

Dear Friends

I hope you are excited by the things that are happening around us in the life of the church in the parish. St Andrews Hall re-opening, the Alternative Service beginning to revive, Baptisms rooted in our worship, re-engagement with the richness of the Liturgy and the regular daily round of worship continuing as we wait on God and his leading.

It is now 9 months since my induction, long enough to conceive and give birth in human terms! The Autumn looks to be a time of some labour pains and happy events! The staff team and others have been looking at ways in which we can reach out to the communities we serve and soon to arrive will be the 'Silver Service' designed particularly for those who are older. Afternoon tea and a short informal service at the end will we pray help us to meet the needs of those in the community and draw them into the fellowship of the church. A group has been working since March on planning special events for families, with young people also in mind, and they launch their first event at the end of October. Also in October initially once a month will be an evening service of worship, but which will include an opportunity to hear a talk and maybe discuss it afterwards (!) This will be designed to help us learn together and deepen our faith. A new group for those who wish to explore the Bible will be on offer (DISCIPLE) and this will not require that you know anything about the Bible at all, or even you know how to find your way around it!

The first of all these special occasions is Sunday 25th October, 'Back to Church Sunday'. Special invitations will soon be available, but this is an occasion to invite those whom we know to come back to church. If you know someone who used to go to church and doesn't anymore,

or you have a family member, friend or neighbour who has never been, this will be a special opportunity to invite them to come with you. Just think how our congregation will look if we all brought one person with us! This is a national initiative, but we can make the most of it here in Paignton.

I am writing this on the feast of St Bartholomew. Some sources suggest he went to India to proclaim the Gospel, and there is an ancient tradition that he was flayed alive in Armenia, and another that he wrote his own gospel but that is lost today. That is about all we know of him. But it is enough: anyone who was willing to trek to India to preach the gospel, to walk back to Armenia to be flayed alive is not someone to be ignored. Before that, he had allowed his Jewish faith to be challenged by a strange preacher and then, after watching him die a cruel death, he was willing to say that he had indeed had breakfast with a man who was horribly crucified three days earlier.

Greatness does not just come in the field of sport (even though our cricketers are great!) but what about the greatness of radical discipleship? The greatness of staking everything on the truth that Jesus Christ is the Son of God? That is why we celebrate Bartholomew. He may not have hit the headlines as some of the disciples did but he was one of the twelve, he was there with Jesus for about three years, he gave up everything for what he believed.

What underpins a life like that? What makes for a life of day in, day out, devotion to God?

First there is immersion in God's word and if you are a Christian but are not reading the Bible regularly, why not? The Bible tells us that the devoted person gets out and about among all kinds of people and is a person of prayer, setting his heart to pray to the God who made him.

In remembering Bartholomew, we celebrate the daily routine of ordinary discipleship, of getting on with the tasks in hand, underpinning them with routine devotion, and our Baptism reminds us we are called to be involved in God's name in the world where we live.

It's time to labour and to rejoice!

With every blessing

Your friend and priest

St. Boniface

Many, many thanks to all who came and celebrated with us on the occasion of our 50th anniversary. The Festival Eucharist was very well supported and was followed by a celebration lunch which included cutting the 'birthday cake'. We were blessed with some gorgeous weather which helped to create a wonderful atmosphere for the afternoon entertainment which included the Kings Ash School Choir, a Dog Display, an owl, Surestart, Music by Vince, as well as many games and side shows for children of all ages! Together with Bar-b-que, Candy Floss, Cream Teas and Prize Draw I think we certainly celebrated the presence of St. Boniface Church in Foxhole in fine style. And yes I did get wet!!

A fortnight later we had our Annual Cream Tea and once again you came and supported us – thank you. This was followed by an informal/cafe style act of worship. The afternoon was enjoyed by all.

Our regular events:

Tuesday 13th Coffee Morning 10am – 11.30am.

Wednesday 28th Prize Bingo at 7.30pm.

Fr Bob.

St Andrews

Flower Festival

Thanks to everyone who supported the Parish Flower and Craft Festival and the United Service on the Sunday. It was a real treat to see everyone working together so well. How creative the displays were, and many new friendships were forged in the sharing of ideas and resources. In the end the total income was much nearer £600 than the original total of £517 which appeared in the weekly sheet.

Bearing in mind the theme of Love, Cherish and Worship I thought I would pass on this true story from a wedding I attended earlier this year. Attending a wedding for the first time a little girl asked her mother, "Why is the bride dressed in white?" "Because white is the colour of happiness and today is the happiest day of her life" was the answer. The child thought for a while, then said "so why is the groom wearing black?"

