

Dear Friends



Autumn into winter. It's a time of year I like: the closing in after the summer; the wind and the rain and the dark; the crackle of a real fire. It seems to mark the beginning of the end of the year's journey.

We all need to close in sometimes. We need to retreat, to feel cosy; to recharge.

But it starts to go wrong if that is all we do. I really don't like the phrase, it's used far too often, but it's true – life is a journey.

The bible is full of journeys: think of Abraham, Moses and David; think of Mary and Joseph, Paul – and Jesus himself. All of them on journeys, just like you and me.

The Christian journey isn't just about movement: it's more than moving from one thing to another. The Christian journey is about moving on, but it's also about growing, and about deepening. The Christian journey encompasses the material, but it is also a journey of spiritual depth.

As we take temporary shelter in the autumn of our various journeys through this life of ours, it is right also to be looking to where the next move might take us. Richard Dahlstrom, a Christian writer, suggests there are five stages to journeying that might help us move forward in accord with the intention of God for our lives.

*There's a hearing.* Our prayers, our conversations, our dreams and our songs, when listened to attentively, may start to tell us where we need to be looking next. We're searching for God's call now, in the large things of life and in the small.

*There's a wrestling.* Here we take the things we've heard and we try them and test them against our hopes and beliefs, against what we know and what we think we need. It's a wrestling between the call of temptation and the pull of the divine.

*There's a response.* After we've consulted, discerned, we make a decision: we

stay, or we go. The decision determines the journey.

*There's a preparation.* We put in place the things we need to have in place to move on to what is new. Without preparation we just launch ourselves forward without what we need in those initial stages of the new journey to carry us along.

*There's a leaving.* We go out, we reach out. But we also leave behind, and sometimes that can be hard – for us and for others.

There is perhaps no better time to listen for that call of where to move to next than in the closing in of the journey that has been your year so far.

As you hear the wind and the rain, as you hear the crackle of the fire – take the time to listen, too, for where God might be calling you next in your life.

**Fr Gary**

## Celebrating answered prayer



Answers to prayer are always a cause for celebration because they remind us that God knows a whole lot more about our circumstances longer in advance than we do.

This has never been more forcibly brought home to me than over the last few weeks when we had a further health scare in the Southon household.

Whilst I was putting the September magazine together at the vicarage Sandra had suffered a seizure and I returned home to find paramedics inside and ambulances outside.

Thankfully my daughter was on hand to take care of things but as is ALWAYS the case Hugh was at near panic stations.

But as the ambulance sped away with me soon to follow I headed for my quiet

place to pray expecting a long 'pleading' session but instead before I could even fall to my knees I saw in clear white letters in my mind's eye John 11 verses three and four.

I immediately checked and read: "And the sisters said 'Jesus your friend is ill' and Jesus said: 'This will not lead to death but life so the Son of Man can be glorified!"

Given Sandra's frail state of health at times that was precisely what I needed to hear: I had been given a promise – Sandra was going to be fine.

After two days in hospital Sandra was discharged although scans had shown a 'lump' in a difficult area.

Holding onto God's promises in such circumstances, and I don't care how spiritual people claim to be, is not easy but God is faithful.

The tests came back inconclusive but another outpatient's visit and examination showed no problems after a couple of weeks of intense anxiety.

Somehow we all clung on to that promise and I am certainly not claiming some great spiritual triumph – I rarely have them.

God knows when we need help in a big way and supplies the triumph – it has nothing to do with us. Thank you Lord for that promise – thank you for answered prayer and forgive my inability to often take you entirely at your word.

**Hugh**

## Welby: Be church for the poor



**The church has heard a fresh call to be "a church of the poor for the poor" in recent years, the Archbishop of Canterbury has been reported as saying as he commissioned volunteers to help churches engage with issues of credit and debt in their communities.**

The first phase of the Archbishop of Canterbury's Church Credit Champions Network is on course to secure benefits worth over £2million for local communities.

It is estimated that this activity will generate a social return of around £7.50 for every £1 invested in the programme, largely through reduced interest payments as people use low-cost credit unions rather than payday and other high-interest companies.

In his sermon at London service to volunteers he said: "Those of you who are being commissioned have heard God's call, as the whole church has in a new way in recent years, to be a church of the poor for the poor, to seek justice and the common good for all in our society.

"You have set up credit union access points in your churches, brought new people onto the boards of local credit unions, supported people struggling with debt through signposting them to debt advice resources."

He added that the credit champions' role must ultimately be to point to Christ.

