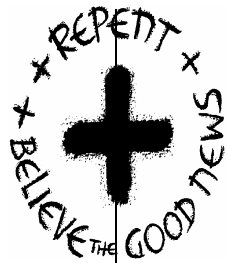


FR TUBBS WRITES

'Those who can't do without things will never develop a firm individuality', a quotation from 'The Seven Sacraments' by Anselm Grun. For most people that is what Lent is all about – doing without things, or, as we more usually put it, giving up things; and there is nothing wrong with that. Though Lent was in origin a fast before Easter for those preparing to become Christians, it does now start with the account of Our Lord's fasting and temptation in the wilderness – forty days of 'doing without' even the basic necessities of life. So there are far worse ways of keeping Lent than giving up something – something which we enjoy, something which is not sinful in itself, but something which reminds us constantly during Lent of the season we are in. Sugar in tea or coffee, biscuits, the daily glass of wine, sweets, cakes – these are all things we can do without, and though only a token sacrifice, they will help us to remember why we are keeping this solemn season.

Yet doing without, giving something up, is not the only way



we can observe Lent. Doing something extra, making (I nearly said finding!) time to get to one of the mid-week Eucharists, or Stations of the Cross, or one of the Lent courses; or getting up fifteen minutes earlier each day and spending time in prayer and Bible reading; or taking a book from the selection in church and making time to read it during Lent.

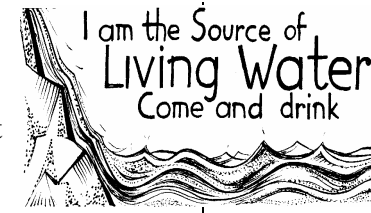
Or it may be something more 'practical'. Going to visit someone who is lonely (and if you don't know anyone I have some names!); writing to that person or those persons with whom you have somehow lost contact (though that, of course, won't keep you occupied for all of Lent!). Time spent in our charity shop would certainly count, as would time spent in church as one of our stewards, which would also give you some time to be quiet to relax, to think and to pray.

If we decide to do without something it may be that we shall save money. A glass of wine a day equals a bottle of wine a

week. I don't know how much you spend on a bottle of wine, but it won't be much less than £4. In

the six weeks of Lent that would be £24 – not for you to blue on chocolate at Easter! Rather, to put in to one of the Lent boxes available in church, or to give to a charity of your choice. And if you decide not to do without something but to do something extra, you can still take a Lent box and fill it during these forty days.

Lent is a solemn time, but not a dull time. The purple of the vestments and the altars is a royal purple, reminding us of the purple robe which his tormentors put on Jesus in mockery of the claim made by his enemies that he said he was a king. Lent is not a time of self-flagellation so that God will think better of us and with a little bit of luck will forgive us. Lent is a time for sharing in the passion and death of Jesus, a passion and death which he willingly embraced for you and for me. At the moment of his death in S John's Gospel, after suffering on the cross for so long, he shouts just one word in Greek – *tetelestai!* – It is finished! Not a complete failure but a complete triumph! Not a wasted life but one



which brought life to others! Not a hopeless death, but a death which promises everlasting life to

those who believe!

So there is a paradox running throughout the whole of Lent. It is a solemn time but not a dull time. It concentrates on serious matters but in an exciting way. Its focus is the passion and death of Jesus, but it is a preparation for Easter, the day of the resurrection. We keep Lent in purple, with a church devoid of flowers; we don't sing the Gloria in excelsis; we don't use the great word of praise and rejoicing, alleluia.

Yet the proper Prefaces for Lent talk about 'this joyful seasons when we prepare to celebrate the paschal mystery'; 'this great season of grace, your gift to your family'. All the things which you might think were sad or depressing or even sorrowful are in fact extremely positive. We do all these things – the doing without, the doing extra, the self-discipline, the hymns, the readings – because they are a preparation for the Paschal event – paschal, a word that refers to the Jewish Passover and the Christian Easter, a word that encapsulates

both death and resurrection, a word for the great three days of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and, of course, Easter Day itself.

So have a good Lent, a serious Lent, a self-disciplined Lent, but an enjoyable Lent, a positive Lent, and, because you use Lent positively, you will have too a glorious Easter

Yours sincerely

LENT COURSES

You have a choice!

On Friday mornings during Lent, beginning Friday 2 March, we shall once again have a Lent Course in the Parish Church Hall at 10.45am, followed by a simple bread and soup lunch. It would be good to have some idea of numbers, so please can you sign the list in your church if you hope to come.

