

THE PARISH OF PAIGNTON
MAGAZINE



After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him."

THE PARISH OF PAIGNTON,
ST JOHN THE BAPTIST
WITH
ST ANDREW & ST BONIFACE

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PARISH CHURCH

Sunday Services: Mattins 7.30am
 Holy Communion 8.00am
 Sunday School in Hall 9.30am
 Family Communion 9.30am
 followed by coffee in the Hall

The Alternative Service 11.00am
 Route 11: Kidz Klub 11.00am
 Evensong & Benediction (1st Sunday) 6.00pm
 Wholeness & Healing (3rd Sunday) 6.00pm

Weekday Services: Holy Communion is celebrated as follows:

Monday 9.30am
 Tuesday 8.00am
 Wednesday 10.00am
 Thursday 5.30pm
 Friday 10.00am
 Saturday 9.00am

Mattins is said each morning at 7.30am except Saturday. Evensong is said daily at 5.00 pm except Saturday. A priest is usually available in church after Evensong for consultation on any matter, for the Sacrament of Confession, or to give spiritual advice.

ST ANDREW'S

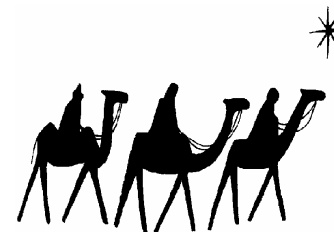
Sunday Service: Sung Mass (followed by coffee) 11.00am
 4th Sunday Evensong & Benediction 6.00pm

Wednesday: Mass followed by coffee 11.00am

ST BONIFACE

Sunday Services: Sung Eucharist 9.00am
 Evening Worship
 (2nd Sunday in the month) 6.00pm

Tuesday: Holy Communion 9.30am



FR TUBBS WRITES



For many weeks I told you that our financial situation in the parish was pretty serious. Large sums of money had been spent on the Parish Church - £70,000 on re-roofing part of the north aisle, £20,000 on drainage work outside the South Porch – and a large sum on S Andrew’s for

essential repairs to the roof. Each year for some years we had spent much more than we had received. Our reserves were going down and down and the situation was dire.

In the weekly news sheet, in this parish magazine and in sermons I told you how serious the situation was. I told you that we would need a stewardship campaign to help us out of the financial difficulties into which we had put ourselves and to begin to build up those reserves again so that we could carry out the work which we had in mind – a new heating system, a new sound system and the redecoration of the Parish Church, just for starters!

Once the stewardship campaign was under way I also said, in the weekly news sheet, in this parish magazine and in sermons, that it was time that the parish of Paignton bit the bullet and asked its members to commit themselves to giving a particular figure, which would be entered on a pledge card. I promised that only one person would see those cards, my secretary Ann Howard, and that she would prepare two lists; one of numbers and amounts for those who would count the money each week, and a list of people who were in the scheme so that they could be issued with envelopes or standing order forms, and so that those who had agreed to gift aid their donations might be presented with the necessary paperwork to be completed (actually just a signature).

I was very concerned about the outcome of the campaign. I did not know whether people – you – would be willing to commit yourself; whether people – you- would be willing to increase your giving; and in particular I did not know whether people – you – would be prepared to enter an amount on your pledge card which you would commit yourself to give

each week for fifty-two weeks of the year – or once a month for twelve months of the year.

And what is the result? People – you – turned up trumps in every way! Most of you were prepared to commit yourself to give week by week throughout the year; most of you increased your giving, some of you by quite large amounts; and all of you who responded were willing to enter an amount on the pledge card which you would commit yourself to give each week or each month.



To all of you, thank you very much indeed. You join Gwyneth and me as committed supporters of God’s work in this parish, in the diocese and overseas. Without this level of support we could not do God’s work in the parish as we have been doing and want to continue to do.