He said: "I urge you to point to liberation, to the true value of humanity which is given by God, not money."

The Network is in the process of training 300 'champions' who are volunteers from local churches. They help people in their churches to think about and take action to tackle issues to do with credit, debt and money in their local area.

Churches have carried out mass sign-ups to credit unions, set up branches in church buildings, volunteered as board members, and encouraged local employers to set up payroll saving for their staff. The programme is on target to bring in 3,000 new credit union members from the pilot phase.

Churches have been at the centre of the campaign to introduce a cap on the total cost of credit to limit the amount that payday lenders could charge – something which finally came into force in January 2015.

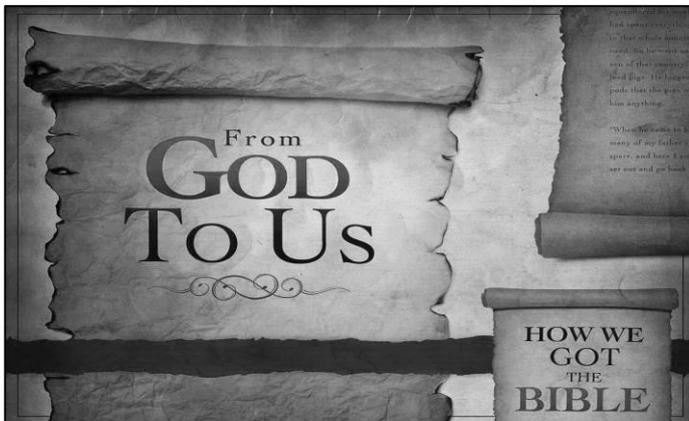
But as the Archbishop himself has said, regulation alone cannot deliver the required cultural change. Churches are now building on the necessary changes at the legislative and regulatory level by making sure that people have access

to better alternatives and to free, high-quality, debt advice when needed.

The Archbishop set up the Task Group on Responsible Credit and Saving in 2013, led by former City regulator Hector Sants.

*The Church Credit Champions Network is one of several projects of the Task Group. Read more about them and find out how you can get involved at [www.toyourcredit.org.uk](http://www.toyourcredit.org.uk)*

## How we got the Bible



Christians forget that there was a time when the Bible did not exist, or else there was only part of it. The preparation which ended with the books of the Bible which we all have today took several centuries!

How many church men and women today know how we got our Bibles?

Whenever you buy a book with a title like, "How we got our Bible" you find that the title could have been, "How we got the Bible in English". It is very hard to find a simple book which really does tell us how the books of the Bible were chosen and put together.

So far as I understand this area of history, the process by which the books to go into the Bible were chosen was like this: During the centuries immediately before the birth of Christ the Jews in Israel/Palestine gradually worked out which books should be counted as "sacred scripture".

Yet it was not until after Christianity was founded that they finally settled matters.

It was, in fact, in the year A.D. 90 that a Jewish council met in a place called Jamnia and finally agreed which books should be included in their Holy Scriptures.

The books which the Jews agreed on were the 39 which we Christians now have in our Old Testaments.

Meanwhile the Jews living outside Palestine, (who were called the Hellenistic Jews because they were Greek-speaking) worked out their ideas as to what should be included in their sacred scriptures.

They arranged their Bible in a different sequence or book order, and included other books as well.

Some of these extra books had originally been in Hebrew, but others had originally been in Greek.

So, in the end, the Hellenistic Jews had a "Bible" containing 54 books, while the sacred scriptures of the Israel/Palestine Jews had only 39 books.

### **What did the first Christians do about this?**

I read that they did not worry too much as to exactly how many books ought to be included.

However, after Henry VIII's days, the Roman Catholic Christians kept all 54, the Calvinists and English Puritans just used the 39, while Luther and the Church of England said that it was the 39 which were really important, but that the other books were, (to quote from the 39 Articles of the Church of England), "for example of life and instruction of manners".

The additional books from the "Bibles" of the Hellenistic Jews are called:

1. The First Book of Esdras
2. The Second Book of Esdras
3. Tobit
4. Judith
5. The Additions to the Book of Esther
6. The Wisdom of Solomon
7. Ecclesiasticus
8. Baruch
9. The Letter of Jeremiah
10. The Prayer of Azariah and the Song of the Three Young Men

11. Susanna
12. Bel and the Dragon
13. The Prayer of Manasseh
14. The First Book of Maccabees
15. The Second Book of Maccabees

All lumped together, people call them "The Apocrypha".