Then TAP Into Faith has arranged a Lent course with the provocative title 'The F Word: Explaining Forgiveness'. It is only a three-week course, with Fr Richard Silk and Fr David Lashbrooke doing some teaching on Thursday March 15 and 22; then on March 29 we shall have a Service of Penitence. All this will take place in the Parish Church.

The course will be completed on Palm Sunday, 1 April, with a service at All Saints Babbacombe when Bishop John Ford will preside and preach at a second Service of Penitence to prepare us for Holy Week and Easter.

BRT



EUROPEAN LANGUAGE DIRECTIVE

The European Union Commissioners have announced that agreement has been reached to adopt English as the preferred language for European communications, rather than German which was the other possibility.

As part of the negotiations, Her Majesty's Government conceded that English spelling had some room for improvement and has accepted a five-year phased plan for what will be known as EuroEnglish (Euro for short).

In the first year, "s" will be used instead of the soft "c". Certainly sivil servants will reseive this news with joy. Also, the hard "c" will be replased with "k". Not only will this klear up confusion, but typewriters kan have one less letter.

There will be growing public enthusiasm in the second year, when the troublesome "ph" will be replased by "f". This will make words like "fotograf" 20 per sent shorter.

In the third year, public akseptanse of the new spelling kan be expected to reach the stage where more komplikated changes are possible. Governments will encourage the removal of double letters, which have always ben a deterrent to akurate spelng. Also, al wil agre that the horrible mes of the silent "e" in the language is disgrasful, and they too would go.

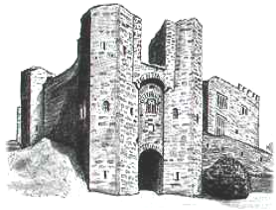
By the fourth year, people will be reseptiv to steps such as replasing "th" by "z" and "w" by "v".

During ze fifz year, ze unesesary "o" kan be dropped from vords containing "ou", and similar changes vud of kors be aplid to ozer kombinations of letters.

After zis fifz yer, v evil hav a reli sensibl riten styl. Zer wil be no more trubls or difikultis and evrion vil find it ezi to understand ech ozer. Ze drem vil finali kum tru.

Submitted by Nora Philips

THE ARTHUR DAY COLUMN



A local landowner who threw in his lot with an army of rebels against the Government – one cannot in these days imagine such a person. Yet this happened in the year 1549 when Sir Thomas Pomeroy, of the family which for five centuries owned Berry Pomeroy – in those days the next parish to ours – became a leader in an army which was an amalgam of two rustic armies, one from Cornwall, the other from East Devon.

The army planned to force the people of Exeter to join them and then march up the country, recruiting supporters en route and finally imposing their demands on the Government.

The aims of this army probably strike us as surprising. The Government of the day had decided to abolish the old Latin church services to which the people had been accustomed for centuries and ordered that an English Prayer Book should be used in all churches – the forerunner of the present Book of Common Prayer. They had also abolished the traditional ceremonies held at certain churches – eg the procession of candles at Candlemass (2 February), and the processions of Palm Sunday and Rogationtide. Along with this was the destructions of statues and stained glass windows in the churches – items which had been valuable “visual aids” as means of teaching in an age when so many people were illiterate.

The aim of this army was to force the Government to restore the old Latin services and withdraw the English Prayer Book.

The King at this time – Edward VI – son of Henry VIII by his third wife Jane Seymour – was a boy of twelve at the time, and the country was ruled by a body composed of the executors of King Henry’s will led by Edward Seymour, Earl of Hartford later Duke of Somerset, who was also the young King’s uncle and guardian – he was virtually the ruler of England. Many of the residents of Exeter were in their hearts sympathising with the rebels. But they had no inclination to incur the



charge of treason and felt that they should obey the laws of the realm. The rebels then besieged Exeter for several weeks, but the siege was raised by an army under the leadership of Sir William Herbert, of whom we shall hear more later.

The rebels seemed to have come near to achieving their objective – they intended to march to London and possibly impose their will on the whole country. But a decisive battle took place at Honiton Clyst when they were defeated by an army composed partly of foreign mercenaries led by Lord Russell, afterwards the first Duke of Bedford. At that battle a detachment led by Sir Thomas Pomeroy concealed themselves in a fuze brake, from which they emerged causing panic among Russell’s troops and killing several foreign mercenaries – Russell’s troops thought they were surrounded. But this success was only temporary. Sir Thomas was ultimately captured, and sent to London with a number of other leaders of this insurgent army. Four of them were executed, but five, including Sir Thomas, were reprieved.