Forthcoming Events.

The end of October the Launch of the Annual Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. A spectacular concert is planned. More details in next month's magazine.

On 20th November a special "Tour" concert from the Marazion Apollo Choir supported by Hill's Angels (a ladies choir from Kingswear) and Brixham Orpheus Choir. Look out for more details soon.

Another Why Question.

A boy was watching his father write a sermon. "How do you know what to say? He asked. "God tells me" was his father's reply. "Then why do you keep crossing things out?"

And Finally

A genuine question this one – I was asked over coffee last Sunday "why are BUTTERFLIES so called". I really don't know. Do you?

Joyce Cappello.

St Andrew's Church Hall

From 1st September this will re-open and be available for use by community and church groups. This is both an exciting and challenging time. The opportunities that this will give to engage with the community and provide much needed resources is obvious, and the possible developments of our work in this part of our parish are not without significance. The costs of setting up and getting it open are challenging, but we hope that these costs will be recovered in the first 3 years and the hall itself will make an impact for a long time to come.

The Bishop of Plymouth will be coming to re-commission the Hall on 29th November, but it will be in use from 1st September, and booking enquiries are already being made. The facilities include a large hall, with marked

badminton court, and the stage is remaining. The kitchen is being refitted and the large rooms upstairs and downstairs are available for groups and other activities. All booking enquiries should be directed to The Parish Office (551866).

We shall all have an opportunity to celebrate the refurbishing on Saturday 8th October when we shall be holding our Harvest Thanksgiving together at St Andrews and follow this with a Harvest Supper in the Hall and a little entertainment. Tickets (which will be free) will soon be available, and I do hope everyone will try and be present for what promises to be a great occasion. Bring your family and friends too. There will be a bowl at the door for people to make donations if they wish and after defraying costs any surplus will be given to mission.

Fr Roger

Cakes for Brakes Mothers' Union

Two of us joined other members from the Diocese to celebrate the 135th anniversary of the founding of the Mothers' Union. It took place in June at the Boniface Centre, Crediton and a Songs of Praise service was followed by a celebration tea which included many varieties of cup cakes. Money raised will be used for the Wheels Appeal (cakes for brakes). Transport is vital in overseas areas where branches are widely scattered and budgets severely stretched so funds are much needed.

Another celebration!

Five members attended the Totnes Archdeaconry Festival Service at St Mary's Totnes to celebrate Mary Sumner Day. There were stalls in the church grounds and lunches

were served before the service. It was a joyful occasion with abundant food and fellowship.

Another cause for celebration was the recent 100th birthday of our oldest and much loved IMPC member Vera Pascoe. We all send our love and congratulations to you, Vera. Well done!

A date for your diaries. The Deanery Carol Service will be held in our church on Thursday December 15th at 2.30pm. All welcome.

Corporate Communion Wednesday September 7th at the Parish Church.

Susan O'Brien

Parish Ladies' Group

Our successful Summer programme which was greatly enjoyed and well attended has now been completed.

Our activity for July was a visit to Hannah's at Seale Hayne. I was unable to be there, but Mavis has kindly written an account of the event.

On Monday, July 25th, twenty members of the Ladies' Group, and friends, visited the former Seale Hayne Agricultural College which is now part of the Dame Hannah Rogers Trust. We were given a very informative and enjoyable tour of the Centre by two guides, and were impressed by the wonderful opportunities being developed

for the handicapped and were pleased to donate £73. The cream teas were good too!!

Ps "Thank you Mavis for being in charge on the day".

A letter of thanks for our donation has now been received.

The Winter programme of talks and activities begins in the Hall on Monday 26th September at 7.30pm with registration at the bargain price of £3.00, and a bring and share buffet.

A list of the food and drink you have promised is posted at the entrance to the Parish hall.

If you have not signed please bring sausage rolls, as, interestingly enough, nobody has signed for these. Also, nobody has offered nuts of the edible variety, but, as these can be expensive, we can live without them.

We hope to see everybody there, and new members will be most welcome. Rides are available by contacting a member of the committee in good time.

Snack and Chat on Monday 19th September will be at The Redcliffe Hotel at 12.30pm.

Thank you.

Audrey Smith

400th Anniversary of the King James Bible

We would like to celebrate the story of the King James Bible 1611-2011 by reading the whole Bible from Genesis to Revelation, and hope friends in all the places of worship in Paignton are able to join us.

