

Fr Tubbs writes .....

Flock Together as a concept is nothing new; it was started long before I came to Paignton. The concept is quite simple – an opportunity for all three of our churches to meet together for a time of fun, worship and fellowship, with all ages catered for. Last time we had a really good day, from 10.00am to 4.00pm, doing various workshops and putting everything together in a Eucharist.

This year we are meeting on Saturday 30 September at St Andrew's from 2.00pm to 6.00pm; then we shall have our Eucharist, and then the Harvest Supper. So you won't be surprised to hear that our theme will be Harvest!

There will be a number of workshops. We shall make the vestments and the altar frontal; we shall bake the bread; we shall make the candles; we shall prepare a drama; we shall have an IT workshop which will take place out of doors putting together a visual presentation; and we shall have a music workshop to practice the music which we shall be singing during

the Mass. At the moment I am hoping that those taking part will be able to attend three workshops, but the IT and music ones will be longer, so if you attend those you may not be able to do any more.

You have heard me say many times that we all have a part to play in the Eucharist. If it is a drama, which in many ways it is, the cast is not priest, servers and choir performing for the audience which is the congregation. The cast includes everyone in church, and the audience numbers just one – God himself. Having baked the bread, made the candles, frontal, vestments, practiced the music, made a visual presentation, I hope that we shall feel even more that this is our service, offered to God in thanksgiving for the harvest, rather than a service put on for us by those 'up front'.

Then we shall sit down to the Harvest Supper. This year we hope (and I'm writing this in the middle of August!) to offer a choice of menu. Either a simple 'bangers and mash' dish or a curry - not a vindaloo, just a

mildish dish! There will be the usual dessert of apple pie. I am working on the entertainment, hoping to involve some of our young people.

Tickets will be available at the beginning of September, and you will need to specify which menu you want, so that we know how much of each to prepare.

On Sunday 1 October the Parish Church will be keeping its Harvest Thanksgiving and Community Service at 10.30am (no 9.30am or 11.00am service that day). The Chairman of the Council, our local councillors, representatives of local organisations will all be attending, and we shall be able to give thanks for the harvest, and for all that is done by so many people to maintain the life of the community here in Paignton and the Bay.

It is sometimes said that we who live in towns have lost touch with

the natural cycle of food production. Strawberries almost throughout the year, and tomatoes, and produce from abroad, it is possible to forget the intimate connection between the earth on which we live and the food which we eat, and the 'middlemen and women' who plough, sow, weed, irrigate, harvest, transport, mill, bake, freeze, transport, store, sell - the list is endless. Our Harvest Sunday gives us an opportunity to re-connect with that cycle, to connect again with the earth from which all our physical, material, and in lots of ways our spiritual (water for baptism, bread and wine for the Eucharist, oil for anointing....) needs are provided, and also to connect with the community in which we are situated.

The full timetable and details of the workshops will appear in our churches in the near future, so please look out for them and sign up – first come, first served!

Yours sincerely



## TAP into Faith's Course: Why You Shouldn't Be a Christian!

The Diocesan Adult Education Adviser, The Revd David Muir, has been encouraging local approaches to adult education, and has been very supportive of TAP into Faith's attempt to build on our previous Lent Lectures and other educational activities which we have arranged. With his encouragement TAP into Faith are putting on a course of four sessions on consecutive Monday evenings, beginning on September 11 at 7.30pm at All Saints' Church Babbacombe.

The titles of the four sessions are:

- Sep 11 **Jesus, Buddha and Mohammed are all the same**  
Fr Simon Wakely, Parish Priest, Babbacombe
- 18 **Science has disproved the Bible**  
Fr Mike Cain, Associate Priest of Paignton
- 25 **A good God wouldn't allow suffering**  
Fr Brian Tubbs, Vicar of Paignton
- Oct 2 **Religions Cause War**  
Bishop David Silk, formerly Bishop of Ballarat

The timetable for the evenings will be as follows:

- 7.30pm Presentation  
8.15pm Coffee  
8.30pm Open Forum for questions, discussion and debate  
9.00pm Finish

We are going to repeat the course in Paignton on 9, 16, 23 and 30 October. I hope that you will support this venture, either at Babbacombe or here in Paignton in October.