Some of you were not prepared to join the stewardship scheme. No doubt you will give in the collection towards the work of God in the parish, and perhaps you will give generously. I’m just sorry that you were not prepared to join in this exercise with the rest of God’s people; I’m sorry that the stewardship campaign was not seen by you as something to which everyone should want to belong, in order to play their part in the Gospel in this parish. I hope you might change your minds and ask for envelopes or forms for direct debit or gift aid; if you do, please speak to one of the church wardens and they will make sure you receive the means to join. Most of you were also prepared to commit yourself to gift aid your giving. This is so sensible and so easy it is almost a sin for those who pay tax not to do it! For every £1 you give, we can claim back 28p from the income tax authorities. For every £5 that’s an extra £1.40 – free, gratis and for nothing! It costs you nothing – so if you pay income tax and you don’t gift aid your donation, please ask Carol Haggett for the necessary form to do so. And if anyone makes a gift to the parish, to any one of its three churches, - an extra £5 or £10 or whatever - please don’t just put it in the wall safe. Put it in a yellow envelope with your name and address on it and we will do what is necessary to claim the 28p in every £1 back from the Inland Revenue.

This is actually about our spiritual lives as well as about the support of the Church. Our monetary giving is a response to God's generosity to us; it is a reflection of how much he means to us. Jesus tells us 'Where your treasure is, your heart will be also'. The opposite is also true: 'Where your heart is, your treasure will be too.' So please keep up your pledged giving, every week whether you are in church or not.

We have a long way to go financially yet, but we have made a very good start. Thank you.

Unfortunately, the situation is not as good at S Andrew's and S Boniface. The response has been very disappointing at S Andrew's, but this is partly because a number of members have left, and I suspect others are wondering about the future. I have to say that the financial response leads me even more to thinking that S Andrew's does not have a future. This is something which the Parochial Church Council will have on its agenda at its first meeting in the new year. The S Boniface project proceeds very slowly, and they are fortunate in having a good income from the use of the church building – at least for the moment!

So it is very much up to all of us to pray that we may discern God's will for us in the parish. Closing a church, especially one as beautiful as S Andrew's, is a very serious decision to take; on the other hand there simply is not enough money in the parish to support it. Pray that an answer may be found which will keep the church open, but that failing that, pray that the people of S Andrew's may find a new spiritual home at another church in the area.

Yours sincerely

"OUTLOOK" Paignton Parish Church CHARITY SHOP

There has been much research and consultation regarding this project and after a long search for a suitable and yet affordable premises, we are now in a position to take over a shop in Palace Avenue. We have obtained the services of a temporary Manager/Co-ordinator and plan to open late January or very early February.

We are grateful for all the support there has been for this project which will, apart from raising much needed funds for the work of the Parish Church, give us a wonderful opportunity for outreach in our community.

Apart from goods to sell, we shall need equipment for the premises and are looking for the following items:



Bookcases and or shelving units



Clothing rails



Steamer for clothes



Ironing board



Electric radiators/convactor heaters



Vacuum cleaner

The initial plan is to be open Monday to Saturday between 10.00am and 4.00pm and manned by a minimum of three volunteers at any one time. Over the next few weeks we will be approaching those who have already volunteered their help to work out a rota. More volunteers would be very welcome as would any offers to share the job of Manager/Coordinator.

Carol Haggett

MOTHERS' UNION

Many thanks to everyone who gave cakes and pies etc and made donations to the cake stall at the Christmass Bonanza and thanks to Joan Silley for helping on the day.

Thanks have been received from the Special Baby Unit at Torbay Hospital for the knitted garments and blankets. They are much appreciated so please keep knitting.

Doreen Nicholson and I attended the Totnes and Torbay deanery meeting at South Brent in November. After a 'bring and share' lunch we had an inspiring talk on the life and work of St Ignatius Layola by Trisha Stokes - lay reader in the Hems Valley.

Four members attended the deanery carol service at Stoke Gabriel and afterwards enjoyed a sumptuous tea!

Please look out for holiday tokens which will be appearing in the local newspapers in the New Year. The MU makes very good use of them for families unable to afford a holiday.

Corporate Communion: 3 January 2007.

A happy and peaceful New Year to all our members.

Susan O'Brien

Remember you can make a donation to the Parish Church at any time by using the 'Make a Donation Now' button on the Parish Web Site
www.paigntonparishchurch.co.uk

Credit and Debit Cards Accepted. This is a secure system operated by our Bankers.