You may wonder why it is that most of the Bibles on sale in Anglican, Evangelical and Protestant bookshops do not contain the Apocrypha.

One reason is, (I am told) that, following the Puritan influence, the "British and Foreign Bible Society" never print Bibles with more than 39 books in the Old Testament.

If you want a Bible with all 54 books in the part before the New Testament you have to say, "I want a Bible complete with Apocrypha".

### **Who decided which books should be in the New Testament ?**

Letters from people like Paul were kept and often shared round among Christians in different places. (The book of Ephesians may have been a "circular letter" from the beginning).

There were also collections of our Lord's sayings and records of his life, death and resurrection.

It is hard to discover which New Testament Books were regarded as "Holy Scripture" in the early days of the Church.

One list, dated about 200 A.D. includes all the books we have in our N.T.s except the Letter to the Hebrews, St. James, and St. John's third Epistle.

Possibly the last book to be recognised as suitable for the Christian's Bible was the "Revelation of St. John the Divine".

Books not included, (as not sufficiently reliable or accurate), were called, "Acts of Paul", "Hermas", "The Apocalypse of Peter, "The Epistle of Barnabas" and the so-called "Teaching of the Apostles".

It was not until about 400 A.D. that the books we now have in the New Testament were agreed by the Council of the church to be authentically inspired by the Holy Spirit and true to everything everyone knew about Jesus and the apostles.

So it was gradually, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, that the decisions were made and we got the Bibles we know today.

The Bible has been translated from the original Hebrew and Greek into many hundreds of languages, and the work of translation is still going on today.

**Philip Bell**

## Such honesty in a daily devotional

***Very rarely have I found a daily devotional dealing the realities of day to day living. This one found its way into my life late last month from Dr Micha Jazz. I'm glad it did. Hope it helps you. Ed.***

*The other night I was awake at 2:09am. I just knew I wouldn't get back to sleep. I tossed and turned for a while, and then got up and made a cup of tea. Inside I felt wretched.*

*An argument with my daughter the day before revolved around my head. I knew that our family was facing big and testing decisions. It all felt like a mess, everything slightly out of control; a scenario that only seemed more devastating given that it was the early hours of the morning and I felt entirely alone.*

Yet life goes on from one day to the next. At times this is exciting, as when anticipating the visit of a friend or a celebratory event. On other occasions it seems relentless and requires every effort simply to hang on to the coat-tails of the dawning day ahead.

The psalmist reminds us that seeking God is not an inspirational, one-off activity. Rather, it is the practice of a lifetime. When it is this latter lifestyle, when we are driven to the limits of our human capacity, we are able to release ourselves into God's hands.

**For me, this is seldom a great act of spiritual triumph, more the grudging acknowledgement that I have chosen to rely on God and the memories of times when God has shown up, even when from my perspective he has been late!**

**Stress is real and needs acknowledgement. Such an acknowledgement doesn't remove it, yet it does accept the reality. Once stress takes hold, it is difficult to shift.**

However, no matter how low you feel, reflect upon the psalmist's encouragement and seek God. Your mind may be constrained by the anxious thoughts that lay siege to you, yet God will protect your heart, and the very discipline of choosing to seek God will awaken faith memory within and lead you on. If you haven't taken time to build any faith memory, start today.

## Parish Ladies' Group

Our enrolment evening in September was most successful, especially as we were pleased to welcome three new members into the group. Ladies, you surpassed yourselves, as usual, with the fine array of food and drink that you provided. Thank you.

Thank you also, Mavis. Your puzzle was both challenging and exciting, and kept us on our toes.

Our new programme for November is as follows:

On November 16<sup>th</sup> our Snack & Chat Lunch will be at the Livermead House Hotel at 12.30pm. All lady parishioners are welcome.

On November 23<sup>rd</sup> there will be a speaker from Purple Angel, our charity for this year. She is Elaine McNamara and we look forward to hearing from her. The work of this charity is to help people suffering from dementia.

Please remember that there will be a Tea and Talk afternoon on December 7<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm in aid of this charity. This is for all members of the parish, relatives and friends, both ladies and gentlemen.

The price of the ticket will be £4 which will include tea, mince pies, a raffle and a talk by Julia Turner, who will speak about her life as a store detective. She is very entertaining so you will not regret coming to hear her.

Please come, the more who come, the more money we will be able to donate to this worthy cause. Thank you.

**Audrey Smith**

## Breakfast and Messy Church “off the fringe”



Late September and early October proved to be a good opportunity for the children (and their parents) of our Parish to show their commitment to Jesus and His worship.

