

## FR TUBBS WRITES...



The events of Holy Week and Easter are central to our faith. Without Good Friday and Easter Day there would have been no Christian faith. Without Maundy Thursday there would have been no Eucharist. The unique rites of Holy Saturday remind us that without our baptism we would not be members of the Church of God.

So the annual commemoration of those events is central to the living and the celebration of our faith in Paignton in 2007. However, this commemoration, these services, are not *just* commemorations, not *just* services. They actually make something happen. As we take part in them we recall the events they commemorate and share in them. The Jews celebrated the Passover by taking part in the Passover meal, with its roast lamb, its bitter herbs, its retelling of the story of the exodus as the youngest member of the family asked the question, 'Why are we doing this?' and the oldest member made reply. The events they were commemorating were not just recalled by the memory; they were made present to the worshippers.

So as Christians we take part in these services, we recall the events they commemorate, and we make them present to us as we partake in them. We are there with the crowds on Palm Sunday; we share in the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday, and go with Jesus to the Garden of Gethsemane to watch with him; we stand by the side of the cross on Good Friday; and on Holy Saturday and Easter Day we see the risen Lord as he appears to his disciples.

So there is quite a demand on our time. We should expect to be in church on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and, of course, on Easter Day. If you are used to going to



church only once a week – or even less! – this can sound daunting. Yet many Christians get themselves to church *every* day during this great week. The services on Monday and Tuesday are much better attended than on an ordinary week.

This year we are extremely fortunate in having the Bishop of Plymouth with us for the Triduum, the three holy days of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday, and on Easter Day.



As last year we shall have only one main service each day, in one of our three churches. This year the Maundy Thursday service will be at S Boniface, followed by the Watch of Devotion until midnight; the Good Friday service will be at S Andrew's; and the Holy Saturday service at the Parish Church. I gather there has been a muttering because there isn't a service at the Parish Church on Good Friday. Actually, there is; Stations of the Cross at 10.00am has been our morning service for many years. However, the PCC's decision to have only one service on these three great days was influenced by two things.

First of all, it is surely better to have one service with a good congregation, than three services with much smaller congregations.

Secondly, there is only one full-time priest in the parish. As he has not yet learnt the art of bi-location – being in two places at once – it is obviously sensible to do it the way that we are doing it.

We shall also be joining the Bishop of Plymouth on the Wednesday in Holy Week as he consecrates the holy oils at S Gabriel's Church in Plymouth. If you hope to go and want a lift, please sign the list which is available in all three of our churches.

When we had our first Combined Service at the Parish Church – combining the 9.30am traditional service and the 11.00am contemporary service – there was a great deal of dissatisfaction, particularly from members of the 9.30am congregation. That was six years ago. Since then

these services have been very much appreciated and criticism has been virtually non-existent (I'm sure someone complains, but it hasn't come back to me!) The Parish Church Committee has therefore decided to increase the number of these Combined Services from four a year to six a year, and the next one will be Easter Day.

Full details of the services are given elsewhere in this magazine. Please put them in your diary, on the kitchen calendar or wherever you need to put them to ensure that you are there!

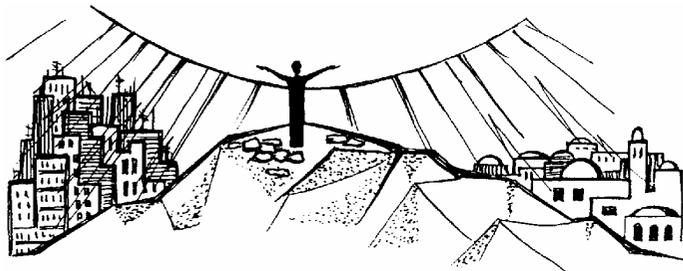
Yours sincerely

## SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP

It is our custom to worship on Sunday evenings at the Parish Church on the first Sunday in each month, and at S Boniface on the second Sunday in each month. However, it is also our custom to have an Easter Songs of Praise service at the Parish Church on Easter Day – which this year is the second Sunday of the month! We are also having a performance of Faure's Requiem at the Parish Church on Palm Sunday, the first Sunday in April at 6.00pm.