It will be held at the Parish Church and will start on **Sunday 16th October** at 12 noon, after morning services, and continue until **Sunday 23rd October**, Bible Sunday, with a celebration evening service at 6.00pm.

The suggestion is that two people put their names down for a one-hour reading slot and support each other during that time, ie 10-15 minutes each in turn. The rota will be on the notice board at the West End from mid September, so please sign up with a friend and later we will fill in any gaps. Even if people do not wish to read themselves, they will be very welcome to come into the Parish Church at any time – they may even hear bits of the Bible they've never heard before!

The church is heated, there is a sound system and Readers will be able to sit. Silent coffee will be served between 10-11.30am, silent lunch 12noon-2pm and silent afternoon tea 3-5pm. Silent coffee will also be available during the evening session. Any help for these times will be most welcome, and also church 'sitters' for outside the usual times.

Readers may like to arrange sponsorship. We are planning to support the Interdenominational Dorcas Trust in providing Bibles for the desperately poor street people of Manila in the Philippines and materials to help them understand the Word of God. Our clergy and others are planning to visit Manila in the New Year and, amongst other things, will be involved in putting the money raised to

good use. Forms for sponsorship will be underneath the rota at the West End.

We hope this will be a good occasion for us to get to know each other a little better, as we give thanks for all this Bible has meant to people through the generations and the contribution it has made to our language.

We hope all the Parish will be able to join in.

Sadie Yates
Co-ordinator

Cream Tea in the Vicarage Garden ...and the sun shone!

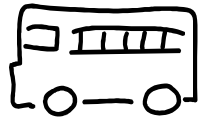
Karen Morris and the Committee of the Friends of Paignton Parish Church would like to thank everyone involved in making the Cream Tea in the Vicarage Garden such a lovely afternoon, and raising £167 in the process.

Club 2000

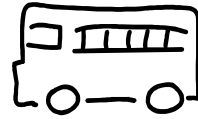
Friday September 9th - Cash Bingo in the Hall 7.15pm
Tuesday 13th September - Coach trip to Widdecombe Fair
price £9.00 - list is in the Hall

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 9th November - coach trip to Dorchester
Christmas Markets - price to be arranged
Friday 11th November - Cash Bingo in the Hall 7.15 pm



Trip to Sidmouth
Folk Festival



Well Cyn, I think you have excelled yourself this time, what a lovely day we had. At first we thought we were going to have rain but it cleared over and the sun came out although we had small cloudy times it seemed to get better and better until it became very hot. All of the coach was impressed with the day, we watched jugglers and unibike riders, Folk duo's and trio's, lots of Morris dancers, music everywhere. We had plenty of time to enjoy all the sights, have our lunch and afternoon tea. As you know there are so many cafés to choose from in Sidmouth it was not easy. What a day! Lovely. Thank Cyn.

Susie K

Ps Next time we are off to Widecombe Fair, where I have never been so am looking forward to that.

You'll Never Walk Alone

The song, 'The Sound of Silence'
tells of 'magic in the air'.

So seize that precious feeling,
for you know that God is there.

Like Elijah on the mountain,
when life's storms bring doubt and fear.

Talk to God, He is there and will listen,
bring you hope, and dry every tear.

Another song recalls a storm
after which, is a bright golden sky.
Then in the stillness, the song of the lark.
The reason for this? You know why.

Ron B

World's Biggest Coffee Morning Macmillan Cancer Support Friday 30th September



The World's Biggest Coffee Morning has been going for 20 years now, this will be its 21st year, and has raised nearly £70 million for people affected by cancer. Macmillan Cancer Support are 99% funded by donations from the public and the annual coffee morning each September is a key fundraising event.

This year we will be holding a Parish Coffee Morning to support this charity on Friday 30th September. It will be held in The Vicarage from 10.30am -12 noon.

If you are able to bake cakes, biscuits or help with refreshments please contact Doreen Nicholson.

Bell Ringers' News

Coach Outing to the Area West of Dartmoor

The Paignton Ringers are planning a coach outing to the West Devon area on August Bank Holiday Monday. We hope this will be a wonderful day out with enjoyable views. We are hoping to ring at Bickleigh, Bere Ferrers, Lewtrenchard and Broadwoodwidger. If it is not too late and 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 or Paul Rowe.

Hand Bell Ringing leading up to Christmas

The hand bell ringers will now start practising for ringing over the Christmas period. 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.