It is sometimes said that Sir Thomas was deprived of the Berry Pomeroy estate because of his part in the rebellion. But he had already sold it in the previous year to Edward Seymour. Sir Thomas seems to have been a restless individual who was always buying and selling land; it has been suggested that he could have been in considerable debt at the time which might be the real reason for his disposing of the estate which his family had owned for nearly five centuries.



There were rebellions in other parts of the country, partly for the same reasons and partly because of the enclosure by of some of the aristocracy of the common land which left the common people with nowhere to graze their cattle and reduced some of them to near starvation. Beside this, the Dissolution of the Monasteries and the abolition of several church – sponsored charities which benefited the common people caused much distress. And for some time, according to some historians, irreligious people used the doctrinal and liturgical changed to parody the church’s services in a disgusting manner.



The fact that the Pomeroy regime at Berry Pomeroy ended prosaically with the sale of the estate to the Seymour family also shows that another tradition connected with the castle is erroneous, viz the story that two Pomeroy brothers rode on blindfolded horses over the precipice on one side of the castle, thus committing a heroic suicide when representatives of the King came to arrest them. As the late Deryck Seymour wrote in his history of the castle: "The strange and fantastic stories which surrounded the Pomeroyes are as fascinating as the truth is unromantic".

The recent scenes on the beach at Branscombe have shocked most of us. But, sadly, it is on record that when, during the Napoleonic Wars, the warship "HMS Venerable", was wrecked off Roundham Head on 25 November 1804, the local people made no attempt to help the crew. But, after the crew had evacuated the ship, it began to break up, and the local people began to appropriate any article which floated towards the shore. Such conduct was, unfortunately, common in most coastline areas, but one hardly expected to see it taking place today.



Arthur Day

ST BONIFACE



We at St Boniface have a problem, our organ has decided to retire. We would be very grateful if anyone knows of an organ in good condition. Failing that we will have to start a fund to buy a new one. If anyone can help us, could they please ring me on 01803 521676. Thank you.

Anne Jackson

ST BONIFACE COFFEE MORNING

Do come and join us for our Coffee Morning which is held on the second Tuesday each month. Everyone welcome.

WIVES' GROUP

Terri Pearson was our speaker at the first meeting of the new year.



She gave us a new and fascinating look at the Magi, showing us artists' and scholars' impressions of their countries of origin, their professions and the timing of their visit to the infant Jesus.

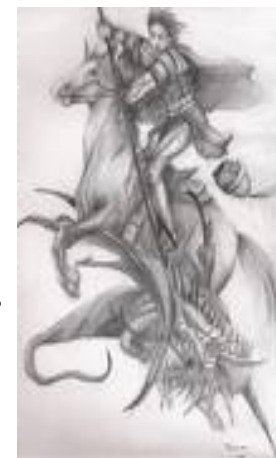
It was gratifying to see so many people at this meeting. Thank you, Terri, please come again. We are also grateful to Maureen Bashford for being our hostess.

Our AGM, chaired by Father Tubbs, takes place on Monday, 26 March. If you would like to nominate someone for office at this time please ask first to save embarrassment. The meeting will be followed by a talk by Father Tubbs. Please be there.

A new programme has been organised and will be available after the AGM.

Advance notice. There will be a drinks and snacks church fund raiser on St George's Day (23 April) from 7.00 to 9.00pm (come and go as you please). This will be an open evening and will be held at "Imiola", 1 Roundham Crescent. No tickets will be sold, but there will be a bowl for donations. Please be generous!

Audrey Smith



"OUTLOOK"

(our shop at 22 Palace Avenue)



Thank you to all the handymen, painters, cleaners, sorters, collectors and especially the volunteer "shop assistants" who have with the successful launch of this venture.

The ribbon was ceremoniously cut by Dorothy Jenkins and Elin May (representing all ages of our church membership) and the shop blessed by Father Tubbs on 30 January.

There have been several comments regarding the small size of the shop but it should be remembered that there was no capital available to fund larger premises and we have been delighted both with the number of visitors to the shop (despite the cold weather and the "out of season" period) and the interest shown in us and our project – already we are shown that this is much more than just a fundraising scheme.

We do need volunteers to man the shop; our ideal would be to have three people available for each three hour period which would then help to cover sickness, holidays etc. Our opening times are Monday to Friday 10.00am to 4.00pm, and Saturday 10.00am to 1.00pm and most of our present volunteers cover either a morning or an afternoon.

Have you a friend who could share alternate weeks with you? A very friendly atmosphere, no heavy work, time for a cuppa and a chat BUT our success depends on having enough help.