So we are going to do a swap! In April Evening Worship will be at S Boniface on the first Sunday, 1 April, and Easter Songs of Praise at the Parish Church on the second Sunday, 8 April.

**BRT**



## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Mon 2 April	Holy Communion	9.30am	<i>Parish Church</i>
	Holy Communion with address	7.00pm	<i>Parish Church</i>
Tue 3 April	Holy Communion	8.00am	<i>Parish Church</i>
	Holy Communion	9.30am	<i>S Boniface</i>
	Holy Communion with address	7.00pm	<i>Parish Church</i>
Wed 4 April	Holy Communion	10.00am	<i>Parish Church</i>
	Holy Communion	11.00am	<i>S Andrew's</i>

## THE CHRISM MASS

**S Gabriel's Plymouth** 7.00pm  
Bishop John Ford

*This is the occasion at which the holy oils used throughout the year for anointing the sick, for baptisms and confirmations, are blessed by the Bishop. It is also the occasion when priests renew their priestly vows and the laity pledge to pray and support their clergy*

Thu 5 April	<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b>		
	Mass of the Last Supper,	7.00pm	<i>S Boniface</i>
	followed by the Watch of devotion until midnight		
Fri 6 April	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>		
	Stations of the Cross:	10.00am	<i>Parish Church</i>
	The Liturgy:	2.00pm	<i>S Andrew's</i>
Sat 7 April	<b>HOLY SATURDAY</b>		
	No morning service		
	The Easter Vigil and		
	First Mass of Easter	9.00pm	<i>Parish Church</i>
Sun 8 April	<b>EASTER DAY</b>		
	Holy Communion	8.00am	<i>Parish Church</i>
	Combined Service	10.30am	<i>Parish Church</i>
	Easter Songs of Praise	6.00pm	<i>Parish Church</i>
	Sung Mass	11.00am	<i>S Andrew's</i>
	Sung Mass	9.30am	<i>S Boniface</i>

**Confessions before Easter:** - At the Parish Church

Mon 2 April	2.00pm
Tue 3 April	6.30pm
Sat 7 April	7.00pm

*Or by appointment. Please ring Fr Tubbs*

## THE ARTHUR DAY COLUMN

As I related in last month's article, the introduction of the first English Prayer Book 1549, provoked revolts throughout the country – the situation almost developed into a civil war. In this part of England there occurred what became subsequently labelled the “Western Rebellion”. Two armies of rebels, one of which came from Cornwall and the other from East Devon, joined forces and besieged Exeter. They planned to march up through the country, attracting recruits on the way, and eventually invade London in the hope of persuading the Government to withdraw the Prayer Book and restore the old Latin services. But they were defeated at Honiton Clyst by an army led by John Russell, later the first Duke of Bedford. Several of the leaders and a number of participants were eventually executed.

The rebellion had repercussions only a few miles from Paignton, in what was then the next parish to ours – Berry Pomeroy. As related last month, the last Pomeroy to own Berry – Sir Thomas Pomeroy – one of the leaders, was reprieved. Coincidentally, in the previous year (1548), he had sold Berry to the man who was one of the people responsible for the introduction of the English Prayer Book – Edward Seymour, Earl of Hertford and later Duke of Somerset.

The King at that time, Edward VI was a boy. He was the son of Henry VIII by his third wife Jane Seymour, who died only a few days after giving birth to the boy. Henry, in his will, had appointed as his executors a group of people, about half of whom favoured the new “Reformed” ideas on religion and the other half leaned to the more conservative catholic ways of thinking on the subject. It was Henry's wish that no major change should be made during Edward's minority. Henry's position was that, although he had repudiated that authority of the Pope and achieved a position in which he was the Supreme Head of the English Church, he remained an orthodox Catholic in his beliefs.