The Songs of Praise was a most joyous and thankful occasion with special contributions from the children. Everyone made comments about how good it was to see them all participating. For some of the children it was the first time they had ventured to “Big Church” – and they loved it.

A week later these same families found themselves involved once again; not just in singing this time, but reading a lesson, and presenting the gifts of harvest, as explained in the Service Booklet. I pray that we will be able to welcome and involve the children in Parish Church Services again soon. Christingle, another Songs of Praise (I hope), Christmas Carol and the Crib Service.

It is great working together.

Breakfast Service and Messy Church are not just “on the fringe”. They are very much part of “our church”.

**Joyce Cappello.**

The date for (the now annual) Garden Party 2015 arranged for the children of our Parish had been set some 6 months in advance; after a wet August the week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> September was warm and dry, but, storms were forecast for Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> – the date of the gathering.

On Friday we watched and worried as the promised clouds came over and the sky looked dark and not at all promising. Saturday, though, dawned bright and warm.

The Bouncy Castle, as usual, was well used, and there were many shouts of sheer delight and a great deal of laughter. The trampoline as well as the slide also helped the fun and enjoyment, while the newly cut grass provided a great track for rides on cars.

Burgers and cakes were consumed with pleasure and thirst quenched with tea, coffee and squash. The children of all ages played together; one Mum (who used to be in a ladies football team) and one Dad (who wished he had been in the team) showed the rest how to do it. Other parents chatted together in a relaxed atmosphere.

All too soon it was time for us to pack everything away, cool the barbeque, take down the gazebo and deflate the bouncy castle.

Our thanks to the Vicar for the use of the vicarage garden, to all who helped in anyway, and especially all those who came and supported the event.

**The Children's Team from St Andrew's, St Boniface and St John's**

## Night Shelter - will you help?

Volunteers are needed to help with this project throughout January and February 2016. There are two shifts that need to be covered each night. The first shift begins at 6pm and ends at 10pm and is about providing a meal and evening hospitality. The second shift is overnight from 10pm until 8am and is about looking after the guests and providing breakfast.

The Parish of Paignton has been asked to host on Saturday nights, the dates are 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th of January. Please let Captain Jeff know if you can help at all, especially on these nights.

The training day is the Saturday 14th November, 12.45pm at St Paul's Preston. for all volunteers.

# Friends of Paignton Parish Church Christmas Tree Festival 2015



**We started in 2013, and this is now our 3<sup>rd</sup> year.**

Individuals, families, charities, churches, schools, shops, businesses, clubs and societies – all with links to Paignton have sponsored a tree to decorate in the church, some on a Christmas theme, some funny and some to reflect a business or organisation.

**Taking place – 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> December in the Parish Church**

The festival this year will run over a weekend starting on 11<sup>th</sup> December and finishing on 13<sup>th</sup> December.

**Our first festival event will be the Christmas Tree Festival Quiz. This will start at 7.30pm on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December** and be held in the church. Tickets for the event will go on sale soon, but put this date in your diary.

## **Duration**

Christmas Trees will be on display in the church over the weekend. The church is open daily from 8.30am until 5pm.

**At 11am on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December, we hold the Christmas Tree Festival Coffee Morning and Draw.** Please come along and enjoy the atmosphere. Draw tickets will be available from 1<sup>st</sup> November.

**At 7.30pm the same day, we have our Christmas Tree Festival Variety Concert.** Members of the congregation, associated groups and friends will perform music and variety in church for your appreciation. Tickets for this event will be on sale soon.

## Tree Sponsorship

The cost to sponsor a tree is £35 (including your tree to keep)



If you wish to keep your tree at the end of the festival it is yours to take away at no additional cost. Should you wish to donate your tree back to the Friends, the tree will be sold to raise additional funds. Full details are available from the Friends Committee - Ann Howard, Mavis Hawkins, James Devonport, Rose Maddock, Ros Willis-Fear, Ginny Piper, and Pat Kerswell.

If you sponsor a tree your name or the organisation name you represent will be included in the programme as a Christmas Tree Festival Sponsor and ***you will also receive a free ticket to the concert.***

***We do need sponsors to make this event worthwhile, so if you have any business or organisation contacts that you could speak to that would be very helpful. A personal invitation to sponsor a tree is always the most productive.***

### Help needed

Of course, with arranging any event like this, we need some assistance. If you can assist with tree set up and decoration, the inevitable moving of furniture and setting up (and taking down) before and after any of the events, then please see a member of the committee. We particularly need some "tree movers" to set up the trees prior to the festival.

