

Father Tubbs writes

Everyone I meet says, I thought you had retired! and it sounds like an accusation! My reply is the same each time: So did I!

I told you in last month's magazine that the house would not be ready until the end of July. Now we have been told that it will be the end of August - and what with staff members on the Pensions Board being on holiday and the surveyor overseeing the work also being on holiday I'm beginning to wonder whether even that is going to be likely.

I know you can imagine our frustration with the whole thing. Limbo is defined in the Oxford English Dictionary as region on the border of hell, and though that may be a little strong, it does seem a bit like that! I am still doing some home communions, a couple of weekday Masses, and I'm covering for priests on Sunday mornings and even on some Sunday evenings. The phone still rings and I pass them on to Fr Bob or one of the church wardens, all my books are packed and waiting to go, so sermon preparation is a little bit scanty, and it still seems very strange not to be at the Parish Church Sunday by Sunday!

I know you all understand and sympathise, and we are grateful for that. So while we are trying to obey the Lord's words in Luke 21.19 (Authorised Version)* it is not easy! Keep looking out for that removal lorry!

Yours sincerely

*In your patience possess ye your souls!

St. Boniface

Social Events:

Tuesday 28th July – Book Sale & Refreshments
10.00am – 11.30am

Wednesday 29th July – Prize Bingo 7.30pm Start

Sunday 9th August – Cream Teas 3.30pm – 5.30pm
followed by Evening Prayer & Benediction at 6.00pm

Tuesday 11th August – Coffee Morning & Table Top Sale
(please note the weekly coffee mornings are suspended during August)

Wednesday 26th August – Prize Bingo 7.30pm Start

Fr Bob.



Summer Fayre

Thanks to everybody who in any way contributed to it regardless of the weather you did very well. All working together as a team, for me that was the best part, also many good comments about the children having fun in the church.



The final figure with extra donations is £2,000, well done.

Hope we can work together again.

Cynthia Borrill

Club 2000

No Monday Coffee in August

Friday August 14th Bingo in the Hall at 7.15pm

Thursday 24th September – Coach trip to Lee Mill and the historic Morwellam Quay. Tickets £10.50 each. Details from Cynthia Borrill.



Mothers' Union

Many thanks to everyone who gave cakes as donations to our cake stall at the Summer Fayre. Thanks too, to Margaret Maycock for helping us on the day.

Four members attended the June Mid-Day prayers at the Cathedral. The service was arranged by the Totnes, Torbay and Woodleigh Deaneries and was well attended. After the service we were able to watch some of the preparations for the celebration of the 1100th anniversary of the Diocese. Many people were busily involved. We marvelled at the talent of the Devon school children whose banners and canvases were on display making a vivid splash of colour in the Cathedral and were well worth seeing.

On Sunday August 9th there is to be a Communion Service in celebration of Mary Sumner's life in Chudleigh Parish Church at 10.30am. Our past President Trish Heywood will be attending. Please



contact Doreen Nicholson (555602) if you would like to go.

Corporate Communion is on Wednesday August 5th at 10.00am.

Susan O'Brien



Congratulations to Edna and Harold Field who celebrated their Diamond Wedding (60 years together) on July 23rd and a week later to Edna on the occasion of her 90th birthday.

Congratulations also to Cynthia Borrill who organised such a very happy and successful Summer Fayre raising £2,000 - to be shared between our three churches. Well done.



Organ Concert



Thursday 13th August at 7.30p.m. at Paignton Parish Church. Organ Concert given by Gareth Perkins. Lots of tuneful, popular classical music played on Torbay's premier pipe organ. A feast of fabulous music by composers from Bach to Mendelssohn.

Admission by programme (£5) at the door, in aid of the Organ Fund. Come and bring a friend along for an evening of music!

Parish Ladies' Group

On 15th June we met at the Redcliffe Hotel where we sat outside in the sun, and enjoyed lunch and the company of other members of the group.

This was followed on 22nd June by a visit to Cockington Country Park where, on a beautiful evening, we studied some of the trees in the park in the company of a Park Ranger.

At the Summer Fayre on 11th July our stall made a total of £122 for our Church, an excellent effort. Thank you Pat Kerswell for organising the stall, and thank you to all the helpers on the stall. You did a great job.

Our next bar snack and chat lunch will be on Monday 17th of August at 12.30pm. The location will be announced in the weekly news sheet.

On Monday 24th August there will be a guided tour of Torre Abbey for our group. This will cost £4.50. Meet at Torre Abbey at 6.00pm. If you need transport please inform a member of the Committee. However buses do stop outside the Abbey so many of us will use our bus passes.

If you have not yet signed the list for your contribution to the Bring and Share meal at our Registration Evening on 28th September, please do so in order that we may plan the event. The list is at the entrance to the Hall.

Maureen Bashford, who died in June, was one of our most loyal and hard-working members. She served on the Committee, recommended speakers, acted as hostess and ran our tombola at the Summer Fayre last year. We shall miss her very much.