But Edward Seymour was not content with that situation. He somehow got the executors appointed as a Council who would rule the country during King Edward's minority with himself at their head with the grandiose title of “Lord Protector” – a situation which made him the virtual ruler of England. Whether Edward Seymour ever visited Berry Pomeroy is doubtful – he was probably too occupied with affairs of state. Much of the young King

Edward's reign was marked by intrigues; various people tried to manipulate the young King. An ambitious and unscrupulous character, John Dudley Earl of Warwick, and later Duke of Northumberland, was a rival of Edward Seymour and eventually engineered his downfall. Warwick and his associates argued that Seymour had been far too lenient in dealing with the rebels who opposed the new ideas; this leniency they claimed, was tantamount to treason and Seymour was beheaded in January 1552.

It was ironic – the last Pomeroy to own Berry was a leader in the army of rebels against the imposition of the new English Prayer Book and was reprieved – but the first Seymour to own Berry, who was one of the people responsible for its introduction was the one who was executed. Anyway, it is sad that differences of opinion on religion should be accompanied by such thoroughly un-Christian activities – Seymour's execution was a judicial murder.

The person responsible for Seymour's downfall – Dudley – was himself the victim of a similar intrigue a few years later.

During the last month there has been published a brilliant biography of King Edward VI – “Edward VI – the Lost King of England” by Chris Skidmore. The author related that soon after Edward became King everybody was relieved that the harsh legislation of Henry VIII's reign was repealed and everybody looked forward to better times. Edward VI was a bright youngster who showed signs of developing qualities of character which could have made him an excellent King, learnt to speak French and Latin and was good at manly sports. And all before he died in 1553 at the age of fifteen! But such hopes were not realised as they could have been. It is true that some institutions such as hospitals and grammar schools were founded – (eg the school which bears his name at Totnes) but the whole reign was marked by continual intrigue, strife and “empire building”.

Being a statesman in those days was a hazardous occupation. It is true that today he must be prepared to encounter critics, as witness some of the comments made in the press or on television about Tony Blair. But what is certain that we shall never turn on our television and be invited to witness his beheading!

*Arthur Day*

## ST BONIFACE



Tuesday 10 April Coffee Morning – 10.00am.  
Come along and join us for an Easter Bonnet  
Competition for the ladies and a Top Hat  
Competition for the men. Everyone welcome for a fun  
morning. We hope to see you there.

Wednesday 25 April – Prize Bingo. We have a good evening planned  
with lots of prizes and refreshments. Looking forward to seeing you.  
7.30pm start.

Tuesday 24 April - St Boniface Annual General Meeting at 7.30pm.

*Anne Jackson*

## ST ANDREW'S

On 18 February we had a lunch after Mass which around 30 people  
attended. This raised £141 for church funds. A big thank you to all who  
supported this event by way of eating the food or preparing it.

Our Tuesday coffee mornings are also raising money for the church  
ranging between £15-£20. Also a recent  
Jumble Sale raised £54 for Easter flowers.

Forthcoming Event: Easter Monday – Easter  
Fair in the main hall. Free entrance, with  
refreshments. Please see weekly sheet for  
times.

We have many more events planned for the  
near future and throughout the year so watch  
this space.

*Paul Siviers*



## MOTHERS' UNION

Many congratulations to Joyce Buhler who  
celebrates 40 years membership of the  
Mothers' Union this year. This is a  
wonderful commitment.



Corporate Communion: Wednesday 4 April

*Susan O'Brien*

It was good to admit Esther Shaw, Lisa May and Rose Maddock to  
membership of the Mothers' Union on Mothering Sunday. While they are  
Diocesan members they still see themselves as part of the MU in this  
parish – see the article below! – and it is good to have them on board!

**BRT**

## EVENING MOTHERS' UNION

**You are  
invited to**

The Evening Mothers' Union would  
like to invite you to a bring and share  
lunch at the rear of the Parish Church  
on Sunday 1 April at 12.30pm.

Please sign the list at the crossing to  
indicate what you would like to bring.

Everyone is welcome.