### More information and contact details

For more information, please email [ppc.christmastreefestival@gmail.com](mailto:ppc.christmastreefestival@gmail.com), or speak to a committee member or call James Devonport on 01803 526034.

### You could be involved in raising money for the Children's Hospice South West

Two 8ft trees have been set aside for hand-made decorations. One of the trees will be solely for the children's decorations. If you would like to be involved please come along to a free workshop for children and adults – *not Santa's but*

*pretty close* - in the Parish Church. **Date to be confirmed please read your weekly New Sheet for details.**

You can bring your own materials or you can use items available at the workshop. You do not need to attend the workshop, you may like to make one at home. The cost will be £2.50 to put your ornament on the tree, and these monies will go to the Hospice charity. You can take your ornament home at the end of the Festival.

All profits from these two trees will be going to The Children's Hospice South West. *Please speak to any of the committee members for details.*

**We hope you can take part in the Christmas Tree Festival Events and look forward to seeing you at any or all of them**

## Bishops call to government on migrants

Church of England bishops want the government to do more in response to the worldwide migrant crisis and called for at least 50,000 Syrian refugees to be taken in over the next five years.

The CoE has released a letter, signed by 84 bishops, which was sent to Prime Minister David Cameron in September, urging him to make a "meaningful and substantial response to the scale of human suffering we see daily".

Amid mounting public pressure to strengthen Britain's response to the migrant crisis on Europe's borders, the Government pledged to take in 20,000 Syrian refugees over the next five years.

The bishops write in the letter: "We believe such is this country's great tradition of sanctuary and generosity of spirit that we could feasibly resettle at least 10,000 people a year for the next two years, rising to a minimum of 50,000 in total over the five-year period you foresaw in your announcement.

"Such a number would bring us into line with comparable commitments made by other countries. It would be a meaningful and substantial response to the scale of human suffering we see daily."

The bishops also pledge to encourage their churches to provide housing and foster care to refugees as well as to support the Government in its efforts.

## Haven Torbay faces new challenge

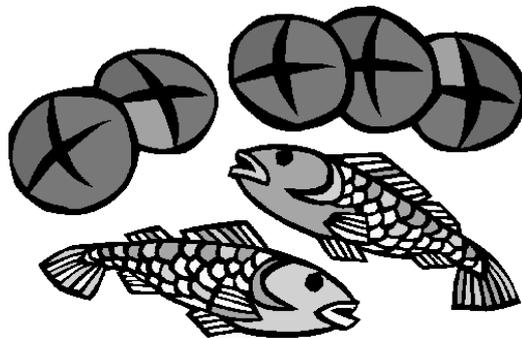
### The Good news

A big thank you to all those who pray regularly for the work of **The Haven**. Among other things we can thank God for is the fact that the work is growing. Nearly twice as many rough sleepers are dropping in each day to use the centre as were coming last year.

More tea is being drunk, more breakfast toast, more tins of beans, as well as more people wanting a bag with a few basics in to tide them over in their bedsit or a blanket or a coat for life sleeping rough! More opportunities to show the love of Christ in very practical ways!

### The bad news

So as a result of your prayers we need to increase our regular income! The short fall is about **£300 a month**. We would really like to recruit more people ready to set up small standing orders – five pounds a month would be wonderful, or more if you can – and of course if you pay tax, you can sign the Gift Aid form allowing us to claim another pound or taxman. Some of you have already done this, and I thank you very much indeed. When Peter saw five thousand people needing a meal, he thought Jesus ought to send them all away to find food. But Jesus had a better idea – feed them ourselves from our slender resources – which he amazingly transformed to be enough for everyone. We are asking you to help with a similar issue. We can trust Jesus to do his bit, but he may be wanting you to lend a hand as well.



**As he said to Peter: "You give them something to eat."**

**Over to you.**

**Geoff Kimber**

(from an article in The Haven – Torbay autumn newsletter)

# Big St John's Songs of Praise success

**Those who attended the Songs of Praise on 27th September had a real treat. It was wonderful to hear not only the church choir and the organ, but also the music group, the piano, a solo, and two items by the children.**

**In between, we lifted our hearts in praise to God in some lovely songs and hymns, and were fortified in the interval by Sue Biles' delicious vol-au-vents and banana cake.**

Everybody was included, which made this Songs of Praise special. It brought us all together. The mixture of more traditional hymns with more modern, and all age-groups, reminded us that God's Kingdom is made up of us all, whatever our musical taste, our spirituality or indeed, our age!