THE ARTHUR DAY COLUMN



Those of us who attended the Requiem Mass for the Revd Cecil Bishop were very impressed by her niece's tribute to her. Quite a lot of what she told us was quite new to some of us; to me one feature stood out – Cecil's amazing versatility. As most of us already knew she was a qualified solicitor as well as a trained church worker, but I doubt that many knew she was one of the first women to obtain a Bachelor of Law degree.

Most of us knew that she had worked for the Church in Jamaica and the Gambia – it was owing to her that we have had a link in this parish with the Church in the Gambia. But she has a definite place in the story of the Diocese of Jamaica. A history of the Diocese written by a former Suffragan Bishop of Kingston (Bishop Lewis Evans) relates how in 1957 Deaconess Cecil Bishop and four other deaconesses were licensed to work there in that capacity by way of reviving the work of the order of Deaconesses there.

There had been Deaconesses there before, from an establishment known as "Deaconess House". This work began in 1886; there among other activities, they had run an orphanage for girls, schools, a Christian Police Association and a nursing home; they also ministered to women in prison and visited a poorhouse. But eventually the work discontinued, possibly because some of the Deaconesses died, retired or moved away.

After the arrival of Cecil and her companions in 1957 – (Cecil by the way was the Head Deaconess) – they undertook work in a hospital and a poorhouse and religious teaching in the Church's secondary schools. And there is no need for me to recall the enormous work she undertook in this parish, while working part-time in a solicitor's office until her eighties! And the story didn't quite finish then – in 1986 she was ordained Deacon.

When in 1886 the then Bishop of Jamaica (Bishop Eric Nuttall) wrote to the then Bishop of Truro about the need for women's work in the Diocese of Jamaica, he told him: "I need a godly capable woman ... a woman of narrow or extreme views would not be trusted and would not be able to help us much in the special work required, however devout she might be". The Head Deaconess who arrived in Jamaica 70 years later certainly lived up to Bishop Nuttall's expectations – and coincidentally came not all that far from where the Bishop to whom he wrote worked – Cecil was a Plymothian.

Arthur Day

WEBB IVORY

With your help – and many friends outside the Church – over the past 20 years I have raised approximately £15,000 for the Church from sales from the Webb Ivory catalogue. Thank you all very much for supporting me. Now I have decided to call it a day. Hopefully!? someone else will continue to collect and collate orders next year and if so I will help them as much as I can.

Thank you to all my customers.

Mavis Hawkins

This has really been a marathon task on the part of Mavis, and yet I know that it has been a labour of love. So many people have used this service to buy their Christmass requisites, and so many of them are not members of any of our congregations!



Thank you, Mavis, for this effort, and for your challenge to someone else to take it on. We shall see!

BRT

PARISH LUNCH 2007



Sunday 4 February
at
Belgrave Hotel
Sea Front
Torquay
£15
(only 50p more than last year!)
Lunch, Entertainment, Draw, Puzzles
Tickets on sale from Mavis Hawkins
Please come

CLUB 2000

Diary Dates:

- 14.1.07 Afternoon tea in the Hall with entertainment at 4.00pm
Admission £2;
- 28.2.06 St Trinian's & Greyfriars (Billy Bunter) have their annual
"Bash" with Donna's Disco, Hall, 7.15pm. Admission £3;
- 15.3.06 Coach trip to the "Sea Shanty", Slapton Sands via Dartmouth
For fish and chip lunch. Price £8 inclusive.

Details from me

on 526463.



WIVES' GROUP



I promised you in last month's article that I would tell you the amount made on our stall at the Bonanza. Well, we made £320, a wonderful total. I was specific in thanking you in last month's magazine, but one can't repeat a good thing too often, so once more, thank you all for your great effort.

On 27 November Lloyd Maunder's manager and his team showed us how to cook and carve meat, and also brought a large variety of delicious cheeses for us to taste. This was obviously a popular event as 50 people came.

It was a foretaste of Christmass, especially for the fortunate people who won cuts of meat in the raffle. The £70 raised from the raffle went to Church funds. Thank you, Christine Wills, for hosting the event.