*Moira Davenport*

Advance notice: Summer  
Fayre Saturday 30 June  
11.00am to 3.00pm in  
the Vicarage Garden.



All kinds of help needed!  
**WIVES' GROUP**

Our annual dinner was held on 26 February at a new location, The Harbour Lights Restaurant, where we spent an enjoyable evening with good food and good company. We were also pleased to welcome Father Tubbs and Gwyneth as our guests.

Our thanks go to Pat Wilby for organising this successful event.

Our April meeting will be held at Imiola, 1 Roundham Crescent and will be a fund raising event for the church on St George's Day.

There will be drinks and snacks from 7.00pm to 9.00pm (come and go as you please).

No tickets will be sold, but there will be bowls for donations. No escape! Please be generous.

This event is for the whole parish, their friends and neighbours, so please come.



Jean Kitson is organising a visit to the theatre for us. We shall visit the Princess Theatre in Torquay on Tuesday, 26 June to see TOADS production of "Thoroughly Modern Millie". The performance is at 7.45pm. Tickets cost £9.50 and booking must be made by 6 May. Please contact Jean Kitson to book. Transport is available if needed.

*Audrey Smith*

## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 13-19 MAY 07

### Resisting the hurricanes

Chus works with Christian Aid partner Aprovehni, putting down tyres and filling sandbags to strengthen the river bank. This vital work helps his

community to live with the effects of climate change.

'We definitely have more hurricanes and floods than we used to. I've lived here all my life and it wasn't like this before. Strong winds and big waves from the sea cause more floods now.' *Dominica Echevarria*

Jesus Antonio Echevarria, usually known as Chus, is 15 and lives with his sister Dominica and her husband in the San Luis la Herradura area of El Salvador. This area is particularly prone to natural disasters. Hurricanes are a growing threat, and the low-lying land is very susceptible to flooding.

Chus's father died when he was a baby and he sees his mother only occasionally. He has been brought up by his sister and her husband. The family live in three huts close together. Chus shares a hut with his brother and the family's livestock. Chus's hut was battered by Hurricane Stan in 2005, and this has left holes in the roof. The family survives on just a few dollars a day.

Chus likes to get involved with his community in a practical way, and has worked on the local river bank with Christian Aid partner Aprovehni. He has always wanted to do this, although he was initially told he was too young. However, his enthusiasm paid off and he was allowed to work, in return for some food.

Chus is not the only member of his family to be involved with Aprovehni. His sister and brother-in-law play an active part in analysing what needs to be done in the community, organising working groups, and carrying out practical work on the river bank and drainage channels. Even his seven-year-old cousin, Jackeline, participates in Aprovehni's workshops, which use sport and art to help children forget the trauma of hurricanes and earthquakes. She has also taken part in rubbish-collecting brigades.

Aprovehni encourages people to get involved in, and take responsibility for, protecting and developing their own communities. Its work includes reducing the risks created by natural disasters, reducing environmental pollution and responding to emergencies. The changing climate is creating a situation that calls for an urgent response. The increased frequency and intensity of hurricanes and subsequent flooding demonstrate the catastrophic effects that climate change is already having on some of the world's poorest

people.

Archbishop Oscar Romero memorably referred to the 80 per cent of El Salvadoreans living in poverty as a 'crucified people'. Romero worked tirelessly on behalf of poor people, speaking out against injustice and oppression. This brought him into conflict with the government and the military. He was assassinated by the army in 1980.

Chus is just one of these 'crucified people'. Yet with the help of Aprodehni, he is helping to save lives. Although he is poor, he is helping people to adapt to climate change and to live with the effects of natural disasters.

A gift of just £6/€ to Christian Aid would enable Aprodehni to clean a well after a flood. However, your support will be giving so much more than this. You will also be paying for the education and training of the local community - people who can make an immediate difference, particularly young people like Chus.