There was a lovely atmosphere of fellowship and enjoyment which was the gilding on the gingerbread.

Many thanks indeed to Joyce Cappello for all her hard work in organising this - and please, can we have another one soon? It's an event not to be missed!

## Maybe... little word - big meaning

Following the sermon by Fr. John on 4th: October, I thought about two weddings.

On Saturday 29th: August 1953, my wife Phyl and I were married at the Parish Church of St. Mary, Torquay.

62 years later on Saturday 29th: August, 2015 our youngest daughter and her partner also had their wedding at the same church.

They both had been divorced and her son read this poem, the author of which is unknown but is titled MAYBE.

Maybe... We are supposed to meet the wrong people before meeting the right one so that, when we finally meet the right person, we will know how to be grateful for that gift.

Maybe... It is true that we don't know what we have got until we lose it, but it is also true that we don't know what we have been missing, until it arrives.

Maybe... The happiest of people don't necessarily have the best of everything; they just make the most of everything that comes along their way.

Maybe... The best kind of love is the kind where you can sit on a sofa together and never say a word, and then walk away feeling like it was the best conversation you've ever had.

Maybe... You shouldn't go for looks but those who makes you smile, because it takes only a smile to make the darkest day seem bright.

Maybe... You should hope for enough happiness to make you sweet. Enough trials to make you strong, enough sorrow to keep you human, and enough hope to make you happy.

Maybe... Love is not about finding a perfect person; it's about finding that other half of you that gives perfection.

**Ron B**

## Diocesan Synod agrees 'growth fund'

A new fund set up to encourage churches to reach out across their communities has been set by diocesan synod.

The new 'growth fund' will consider proposals for projects that aim to reach out to more people and introduce them to the Christian faith.

The first proposal, which was approved on Saturday, will help churches in 25 areas to serve planned new housing developments of around 600 new houses. Such developments are planned for areas from Ilfracombe to Axminster, Tavistock and Plymouth.

The fund will go on to consider more proposals that seek to further the three priorities set out by Bishop Robert, to grow in prayer, make new disciples and serve the people of Devon with joy.

Bishop Robert said: "The purpose of such a fund is to support and invigorate the excellent work that is going on at grass roots level because that's what is important and it's where change will happen."

## Bell Ringing News

### ***Paignton ringers celebrate two significant birthdays.***

John Kelly BEM hits 80 and  
Vashti Wilks reaches a significant mile stone!

John threw a party for his large number of friends and family at the Berry Head Hotel, Brixham on his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday where they were treated to a two course evening meal and drinks.

His family were there, his son John and his family, and his daughters, Tracey and her family and Louise who had come over from New Zealand to celebrate this magnificent event. Louise gave a speech outlining John's wonderful achievements and ended by saying how much John valued our friendship and bell ringing.

John, in return, thanked Louise and said how lucky he was to have such good children, and grandchildren and so many wonderful friends and with his interests in mainly railways and bell ringing, he was having a wonderful time.

John had invited his many guests to this occasion and in return he asked that no presents be given and that if people so wished, they could make a donation to the Ricky Grant Ward of Torbay Hospital. The figure at the last count had reached £150.

John's son, John, also arranged a surprise bell ringing outing, not only to celebrate his father's 80th birthday, but also for Vashti's birthday as she had reached a significant milestone.

The outing on Saturday 26 September consisted of ringing at a number of exceptional towers in Somerset, and in order, Winford, Chewton Mendip, Ditchat and Chard. A pub lunch was arranged at the Waldegrave Arms, Chewton Mendip and the ringers and guests were delighted with the service and food.

The towers were especially selected for this auspicious occasion and John, at the last tower of the day, gave his thanks and also on behalf of Vashti, for this surprise outing and to all the ringers who made this celebration so special. The day ended with a splendid evening meal at the Heathfield Inn, Honiton where other guests were able to meet John and Vashti.

### ***Local Competition***

Paignton is entering a local competition; this includes any ringing tower within the Newton Abbot, Ipplepen and Torbay Deaneries. With the number of ringers available at Paignton, we hope to have enough for 2 teams to ring. This year's competition will be held at Kingsteignton on 24 October.

