

Dear Friends,

I am sure every political party knows the value of being united and the difficulties that befall them when they are, or at least appear, divided. Unity is of course at the heart of the prayer of Jesus for his church. It is a unity that is both spiritual and visible and we all have our part to play in making this happen.

The opportunity of Good Friday witness, the 5th Sunday evening Christians Together in Paignton, and the service during the week of prayer for Christian Unity all encourage us, even demand of us, that we work for that for which our Lord prays.

As a parish there is much for us to do in making the Kingdom of God known to all people in our town, and in the communities in which we live. In the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 2: 42-47) we are reminded that the early church found itself growing daily as the first Christians met together for prayer, breaking of bread and fellowship. This is not a bad example to follow! Indeed if we are to see the Kingdom of God extended in our Town and communities then meeting and praying together is the first priority. "See how these Christians love one another" reminds us that we have to take seriously, like it or not, that spiritual and visible unity has an important part to play in how we live out what God calls us to be, and how we witness to the communities we serve.

On Sunday 29th May (a fifth Sunday of the month) there will of course be a service in the evening bringing Christians together from Paignton. However in the morning we are having a UNITED SERVICE, of the three churches of our parish. On this Sunday there will be no service at St Andrew's or St Boniface, and no 9.30am or 11.00am service at the Parish Church, but we shall all gather at the Parish Church at 10.00am for a service together. We plan to do this whenever there are 5

Sundays in a month. The next one will be in July at St Andrew's, and then in October at St Boniface.

Of course this will make some feel a little uncomfortable, but I believe it is vital that we express our unity and fellowship together, and support each other, and be seen to do so by the communities we serve. United has many attractions! A little discomfort twice a year will do us good, and also help us to understand the needs of the other parts of our parish we perhaps don't know quite so well.

I do anticipate everyone being there, and not only to welcome our visiting preacher! There is no problem with access and anyone who feels unable to come because of transport difficulties should let me or the churchwardens know and we will arrange transport for you. I will even come and collect you myself! This is not a Sunday when we can think we can take a day off, but one when we make special effort to be present.

Thank you to everyone who has made Lent and Easter so special. The hospitality for the Lent groups, the support for the services during Holy Week (even if the wind blew a bit on Holy Saturday) and Easter Day itself was excellent. Thank you for those who worked to decorate the churches, and all who behind the scenes prepared for the services. I marvel and give thanks every day at the commitment of a great bunch of people in the church who are not only welcoming but make it such a great place to be. THANK YOU

With every blessing

Your friend and priest,

St. Boniface

Tuesday 10th May, our Community Coffee Morning follows the 9.30am Eucharist. 10am – 11.30am.

Wednesday 25th April, Prize Bingo, 'eyes down' at 7.30pm.

St. Boniface Day, 5th June, is on a Sunday this year, and we will be having a special service on the Sunday evening to celebrate our Patronal Festival.

Fr Bob

Mothers' Union

Three of us joined with other members of the Deanery to celebrate Lady Day with a Eucharist at Stoke Gabriel Church. Our Diocesan President, Mary Steer, also attended with her husband Norman. After the service tea was served in the community room. Then there was time for a stroll in the orchard before catching the bus back to Paignton.

Corporate Communion will be on Wednesday May 4th at 10.00am in the Parish Church.

Susan O'Brien

Parish Ladies' Group

At our March meeting Nick Powe gave us an illustrated talk about Kent's Cavern, which is owned by his family, and which we are scheduled to visit on 23rd of May.

Many of us had not realised our privilege of being in one of the areas of the national geopark system. Neither did we know

why the cliffs in this area are red. The answer is that they came from below the equator, being baked by the sun on the way. This is just one of the many fascinating details we learned from Nick's talk.

Thank you, Nick. Please come again, and bring some more of those wonderful slides.

The promised visit to Kent's Cavern, which includes a Cream Tea as well as a tour of the Cavern, will be on Monday 23rd May at 2.30pm. The cost is £7.50. What a bargain! All parishioners are welcome.

On Thursday, 5th May we shall visit the donkey sanctuary in Sidmouth including a visit to their riding school for disabled children. The visit by coach is open to the whole parish.

If you wish to go and have not yet paid please pay the required £10 to Mavis, Valerie or Audrey as soon as possible. Cheques should be made payable to Paignton Parish Ladies' Group. Cash is also acceptable.