Our wine and mince pie evening in aid of Mayfield School took place on 11 December. The headteacher and assistant head attended the evening. We were fortunate to be entertained by the Riviera Singers, an accomplished and lively singing group. Thank you to the committee for your great organisation and team work. Thank you Father Tubbs for drawing the raffle in your own inimitable way, and thank you Ray Yates, Bernie Haggett and Alan Beard for organising the drinks and for helping with the clean-up. We appreciate you all and, without you we could not have raised the magnificent sum of £300.

Now to the future. On Monday, 22 January, Terri Pearson, whom you all know will give us an illustrated talk on the Magi. This is an open evening so please come to the hall at 7.30pm. Terri is a gifted and interesting speaker. I promise you will enjoy this.

On 26 February our annual dinner will be at the Harbour Light Restaurant (not the Palace Hotel as advertised). More details will be given in January.

The committee wish you all a happy new year and thank you for all your support this year.

Audrey Smith

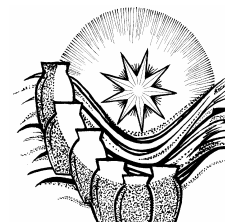
PARI SH REGI STERS

Wedding: 23.12.06 Mark Crang & Lorna Allison

Funerals: 22.11.06	Rosa Alice Biscoombe	94
23.11.06	Lilian Short	88
24.11.06	Mary Winifred Dennis	79
15.12.06	Olive Helena Rowse	87

DIARY FOR JANUARY 2007

1	Mon		No public Evensong
2	Tue	8.00pm	Baptism Preparation: The Gallery
3	Wed	10.00am	Mothers' Union Corporate Communion
5	Fri	7.00pm	Prayers around the Cross
7	Sun	6.00pm	Evensong & Benediction: Parish Church
8	Mon	7.30pm	Standing Committee: Vicarage meeting room
9	Tue	6.30pm	Junior Youth Group meets
10	Wed	2.00pm	S Andrew's Committee
14	Sun	6.00pm	Evening Worship: S Boniface
15	Mon	2.30pm	Prayer Group: Gallery
16	Tue	7.00pm	Ringers' AGM
17	Wed	8.00pm	Parochial Church Council: Parish Church
18	Thu	9.00am	Magazine material to Vicarage please
21	Sun	6.00pm	Wholeness and Healing: Parish Church
23	Tue	7.30pm	Planning Committee: Gallery
24	Wed	7.30pm	Parish Church Committee
28	Sun	2.30pm	Holy Baptism: Parish Church



28	Sun	EPIPHANY 4	Our Sunday Schools
29	Mon	Feria	The Faithful Departed
30	Tue	Feria	Our Mayor and Councillors
31	Wed	S John Bosco	Our young people

INTERCESSIONS FOR JANUARY 2007

1	Mon	The Naming of Jesus	God's blessing on the New Year
2	Tue	SS Basil & Gregory	Those asking for baptism
3	Wed	Feria	The Parochial Church Council
4	Thu	Feria	Our church wardens
5	Fri	Feria	The Community at Taize
6	Sat	Feria	Our sidesmen and women
7	Sun	THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD	Thanksgiving for the Epiphany
8	Mon	The Baptism of Our Lord	Commitment to our own baptism
9	Tue	Feria	Our Junior House Group
10	Wed	Feria	S Andrew's Committee
11	Thu	Feria	Our schools
12	Fri	Feria	TAP into Faith
13	Sat	S Hilary BD	Our judiciary
14	Sun	EPIPHANY 2	Our servers
15	Mon	Feria	Our prayer group
16	Tue	Feria	The ringers
17	Wed	S Antony Ab	The monastic life
18	Thu	Feria	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
19	Fri	Feria	Anglican-Roman Catholic relations
20	Sat	Of Our Lady	The shrines at Walsingham
21	Sun	EPIPHANY 3	Our choir
22	Mon	S Vincent DnM	The reformed Churches
23	Tue	Feria	The Orthodox Churches
24	Wed	S Francis de Sales BD	The Church in Europe
25	Thu	Conversion of S Paul	The priest and people of S Paul Preston
26	Fri	SS Timothy & Titus	Missionary bishops
27	Sat	Of Our Lady	The Mothers' Union