Over the last few years the special educational needs of students have become more complex. Students' learning needs include moderate, severe learning difficulties to profound and multiple learning difficulties. Many have cerebral palsy and complex, medical and therapeutic needs, sensory impairments and associated learning difficulties.

If you would like to help the hand bell team 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 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 help. We visit the many clubs, pubs and hotels in Paignton leading up to Christmas and over Christmas usually ending with a ring at a few more locations on New Year's Eve.

Give church bell ringing a go

If you want to try church bell ringing, come along one Tuesday evening or contact John Kelly. Not only do we ring at Paignton, we also go around different churches on a practice night and go on ringing tours.

Michael Webster



<i>Baptisms</i>	<i>10th July</i>	<i>Riley-Jay Brookes</i>	
	<i>17th July</i>	<i>Ocean Christina Hylton Llamara Jayne Helen Maloney Benjamin Adam Hobbs</i>	
	<i>21st August</i>	<i>Alesha Darcy Egan</i>	
		<i>Hayley Mae Grosvenor</i>	
		<i>Oliver Frederick Davies</i>	
		<i>Marley Rachel Bench</i>	
<i>Weddings</i>	<i>6th August</i>	<i>Martin John Ash & Tracey Friend</i>	
	<i>20th August</i>	<i>Daniel Henry & Corinna Willcocks</i>	
<i>Funerals</i>	<i>7th July</i>	<i>Tryphena Elizabeth Burris</i>	<i>94</i>
	<i>14th July</i>	<i>Rene Schille Rouault</i>	<i>96</i>
	<i>20th July 2011</i>	<i>Dorothy Austin</i>	<i>83</i>
	<i>25th July 2011</i>	<i>Betty Friend</i>	<i>87</i>
	<i>28th July 2011</i>	<i>Paul Reade</i>	<i>53</i>
	<i>5th August 2011</i>	<i>Audrey Gerrard</i>	<i>87</i>

Diary for September

1	Thu	10.30am	Coffee, Chat & Creativity followed by Rainbow Lunch: St Andrew's
4	Sun	10.30am	Coffee in Church
		6.00pm	Wholeness & Healing: Parish Church
5	Mon	9.00am	Time Out: Parish Hall
		7.00pm	Parochial Church Council Meeting: Parish Church
7	Wed	10.00am	Mothers' Union Corporate Communion: Parish Church
		11.00am	Mass followed by lunch: St Andrew's
8	Thu	10.30am	Coffee, Chat & Creativity followed by Rainbow Lunch: St Andrew's
9	Fri	7.15pm	Club 2000 Cash Bingo: Parish Hall
11	Sun	6.00pm	Evening Prayer: St Boniface
12	Mon	9.00am	Time Out: Parish Hall
		7.00pm	Bible Study Group: 1 Sandringham Gardens
13	Tue		Club 2000 Coach Trip to Widdicombe Fair
		10.00am	Coffee Morning: St Boniface
14	Wed	11.00am	Mass followed by lunch: St Andrew's
15	Thu	10.30am	Coffee, Chat & Creativity followed by Rainbow Lunch: St Andrew's
18	Sun	10.30am	Traidcraft Stall: Parish Hall
		6.00pm	Evening Prayer & Benediction: St Andrew's
19	Mon	9.00am	Time Out: Parish Hall
		12.30pm	Snack & Chat Lunch: The Redcliffe Hotel
		2.30pm	Parish Prayer Group: Parish Church
21	Wed	11.00am	Mass followed by lunch: St Andrew's
22	Thu	10.30am	Coffee, Chat & Creativity followed by Rainbow Lunch: St Andrew's
25	Sun		Back to Church Sunday
		6.00pm	Evening Prayer: Parish Church
26	Mon	9.00am	Time Out: Parish Hall
		7.30pm	Parish Ladies' Group Registration Meeting
28	Wed	11.00am	Mass followed by lunch: St Andrew's
		7.30pm	Prize Bingo: St Boniface
29	Thu	10.30am	Coffee, Chat & Creativity followed by Rainbow Lunch: St Andrew's

A Prayer for Peace in our Communities

*Gracious God,
we pray for peace in our communities
this day.
We commit to you all who work for peace
and an end to tensions,
and those who work to uphold
law and justice.
We pray for an end to fear;
for comfort and support to those who suffer.
For calm in our streets and cities,
that people may go about their lives
in safety and peace.
In your mercy, hear our prayers,
now and always. Amen*