### ***More ringers are urgently needed Learn bell ringing in half an hour a week.***

You can learn to ring church bells from as young as 12 and there is no upper age limit. Learners have quality time as they have their own session with one to one tuition on how to handle the bell rope. Please phone John Kelly for more information or come along one Tuesday between 7.30pm and 9pm and watch for a few minutes to see if ringing could be one of your hobbies.

### ***Hand Bell Ringing leading up to Christmas***

The majority of the money raised in the past has been donated to Dame Hannah Rogers Trust, a non-maintained residential special school, which provides for students with severe physical difficulties. If you would like to help the hand bell team out in any way, or would like to try hand bell ringing, or believe there is another charity that should be considered, please come and see us, we practise on Tuesdays from 7.30pm in the church.

No particular skills are required to ring hand bells, although flexible wrists and a sense of timing will be a help. We have a lot of fun and laughter especially when we visit the many clubs, pubs and hotels leading up to and over Christmas.

***Michael Webster***

# Mothers' Union – Hands across the World



Mary Sumner found the Mothers' Union to help mothers to bring up their children in the Christian Faith. Practical advice was also given as families were large in those days and there was no Social Security for those with little or no money.

It is not necessary to be a mother in order to be a member, single women and men are also useful members. In August, there were celebrations as it was the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the laying of the inauguration stone of Mary Sumner House, the headquarters in Westminster.

The aims of the MU still include Praying, Campaigning and Enabling. There are over 4 million members around the world ... in every continent ... membership is growing overseas faster than in our own country. In our twice year handbook, there is a Wave of Prayer so that no group is left out.

This is a strong powerhouse of prayer ... please feel welcome to come to the Parish Church to pray with us at the Mother's Union Corporate Communion on the first Wednesday of every month. Next meeting 4<sup>th</sup> November, at 10 a.m.

**Paula Christian**  
**Branch Secretary**

## The Fallen Remembered

**Remembrance Sunday, 8 November, will be a United Service at the Parish Church at 10am.**

It is a day a grateful nation remembers and honours those who have sacrificed themselves to secure and protect our freedom.

The National Service of Remembrance held at The Cenotaph in Whitehall on Remembrance Sunday, ensures that no-one is forgotten as the nation unites to honour all who have suffered or died in war.

The Queen will pay tribute alongside Members of the Cabinet, Opposition Party

leaders, former Prime Ministers, the Mayor of London and other ministers.

Representatives of the Armed Forces, Fishing Fleets and Merchant Air and Navy will be there, as well as faith communities and High Commissioners of Commonwealth countries.

## Visit the Parish Facebook page



Love it or hate it Facebook is very much a part of our lives these days and represents an exciting way for Christians to reach out to those who don't know our Saviour with the love of Christ.

The Parish now has its own page on the Social Network which can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/778789668809623/>

We update regularly with notices of upcoming events, uplifting scriptures and images plus stories of faith and matters of general interest.

We are called to win the lost by all means and Facebook presents another opportunity to do just that.

I was asked a few days ago whether I believed Jesus would be on Facebook were he walking the earth today and I had to agree that he probably would.

In a hurting world lets bring good news and start reaching those whose only contact with Christ may be through us.

Yes, we really may be the closest they ever come to meet the man who can change their lives.

We are currently 96 members strong and they have come from all over the country.

Come and join us.

**Hugh**

**Bereavement Support Group -** Coffee morning in Coverdale Hall,

open to all with a presentation on Advance Directives. Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November 10.45am-12.15pm.

**Men's Breakfast** - 28<sup>th</sup> November 9am at the Park Hotel with a talk on "Islam and being a Muslim today" by Torquay mosque's Imam.

**Wine & Wisdom** - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm at the Parish Hall. Tickets £5 to include wine and pasty. *Please buy your tickets early to assist with catering.* **Mavis**

**Club 2000** - Get ready for Christmas at Jack's Patch then enjoy a Tinsel & Turkey Lunch at The Smugglers Inn, Dawlish – your choice. If time and weather permits a stop in Teignmouth on the way home. Hurry 5 seats left. Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November. £8.50, money taken on the coach. **Cynthia 526463.**

## Memorable quotes

"Faith does not eliminate questions. But faith knows where to take them."  
— *Elisabeth Elliot, A Chance to Die: The Life and Legacy of Amy Carmichael*

"Radical obedience to Christ is not easy... It's not comfort, not health, not wealth, and not prosperity in this world.