There will be a lunch stop in Sidmouth. Bring your own or enjoy the local fare. This is not included in your £10.

Our 16th May Snack and Chat meeting will be at The Livermead House Hotel at 12.30pm. All ladies welcome.

Our annual theatre visit will be to see The King and I, produced by TOADS at The Princess Theatre in Torquay on Tuesday 28th June. The cost is £12.50, and starting time is 7.45pm. This again is open to the whole parish. This sounds a little premature, but bookings need to be made.

Thank you.

Audrey Smith

Christian Aid

This year's theme is co-operation. Groups of people getting together to improve their lives. As a co-operative they can obtain a loan from Christian Aid or their partners, with it they can buy equipment to improve their produce, which will then give them a better income. They can then pay back the loan and improve their lives, building schools etc.

Can we co-operate to raise the money for that initial loan? There is a list at the back of the church if you could help with door to door collections, there are envelopes for your own and your neighbours gifts. Don't forget if you can Gift Aid your donation is increased by 25%.

Please support our Coffee morning 10.00am to 12 noon and/or The Quiz starting at 7.30pm in the Church Hall on Friday 20th May. Tickets for the quiz are £5.00 which includes a pasty and glass of wine. Thank you.

Jean Kitson

Revised dates for Daily Bread Meetings in 2011

Monday May 16th
Monday June 20th
Monday July 11th
Tuesday August 9th
Monday September 12th
Monday October 10th
Monday November 14th
Monday December 12th

We meet at 7.00pm at 1 Sandringham Gardens and will be pleased to welcome all who would like to join us.

Sadie Yates

Sounds From the Belfry

May Day Coach Trip

The coach trip on the Early Spring Bank Holiday Monday to Cornwall will now call at Callington, Fowey for lunch and Probus and we are also planning to ring at St Kea. Unfortunately the bells at Truro Cathedral will not be ready by the time of the coach trip. The optional evening meal will be at Dunmere, Bodmin. If you are interested in a day out, and have not already booked your place, please contact John Kelly or the undersigned as soon as possible.

Ringers' website

The Devon Association of Ringers have a new format for the website and I would be interested in hearing your comments. The address is www.devonbells.co.uk and it is hoped to build up on the various headings available from the home page. If you have any historical information about bell ringing please do let me know as it could be published where others can freely access it.

Could you be a bell ringer?

Bell ringing is GREAT FUN!

- A unique hobby for whole families from 9 – 90
- Sociable group participation, you'll make friends for life
- A craft almost 400 years old practised throughout the British Isles and in Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Southern Africa and the USA, plenty of scope for travel!
- Service to the Church — you will soon be able to make an important contribution
- Lots of concentration if you like it
- Healthy light exercise, you don't need to be big and strong
- It helps if you have a sense of rhythm and reasonable coordination, you don't have to be a musician

Michael Webster

Magic Seeds

Easy to grow, just scatter anywhere, at any time of the year.

A smile is like a Magic Seed,
Where it lands, another can grow.
That smile can be passed on again and again,
And then Happiness will soon start to show.

When you join a new group of people,
Just a smile and soon you will see,
Somebody else is starting to smile.
Perhaps two, or with luck maybe three.

If you could do this once every day,
You'll enjoy the good you have done.
And receive a reward of hundreds of smiles,
When you started with only just one.

Ron B

Tony & Pat, a big THANK YOU for all the work, you have done and are doing to make our churchyard a picture.

As one walks through the Lych Gate it stops you in your tracks, it is beautiful. It has never looked so lovely.

From a parishioner

Happy Easter with thanks for all the lovely Easter cards you have sent me and the good wishes too. Although I have not been able to send any, I think about and pray for everyone, and wish I could get back. I miss you all.

Doris Roe

Administering of The Chalice

We are pleased to welcome Pat Bourgault, Tony Nutbrown and Roy Boswell who have recently been commissioned to our team.

Kindness is the oil that takes the friction out of life.