It was good to see so many members of the group at her funeral. We extend our sympathy to her family.

Audrey Smith

Saturday 8th August: 11am – 4pm.

Sunday 9th August: 1pm – 4pm.

Sung Mass 11am.

**Free Entry
Devon Cream Teas, Craft & Produce Stalls
The Organ**

As many of you will know, our marvellous pipe organ has been afflicted with electrical gremlins for many months now. As a result of this, a number of stops have ceased working, and others work intermittently. Unfortunately, this has meant that the monthly organ concerts – enjoyed by many – have had to be discontinued.

We're fortunate at Paignton Parish Church to have one of the very finest pipe organs in Devon. A real Rolls-Royce of an instrument, in fact, with around 2,500 pipes ranging from over 16 feet in length to about an inch, and one which would cost in excess of £500,000 to build nowadays. Unfortunately, Rolls-Royces cost a lot of money to maintain, service and repair. We have obtained estimates for the replacement of the faulty electronics (which are very sophisticated indeed but, due to advancement in technology, are now obsolete), and the estimates range from £8,500 to £11,500.

Unfortunately, the church doesn't have the money to pay for this. So the PCC have decided that we should launch an Organ Appeal and ask that, if you feel able to donate towards the repair to our lovely instrument, you might consider giving some money towards getting the organ restored to full working order again. If you feel you are able to help, please could you make any cheques payable to Paignton PCC and give them to either myself or the churchwardens?

In the meanwhile, the company who manufactured the original electronics has agreed to send two

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representatives to visit the Parish Church before the end of July and to try to make temporary repairs to keep the system running, for a very reasonable sum indeed, as a goodwill gesture. In optimistic anticipation of their success, I'm going to recommence the monthly organ concerts on Thursday, August 13th at 7.30p.m. in order to try to raise more funds for our lovely organ. It will consist of lots of tuneful, fun music (no dirges!) and, if you feel like supporting it, and hearing the parish church organ in concert, I warmly encourage you to attend. Thank you.

Gareth

Church Bells – inside and out.



This magazine regularly carries articles from the church bell ringers, those who call the faithful to worship and remind the world outside that God is worshipped in its midst, but what of the bells that are rung inside for those involved in the worship? An altar or Sanctus Bell is used during communion in all the three churches in the parish so why and when are they rung?

The first time the Sanctus Bell is rung in the service is very shortly after the Sanctus – ‘Holy, holy holy’ – is said or sung during the Eucharistic Prayer. (Perhaps that is where the name originates.) The timing of a single ring of the bell is to coincide with the priest calling down the Holy Spirit to consecrate the gifts of bread and wine, that they might become Christ's body and blood. There are many practices when the bell is next rung, this is at the elevation of the host (bread) following the priest's recalling of Jesus' action at the 'Last Supper', in many places this is marked

by one long ringing of the bell while the sacrament is elevated, in others including St. Andrew's, there are three short rings – one at the elevation, one when the sacrament is returned to the altar and a third as the priest genuflects in reverence to the sacrament. A similar pattern then occurs as the chalice is elevated following the recalling of Jesus' action in taking the wine.

Today it is difficult to understand why these bells are rung but when the practice started there was a clear purpose, for many people the language used in the service was unknown (Latin) and in many churches because of the introduction of the 'rood screen' the altar and celebrant were totally hidden from view. The bells were the reminders to the congregation of the point reached in the service and the actions being made. This is still valid today when the main church bell is rung at the two elevations to let the housebound or those otherwise unable to attend know that the sacrament is being offered, allowing them to join the congregation in prayer. Inside the church the bells can often call us back to worship as our minds wander off to other things or we are so engrossed in our prayer!

There is one further ring of the Sanctus Bell within the Eucharist calling the congregation forward to receive communion, this is normally rung once the celebrant has received the sacrament.

In the past either the very first bell or this last one also indicated that those who were not confirmed should leave the church, only those receiving communion would remain – fortunately the church is wiser and more welcoming today!

Other occasions when the Sanctus Bell is rung include times when the sacrament is carried in procession as on Maundy Thursday when it is carried to the 'garden of remembrance' or on



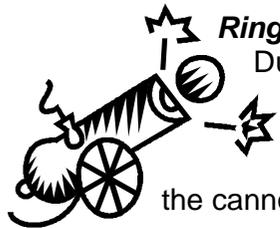
the feast Corpus Christi. At Benediction it is rung as the sacrament is carried and placed on the altar and when raised in the act of Blessing the congregation.

Ron Edinborough

Bell Ringers' News

Coach Outing to the Dorset Area

The Paignton Ringers are planning a coach outing to the Dorset area for August Bank Holiday Monday. If you are interested in joining as a ringer, or as a non ringer for a day out, please contact John Kelly, Captain of the ringers.



Ringing for the Dartmouth Regatta

During August a number of our ringers will attend the regatta to ring for two hours on the mornings of Thursday, 27th, Friday, 28th and Saturday, 29th, after the cannon at Kingswear has fired at 8am.