Radical obedience to Christ risks losing all these things. But in the end, such risk finds its reward in Christ. And he is more than enough for us."  
—*David Platt, Radical: Taking Back Your Faith from the American Dream*

"Rejection is an opportunity for your selection."  
—*Bernard Branson*

"Worrying is arrogant because God knows what He's doing."  
—*Barbara Cameron, A Time to Heal*

"Worry is the darkroom in which negatives can develop."  
—*Wanda E. Brunstetter, Love Finds a Home: 3 Historical Romances Make Falling in Love Simple and Sweet*

## Parish Registers

<i>Baptism</i>	<i>18<sup>th</sup> October 2015</i>	<i>Marnie Robyn Binmore Hadley James Leaman</i>
<i>In memorium</i>	<i>18<sup>th</sup> September 2015</i>	<i>John Silley</i>
	<i>27<sup>th</sup> September 2015</i>	<i>Vera Vetter</i>

## Calendar for November

<b>1</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Breakfast Service: St Andrew</b>
		<b>4.00pm</b>	<b>Annual Memorial Service: Parish Church</b>
		<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Wholeness &amp; Healing: Parish Church</b>
2	Mon	9.00am	Time Out: Coverdale Centre
		<b>9.30am &amp; 7.30pm</b>	<b>All Souls Requiem: Parish Church</b>
3	Tue	7.30pm	Bible Study Group: The Vicarage
		7.30pm	Bread Making & Prayer Together: St Boniface
4	Wed	10.00am	Mothers' Union Corporate Communion: Parish Church
		11.00am	Mass followed by Lunch: St Andrew
5	Thu	9.30- 11am	Stay & Play Toddler Group (with music): St Boniface
		10.30am	Coffee, Chat & Creativity: St Andrew CC
6	Fri	10.45am	Bereavement Coffee Morning: Coverdale Centre
<b>8</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Remembrance Sunday United Service</b>
		<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Messy Church: St Boniface</b>
		<b>3.00pm</b>	<b>British Legion Remembrance Service: Parish Church</b>
		<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Choral Evensong: Parish Church</b>
9	Mon	9.00am	Time Out: Coverdale Centre
10	Tue	12.15pm	Hot Pot Lunch: St Boniface
11	Wed	11.00am	Mass followed by Lunch: St Andrew
12	Thu	9.30- 11am	Stay & Play Toddler Group (with music): St Boniface
		10.00am	Bible Study Group: The Vicarage
		10.30am	Coffee, Chat & Creativity: St Andrew CC
13	Fri	7.30pm	Wine & Wisdom: Parish Hall
14	Sat	12.45pm	Night Shelter Training Day: St Paul's, Preston
<b>15</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Breakfast Service: St Andrew</b>

		<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Evensong &amp; Meditation: St Andrew</b>
16	Mon	9.00am	Time Out: Coverdale Centre
		12.30pm	Parish Ladies' Group Snack & Chat Lunch: The Livermead House Hotel
		2.30pm	Parish Prayer Group: Parish Church
17	Tue	7.30pm	Bible Study Group: the Vicarage
		7.00pm	Home Study Group: 155 Maidenway Road
18	Wed	11.00am	Mass followed by Lunch: St Andrew
		2.00pm	The Rosary Group: St Andrew
		7.30pm	Pie, Pint & Bowls: St Boniface
19	Thu	9.30-11am	Stay & Play Toddler Group (with music): St Boniface
		10.30am	Coffee, Chat & Creativity: St Andrew CC
<b>22</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>4.00pm</b>	<b>4:taste at St Boniface</b>
		<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Evening Prayer: Parish Church</b>
23	Mon	9.00am	Time Out: Coverdale Centre
		7.30pm	Parish Ladies' Group Meeting: Parish Hall
24	Tue	12.15pm	Hot Pot Lunch: St Boniface
25	Wed	11.00am	Mass followed by Lunch: St Andrew
26	Thu	9.30-11am	Stay & Play Toddler Group (with music): St Boniface
		10.00am	Bible Study Group: The Vicarage
		10.30am	Coffee, Chat & Creativity: St Andrew CC
28	Sat	9.00am	Men's Breakfast: Park Hotel
<b>29</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Advent United Service: Parish Church</b>
		<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Evening Prayer: Parish Church</b>
30	Mon	9.00am	Time Out: Coverdale Centre
		11.00am	St Andrew Mass followed by lunch: St Andrew

## Important Magazine Deadline Change

Would all contributors please be aware that from next month (December/January issue) all articles must be with Editor Hugh Southon **by the 12<sup>th</sup> of each month.**

**We are operating to new publishing arrangements and will be unable to use anything contributed after that date.**