But the fruit of the spirit is ... kindness. Galatians 5:22



Parish Registers

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| Funerals | 30 th March | Joan Montgomery |
| | 1 st April | Eileen Joyce Rowe |
| | 11 th April | Sally Rossiter |
| | 14 th April | David John Rivers |
| | 18 th April | Irmgard Turner |
| | 21 st April | Doris May Lewis |
| | | Natalie Dunks |
| | David Lee | |
| | Brenda Swift | |

INTERCESSIONS FOR MAY

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| 1 | Sun | Easter 2 – Low Sunday | Those to be baptised |
| 2 | Mon | St. George | Our Country |
| 3 | Tue | Ss Philip and James | All Preachers |
| 4 | Wed | St. Mark | The Mothers Union |
| 5 | Thu | Feria | Christian Education |
| 6 | Fri | Feria | Sick and those in need |
| 7 | Sat | Feria | Society of Mary |
| 8 | Sun | Easter 3 | Our Parish |
| 9 | Mon | Feria | All Prisoners and those held captive |
| 10 | Tue | Feria | The Diocesan Readers |
| 11 | Wed | Feria | The work of the United Nations |
| 12 | Thu | Feria | The Emergency Services |
| 13 | Fri | Feria | All aid agencies |
| 14 | Sat | St. Matthias | St. Matthias Church Torquay |
| 15 | Sun | Easter 4 | Our Churchwardens |
| 16 | Mon | Feria | Parish Prayer Group |
| 17 | Tue | Feria | Archdeacon's Visitation |
| 18 | Wed | Feria | Parish Priests |
| 19 | Thu | St. Dunstan | The Archbishop of Canterbury |
| 20 | Fri | St. Bernardine of Sienna | Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament |
| 21 | Sat | Feria | Walsingham |
| 22 | Sun | Easter 5 | Our congregations |
| 23 | Mon | Feria | Patients and staff at Paignton Hospital |
| 24 | Tue | Feria | Those seeking baptism |
| 25 | Wed | St. Bede the Venerable | The elderly and infirm |
| 26 | Thu | St. Augustine | Canterbury Cathedral |
| 27 | Fri | Feria | The Medical Profession |
| 28 | Sat | Feria | Those to be married |
| 29 | Sun | Easter 6 | Christians Together in Paignton |
| 30 | Mon | Feria | The Poor |
| 31 | Tue | Visitation of BVM | Expectant Mothers |

Diary for May

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| Sun | 1 | 6.30pm | Wholeness & Healing: Parish Church |
| Wed | 4 | 10.0am | Mothers' Union Corporate Communion: Parish Church |
| | | | Lunch at St Andrew's following 11.00am Mass |
| Thu | 5 | | Parish Ladies' Group visit to The Donkey Sanctuary |
| | | 10.30am | Coffee, Chat & Creativity: St Andrews |
| Sun | 8 | 6.30pm | Easter Songs of Praise: St Boniface |
| Tue | 10 | 10.00am | Community Coffee Morning: St Boniface |
| Wed | 11 | | Lunch at St Andrew's following 11.00am Mass |
| Thu | 12 | 10.30am | Coffee, Chat & Creativity: St Andrews |
| Fri | 13 | 7.15pm | Club 2000 Cash Bingo: Parish Hall |
| Sun | 15 | 10.30am | Traidcraft Stall: Parish Hall |
| | | 6.30pm | Evensong & Benediction: St Andrew's |
| Mon | 16 | 9.00am | Time Out: Parish Hall |
| | | 12.30pm | Parish Ladies' Group Snack & Chat Lunch: the Livermead House Hotel |
| | | 2.30pm | Parish Prayer Group: Parish Church |
| | | 7.00pm | Daily Bread Group: 1 Sandringham Gardens |
| Tue | 17 | | Archdeacon's Visitation: St John's Torquay |
| Wed | 18 | | Lunch at St Andrew's following 11.00am Mass |
| Thu | 19 | 10.30am | Coffee, Chat & Creativity: St Andrews |
| Fri | 20 | 10.00am | Christian Aid Coffee Morning: Parish Hall |
| | | 7.30pm | Christian Aid Quiz Evening: Parish Hall |
| Sun | 22 | 6.30pm | Stations of the Resurrection: Parish Church |
| Mon | 23 | 2.30pm | Parish Ladies' Group: Kent's Cavern |
| Tue | 24 | 9.00am | All magazine material to Ann Howard please |
| Wed | 25 | | Lunch at St Andrew's following 11.00am Mass |
| | | 7.30pm | Prize Bingo: St Boniface |
| Thu | 26 | 10.30am | Coffee, Chat & Creativity: St Andrews |
| Sun | 29 | 10.00am | United Service: Parish Church |
| | | 6.30pm | CTIP: Goodrington Methodist Church |
| Mon | 30 | 9.00am | Time Out: Parish Hall |