Please consider volunteering: contact Carol Haggett on 01803 698038 or Rene Adams on 01803 407214 for further information.

Carol Haggett

AND NOW A BIT OF FUN

These sentences actually appeared in American church bulletins or were announced in church services:

The Fasting & Prayer Conference will include meals.

The sermon this morning: "Jesus Walks on the Water."

The sermon tonight: "Searching for Jesus."

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

The peacemaking meeting scheduled for today has been cancelled due to a conflict.

Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang "I will not pass this way again," giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

The Vicar will preach his farewell message after which the choir will sing: "Break Forth Into Joy."

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What Is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility. Potluck supper Sunday at 5pm - prayer and medication to follow.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

This evening at 7pm there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

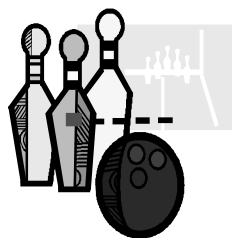
The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.

Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7pm. Please use the back door.

The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7pm. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7pm at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.

SKITTLES



The skittles' season is almost over again, we have had some fun and two wins.

I am stepping down as captain at the end of this season. The new captain needs to sign the team up by the

middle of March, is there anyone that would like to become our new captain? Please see me ASAP.



Rose Maddock

YOUR CHURCH NEEDS CAMPANASTRII

What are campanastrii?

This is nothing more than the old church word for Bell Ringers

Who can do it?

The answer is probably you. If you are of a reasonable fitness and are between the age of 13 and 130 you can probably be taught. Age is no barrier as there are ringers in some churches as young as 6 of both sexes and not so long ago a ringer at Newton St Cyres, Near Exeter, celebrated his 104th birthday by ringing.

What style do we ring?

There are two types of bell ringing practised in England. One is called Method Ringing but the more traditional way in the West Country, especially in Devon, is "Call Change Ringing". It is this style we practise at Paignton. It is relatively easy to understand.

Do I have to be strong?

The answer is "No" with little bit of "Yes". In order to ring the bells they have to be rung in a fully inverted position; that is the mouth uppermost and rotates through almost 360 degrees between each strike of the clapper. The bells when not in use are left mouth down, just as people normally imagine bells, and have to be inverted at the start of each session. By adding a large wooden wheel to the side of a bell it allows the weight of the bell to do the work. Most learners spend most of the time pulling and fighting in order to stop the bell rotating too far and therefore use double the effort needed. You are invited to climb the tower to see what is happening any time you hear the bells ringing but take care when opening the door as there are ropes moving around and you should stay outside the door until invited in by one of the ringers. If you are interested to learn, please ring John Kelly on 01803 556208 or contact any of the bell ringers, or even walk up the tower on a Tuesday evening, they start just after 7.30pm.

A Campanastrium



CONGRATULATIONS!



Congratulations to Kathy Mosedale's daughter Vicky who graduated from Kingston University in January with a 2:1 in Drama and Film. There was great excitement among the students because the guest speaker was no less than Richard Attenborough. Well done Vicky!

And to Maria Fisher, who obtained her foundational degree for teaching assistants, done part-time whilst working! Well done Maria!

MOTHERS' UNION

It was a pleasure to join the members of our Evening Mothers' Union at their informal meeting with Jenny Buckle who spoke of her involvement with Channings Wood Prison and the MU commitment to prisons in the rest of the country.

There is to be a commissioning service for our new Diocesan President, Mary Steer, at Exeter Cathedral on 21 March. Three members are hoping to attend together with members from our evening group.

For many years Marie Chubb and Thelma Jackson have run our bring and buy stall each month. They have now decided that they would like to retire. We thank them very much for their work and wish them a happy retirement!

Corporate Communion: Wednesday 7 March.

Susan O'Brien

May I thank everyone who collected the holiday vouchers. We have had a wonderful response and I thank you for your kindness and generosity. God bless.

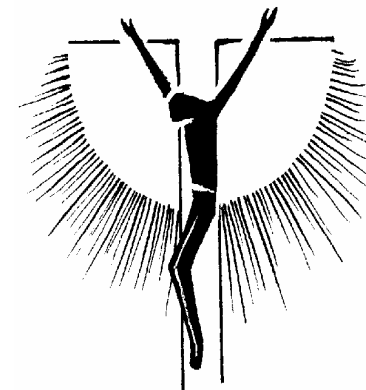
Doreen Nicholson

PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms:	25.2.07	Melissa Rose Piper Harry David Robert Bowden	
Funerals:	29.1.07	Eric Wharton	93
	2.1.07	Beatrice Winifred Robinson	91
	5.1.07	June Rosina Leighton	62
	9.2.07	Vera Winifred Price	97
	13.2.07	William Charles Murphy	84
	15.2.07	Mary Ann Southgate	58
	5.3.07	Roger Wilcocks	62

Vera Price was a faithful member of S Andrew's congregation for many years, and when she went into a residential home it was members of the congregation from S Andrew's who visited her. She bore the weakness of old age, and her blindness, with great courage. We pray for her soul and offer our sympathy to her family and friends.