Hand Bell Ringing leading up to Christmas

The hand bell ringers are a small dedicated group aged 20 to over 70 years, who will now start practising for the Christmas period. The majority of the money raised in the past has been donated to Dame Hannah Rogers Trust, a school based in Ivybridge for severely disabled children, mainly from the South West. Last year the Paignton Hand Bell Ringers collected over £4,600 for that Trust.

If you would like to help out in any way, or want to try hand bell ringing, or believe there is another charity that should be considered, please come and see us, we practise from 4 August on Tuesdays from 7pm to 7.30pm in the West End of the church.

No particular skills are required to ring hand bells, although flexible wrists and a sense of timing will help.

There is a lot of fun and laughter especially when we visit the many clubs, pubs and hotels leading up to Christmas.

Michael Webster

PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms	28.6.09	Jasmine Carly Matthews Kailum Mark Matthews Lauren Shannon Hammond
Weddings	18.7.09	Terry Hayward & Tracey Saunders
Funerals	22.6.09	Maureen Bashford
	24.6.09	David Minshall
	3.7.09	Ronald Lea
	3.7.09	Lee Andrew Millard
	20.7.09	Thomas William Burt

Maureen Bashford was a faithful member of our congregation, having worshipped before that at S Michael s. She was a minister of communion and a member of the Wives Group, and always involved in the Summer Fayre. We pray for the repose of her soul and offer our sympathy to John her husband, Alison and Kathy her daughters and to their families.

Tom Burt was also a faithful member of our congregation, having worshipped in Weymouth and before that in New Zealand, where he was very much involved in the life of the

church. We pray for the repose of his soul and offer our sympathy to Marsha his wife and to Nigel, Jonathan and Katherine.

May I thank all those kind friends who have given contributions to the Memory Box I am collating. I am very grateful to you. Any further contributions will be gratefully received as it is an ongoing commitment.

Doreen Nicholson



DIARY FOR AUGUST



2	Sun	6.00pm	Evensong & Benediction: Parish Church
5	Wed	10.00am	Mothers' Union Corporate Communion
8	Fri	11-4pm	Flower Festival: St Andrew's
9	Sun	10.30am	Mothers' Union Communion Service: Chudleigh Parish Church – see article
		1-4pm	Flower Festival: St Andrew's
		3.30pm - 5.30pm	Cream Teas: St Boniface
		6.00pm	Evening Prayer & Benediction: St Boniface
11	Tue		Coffee Morning and Table Top Sale: St Boniface
13	Thu	7.30pm	Organ Recital: Parish Church
14	Fri	7.15pm	Club 2000: Bingo in the Hall
16	Sun	6.00pm	Wholeness & Healing: Parish Church
17	Mon	12.30pm	Parish Ladies' Group lunch
23	Sun	6.00pm	Evensong & Benediction: St Andrew's
24	Mon	6.00pm	Parish Ladies' Group Guided tour of Torre Abbey
25	Tue	9.00am	All magazine material to Ann Howard please
26	Wed	7.30pm	Prize bingo: St Boniface

30	Sun	6.00pm	CTIP Service
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As you know when Fr Tubbs and Gwyneth leave the Vicarage is to be let until a new incumbent is found. Please can I ask that all keys to the back entrance of the Vicarage be returned to Mavis Hawkins or Ann Howard. Thank you.

INTERCESSIONS FOR AUGUST

1	Sat	Of Our Lady	Walsingham
2	Sun	Trinity 8	Our Churchwardens
3	Mon	Feria	Those on holiday
4	Tue	S John Vianney pr	All parish priests
5	Wed	S Oswald KM	Mothers Union
6	Thu	TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD	Our own transformation
7	Fri	Feria	The Faithful Departed
8	Sat	S Dominic Pr	Our Mayor & Councillors
9	Sun	Trinity 9	Paignton Regatta
10	Mon	S Laurence Dn	Those in prison
11	Tue	S Clare	Women religious
12	Wed	Feria	Our PCC
13	Thu	Feria	Our schools
14	Fri	S Maximilian Kolbe PrM	Persecuted Christians
15	Sat	Of Our Lady	All parents
16	Sun	Assumption of the BVM	Thanksgiving for Our Lady
17	Mon	Feria	The Housebound
18	Tue	Feria	The people of S. Boniface
19	Wed	Feria	Our Bible Study groups
20	Thu	S. Bernard	All Monks
21	Fri	S. Pius	The Catholic League
22	Sat	Our Lady Mother and Queen	Devotion to Our Lady
23	Sun	Trinity 11	Those to be baptised

24	Mon	S Bartholomew A	Our Bishops
25	Tue	Feria	TAP into Faith
26	Wed	Feria	The People of S. Andrew's
27	Thu	S. Monica	Married women
28	Fri	S Augustine BD	All theologians
29	Sat	Beheading of S John Baptist	Parish Church People
30	Sun	Trinity 12	Our Sidesmen and women
31	Mon	S Aidan B	Our spiritual growth

