiving & Community Service: Parish Church
		6.00pm	Harvest Songs of Praise
6	Tue	10.00am	St Boniface Coffee Morning & Table Top Sale
7	Wed	10.00am	Mothers' Union Corporate Communion
		7.00pm	'Reviewing the Situation': St Andrew's
9	Fri	7.15pm	Club 2000: Bingo in the Hall
11	Sun	6.00pm	Evening Worship: St Boniface
13	Tue	10.00am	St Boniface Coffee Morning & Table Top Sale
15	Thu		Club 2000: coach trip to Lee Mills and Morwellam Quay
18	Sun	6.00pm	Wholeness & Healing: Parish Church
19	Mon	12.30pm	Parish Ladies' bar/snack/chat lunch: <i>venue to be arranged</i>
		9.00am	Magazine material to Ann Howard please
		10.00am	St Boniface Coffee Morning & Table Top Sale
21	Wed	7.30pm	Parochial Church Council Meeting: Parish Church
22	Thu	2.30pm	Final 'Winter Market' meeting: Hall
24	Sat	2.00pm	Table Top Sale: St Boniface
25	Sun	6.00pm	Evensong & Benediction: St Andrew's
26	Mon	7.30pm	Parish Ladies' Group: Mrs Jenny Read of Cruse Bereavement Care
27	Tue	10.00am	St Boniface Coffee Morning & Table Top Sale
28	Wed		Prize Bingo: St Boniface
29	Thu		Maasai Warriors: Parish Church <i>Details to appear in weekly news sheet</i>

INTERCESSIONS FOR OCTOBER

1	Thu	S. Teresa of the Child Jesus	All study groups
2	Fri	The Holy Guardian Angels	The Faithful Departed
3	Sat	Of Our Lady	The People of S. Andrew's
4	Sun	Trinity 17 - Harvest	Thanksgiving for the harvest
5	Mon	Feria	The Sick and Disabled
6	Tue	S. Bruno Pr	Those asking for baptism
7	Wed	Our Lady of the Rosary	The People of S. Boniface
8	Thu	Feria	University Chaplains
9	Fri	S Denis & Companions MM	The Church in France
10	Sat	Of Our Lady	Friends of Paignton Parish Church
11	Sun	Trinity 18	Our Churchwardens
12	Mon	S. Wilfrid B	All missionaries
13	Tue	S. Edward the Confessor	The Royal Family
14	Wed	Feria	The Emergency Services
15	Thu	S. Teresa of Avila V, Dr	The Deanery Clergy
16	Fri	S. Margaret Mary Rel	Greater Devotion to the Sacred Heart
17	Sat	S. Ignatius of Antioch BM	The Church in Arab Countries
18	Sun	Trinity 19	Our Stewardship Campaign
19	Mon	Feria	Our Young People
20	Tue	Feria	The Catholic League
21	Wed	Feria	Our Parochial Church Council
22	Thu	Feria	An End to Terrorism
23	Fri	Feria	Christians Together in Paignton
24	Sat	Of Our Lady	Walsingham
25	Sun	Trinity 20	Those to be baptised
26	Mon	Feria	Those persecuted for their faith
27	Tue	Feria	Hospital Chaplains
28	Wed	Ss Simon & Jude, Apostles	Those falsely imprisoned
29	Thu	Feria	Prison Chaplains
30	Fri	Feria	Chaplains to the Armed Forces
31	Sat	Of Our Lady	Local Government