Please help poor communities around the world grow a better future this Christian Aid Week. For more details, visit [www.caweek.org](http://www.caweek.org)

We believe in life before death

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Christian Aid helps people in poor communities help themselves. With the help of our gifts, Christian Aid workers provide the tools and the 'know how'. People (like Chus) in the communities, provide the enthusiasm and the muscle.

The Parish always gives generously through envelopes and in our Coffee Morning. House to house collections provide the most and show Christian presence in the town. With a few more collectors we would do even better. Just collecting from your neighbours would help.

Lists of streets will be at the back of the Church at the end of April – also videos and CD roms showing the work of Christian Aid – watch and return please. Thank you.



*Jean Kitson*

## THANKS

**From Sue Willcocks and family:** We would like to thank everyone for their kindness and support during this difficult time during the illness and after the death of Roger especially Father Tubbs and Father Mike.

**From Edna Field of the Flower Guild:** A big thank you for all your donations, big and small, your gifts to sell and raffle prizes for our Coffee Morning. We made the sum of £223.

**From Doris Roe:** May I thank everyone for their love and kindness, flowers and cards on the occasion of my recent birthday. I am very fortunate to have such wonderful friends. God bless you all.

**From Helen (nee Tubbs), Rob and Joshua Smith:** Thank you for the beautiful flowers, we were very touched by your kindness. Thank you also for your thoughts and prayers over what has been a difficult time for us, both before and since Joshua's arrival.

## NOT TO BE MISSED, in fact highly recommended!



On Palm Sunday at 6.00pm at the Parish Church, Paignton Parish Church and Stoke Gabriel Church choirs come together to perform the stunningly beautiful *Requiem* by Fauré under the musical direction of Gareth Perkins. Admission free. Miss this and you miss a treat, also what a

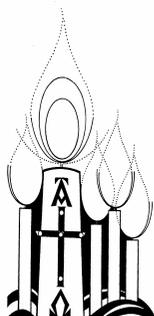
wonderful way to put you in the mood for your Holy Week devotions.

## SOUNDS FROM THE BELFRY

Although being Lent, 26 of the ringers sat down to dinner at Stoke Gabriel in order to celebrate a very special event. The occasion was to present a cheque for £3,000 to Dame Hannah Rogers School. This has become an annual event for over 50 years and was a record amount. For those of you that do not know of the school it deals with severely disabled children from Devon and survives on donations. The hand bell ringers raised this money mainly during the Christmass festivities. This year they also had two generous sponsors, namely the Cavanna Group and The Dart Valley Steam Railway (Paignton). The guests, Barry Cogar represented the Steam Railway and Angela and Ian Murray represented the Dame Hannah Rogers School and received the cheque.

It is not all beer and skittles for the ringers so why not join us, the church bell ringers, and find out what else happens in the tower. We are always open to new members, young or old, who wish to learn to ring, or we would be delighted to welcome anybody who just wants to pop up and see what happens. The next big event for us outside of the tower is a trip to the Cheddar area on 7 May when we will visit a number of churches there. If you would like to join us on this trip, non-ringers who are interested in visiting churches will find this a very interesting trip, please let John Kelly (556208) or any of the ringers know.

*A Bat from the Belfry*



**CLUB 2000** - There is a trip organised to Darts Farm Garden Centre and on to Exmouth. Cost £6.50. More information from Cynthia Borrill on 526463

## COVERDALE TOWER

At long last the scaffolding and tarpaulin has been removed from the Coverdale Tower and the renovation almost complete - including the pointing of the stonework in preparation for the exterior coating of white paint. The Tower has long been a source of danger and confusion for low flying aircraft so it was decided that the structure should be made more visible to both single wing planes and helicopters by the application of white weatherproof paint. There are also plans afoot to erect a small mast with red lights on the top to warn night flying aircraft of its position. This should make life safer for us all in Paignton.