Roger Wilcocks was a faithful member of S Boniface's congregation, but not just a member of the congregation. He had been church warden, sung in the choir, helped to run the youth group, cut the grass around the church, maintained the inside of the church and gave his full support to the priest in charge. His death was really very sudden and has left us all with a great sense of shock. We offer our sympathy to Sue and their family, and pray for his soul.



DIARY FOR MARCH 2007

2	Fri	10.45am 7.00pm	Lent Course: Parish Church Stations of the Cross: Parish Church
4	Sun	6.00pm	Evensong & Benediction: Parish Church
6	Tue	7.30pm	Deanery Synod
7	Wed	10.00am 7.00pm	Stations of the Cross: S Andrew's Parochial Church Council
9	Fri	10.45am 7.00pm	Lent Course: Parish Church Stations of the Cross
11	Sun	6.00pm	Evening Worship: S Boniface
12	Mon	7.00pm	Standing Committee
13	Tue	6.30pm 8.00pm	JC's Gang-stars Baptism Preparation: Parish Church
14	Wed	10.00am 2.30pm 8.00pm	Stations of the Cross: S Andrew's Parish Church Hall Committee Evening Mothers' Union
15	Thu	9.00am 7.00pm	Magazine material to Vicarage please The F Word: Forgiveness Explained
16	Fri	10.45am 7.00pm	Lent Course: Parish Church Stations of the Cross: Parish Church
18	Sun	10.30am 6.00pm	Combined Service: Parish Church Wholeness & Healing: Parish Church
19	Mon	7.00pm	Flower Festival meeting: Gallery
21	Wed	10.00am 7.00pm	Stations of the Cross: S Andrew's S Andrew's Committee Meeting
22	Thu	7.00pm	The F Word: Forgiveness Explained
23	Fri	10.45am 7.00pm	Lent Course Stations of the Cross: Parish Church
25	Sun	6.00pm	Evensong & Benediction: S Andrew's
26	Mon	7.30pm	Wives' Group Annual General Meeting
27	Tue	6.30pm 8.00pm	JC's Gang-stars Baptism preparation: Parish Church
28	Wed	10.00am 7.00pm	Stations of the Cross: S Andrew's Parish Church Committee
29	Thu	7.00pm	The F Word: Forgiveness Explained
30	Fri	10.45am 7.00pm	Lent Course: Parish Church Stations of the Cross: Parish Church

INTERCESSIONS FOR MARCH 2007

1	Thu	S David B	The Church in Wales
2	Fri	Ember Day	Those to be ordained
3	Sat	Ember Day	More vocations to the priesthood
4	Sun	LENT 2	Those preparing for marriage
5	Mon	S Piran Ab	The Diocese of Truro
6	Tue	Feria	The Deanery Synod
7	Wed	Feria	The Parochial Church Council
8	Thu	Feria	The Government
9	Fri	Feria	The Hungry of the World
10	Sat	Feria	Victims of war
11	Sun	LENT 3	Those preparing for Confirmation
12	Mon	Feria	Our Standing Committee
13	Tue	Feria	JC's Gang-stars
14	Wed	Feria	Our Mothers' Union
15	Thu	Feria	Tonight's Lent Course
16	Fri	Feria	The Homeless
17	Sat	S Patrick B	The Church in Ireland
18	Sun	MOTHERING SUNDAY	All mothers and family life
19	Mon	S JOSEPH	Foster parents
20	Tue	Feria	The schools of our parish
21	Wed	Feria	The People of S Andrew's
22	Thu	Feria	The Anglican Communion
23	Fri	Feria	Paignton Hospital
24	Sat	Feria	Those who are married
25	Sun	LENT 5	A spirit of penitence
26	Mon	ANNUNCIATION TO THE BVM	Thanksgiving for the Incarnation
27	Tue	Feria	Those asking for baptism
28	Wed	Feria	The Parish Church Committee
29	Thu	Feria	TAP into Faith
30	Fri	Feria	Our new hall project
31	Sat	Feria	Our keeping of Holy Week