*Avril Foad*

## PARISH REGISTERS

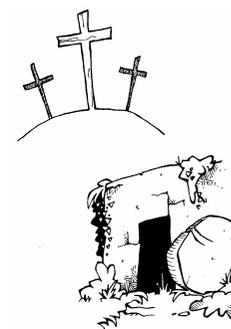
<b>Baptisms:</b>	25.3.07	Parris-Nickol Elvina Bet Hinkley	
<b>Funerals:</b>	7.3.07	Myra Cholmondeley	88
	7.3.07	Leonard Butler	86
	8.3.07	Hubert Seepaul	73
	13.3.07	Angela Inness	55
	14.3.07	Phyllis Bourne	78
	15.3.07	Bruce Warren	72



DIARY FOR APRIL 2007

1	Sun	12.30pm 4.00pm 6.00pm	Bring & Share Lunch: Parish Church Service of Penitence: Bishop John Babbacombe Evening Worship: S Boniface
2	Mon	7.00pm	Holy Communion with address: Parish Church
3	Tue	7.00pm	Holy Communion with address: Parish Church
4	Wed	7.00pm	Chrism Mass: S Gabriel's Plymouth
5	Thu	7.00pm	Mass of the Last Supper: S Boniface
6	Fri	10.00am	Stations of the Cross: Parish Church The Liturgy of Our Lord's Passion: S Andrew's
7	Sat	9.00pm	The Easter Vigil: Parish Church
8	Sun	10.30am 6.00pm	Combined Service: Parish Church Easter Songs of Praise: Parish Church
10	Tue	10.00am	Coffee Morning at St Boniface
14	Sat	1.00pm	Wedding: Parish Church
15	Sun	12.15pm 6.00pm	S Andrew's AGM Wholeness & Healing: Parish Church
18	Wed	6.00pm	Junior Confirmation Group
19	Thu	9.00am	Magazine material to the Vicarage please
22	Sun	2.30pm 6.00pm	Holy Baptism: Parish Church Evensong & Benediction: S Andrew's
24	Tue	7.30pm	S Boniface AGM
25	Wed	6.00pm 7.30pm	Junior Confirmation Group Prize Bingo: S Boniface

29	Sun	3.00pm 6.00pm	Annual Parochial Church Meeting CTIP Service
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INTERCESSIONS

FOR APRIL 2007

1	Sun	<b>PALM SUNDAY</b>	Our keeping of Holy Week
2	Mon	<b>MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK</b>	Those preparing for Confirmation
3	Tue	<b>TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK</b>	Penitence
4	Wed	<b>WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK</b>	Pardon
5	Thu	<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b>	Thanksgiving for the Eucharist
6	Fri	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	Thanksgiving for Our Lord's saving death
7	Sat	<b>HOLY SATURDAY</b>	A good death
8	Sun	<b>EASTER DAY</b>	Thanksgiving for the Resurrection
9	Mon	<b>Easter Monday</b>	Thanksgiving for the Resurrection
10	Tue	<b>Easter Tuesday</b>	Thanksgiving for the Resurrection
11	Wed	<b>Easter Wednesday</b>	Thanksgiving for the Resurrection
12	Thu	<b>Easter Thursday</b>	Thanksgiving for the Resurrection
13	Fri	<b>Easter Friday</b>	Thanksgiving for the Resurrection
14	Sat	<b>Easter Saturday</b>	Thanksgiving for the Resurrection
15	Sun	<b>EASTER 2</b>	S Andrew's AGM
16	Mon	Feria	Peace in the Middle East
17	Tue	Feria	Our Sacristan Team
18	Wed	Feria	Our Church Stewards

19	Thu	S Alphege BM	The Archbishop of Canterbury
20	Fri	Feria	Vocations to the Priesthood
21	Sat	S Anselm BD	All Theologians
22	Sun	<b>EASTER 3</b>	Those to be baptised
23	Mon	<b>S GEORGE M</b>	Our Country
24	Tue	Feria	Our Schools
25	Wed	<b>S Mark Ev</b>	Christian Education
26	Thu	Feria	Our Flower Guild
27	Fri	Feria	The Housebound
28	Sat	Feria	Walsingham
29	Sun	<b>EASTER 4</b>	Our APCM
30	Mon	Feria	Paignton Hospital