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## TRAMPS' SUPPER

As Fr Mike says in his article, this is just a fun evening. Fancy dress for those who want to come dressed as a tramp, and a prize for the best-dressed tramp! – two categories, adults and children. A fish and chip supper and a glass of cider for adults, coke for children, are included in the price. Tickets will be on sale soon.

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## ST ANDREW'S

On 14 September we keep the Feast of the Triumph of the Cross. We rejoice because the cross, once looked upon with shame as the instrument of torture and death, is now the sign of our glorious redemption through the suffering and resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

The cross suspended Our Lord between earth and heaven. And the cross joined earth with heaven. In the mystery which we can never fully understand, we nevertheless rejoice in our atonement – a rather technical word but when you break it down into syllables, it means that through the cross Christ made us one with God. Our Lord Jesus Christ's painful and agonising death was at the same time a glorious death. When you look at a cross it points four ways, north south, east and west reminding us that Christ died to save all mankind. As He Himself said "I when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to me".

The cross reminds us very powerfully that suffering need never be negative. We are bidden by Our Lord to daily take up our cross and follow Him. The crosses that we have to bear are of very many kinds – they differ as much as individuals we differ. But the wonderful truth is that our suffering whatever form it may take, can bring us very much closer to Christ and to our fellow men. As we think about the cross, let us pray that we may be given strength to follow more closely in the steps of our crucified, risen and glorified Lord and Master.

*Fr Paul*

## ST BONIFACE

Sue, Anne and I have been talking, and we reckon that with so much going on in the world at the moment we all need cheering up. So September is going to be a month of fun and games here at St Boniface.

We are going to start (as is right and proper) on Our Lady's Birthday which is 8 September in case you didn't know. (It's also Sue's birthday, so it's doubly important.) We are going to start with a Tramp's Supper, a fun event, where we will enjoy a freshly cooked Fish and Chip Supper, and a chance to watch the film "The Tramp" by Charlie Chaplin. Oh yes, and we do have to dress up as tramps ..... "it's a bit of fun". We kick off at 7.30pm and tickets are £5 for adults and £3 for children, which includes a glass of cider and your food. Tickets are available from our three churches.

Then on 9 September there will be a Jumble Sale at St Boniface. We will also be having our usual Coffee Morning on 12 September after the 9.30am Mass, this will have all the usual attractions, including our famous Prize Draw.

Speaking of prizes, we will be running a Prize Bingo evening on 20 September. This will begin at 7.30pm and no tickets are needed, just turn up!

Lastly, we will be Doe-se-doeing to our hearts content on the evening of the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Yes there will be a Barn Dance at St Boniface, so whether you are 6 or 96 come along and enjoy this evening of music and merriment with music from Peggy Douglass and the Random Mackerel Band, there will also be a buffet and bar. So whatever your idea of a good time there will be something for you at St Boniface this September.

Enjoy!

*Fr Mike*



## THE ARTHUR DAY COLUMN

It was during the fifteen and early sixteenth centuries that the interior of our Parish Church began to look something like it is now. I use the phrase "something like" because, in the period which followed, a lot of damage to the building was done by misguided people who regarded many of the features which were put there in the fifteenth century – eg statues, several of the altars – as idolatrous. You have only to look at the pulpit or the Kirkham Chantry screen to see examples of it. But a very able description of what the inside of the church most likely looked like before the damage was done was given in a guide book of the church published in 1940, and written by the then assistant priest, Father Edwin le Grice (later Sub-Dean of St Alban's Abbey and subsequently Dean of Ripon). I cannot do better than quote him verbatim, which I do now here and in next month's issue:

“In the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries the style of architecture changed gradually to a form found very extensively in England but nowhere else. It is known as the “perpendicular” style. The pillars of churches became more slender, the arches above them wider and flatter, the windows much bigger. The window tracery now consisted entirely of little vertical lines, and it is by these that architecture of the period can usually be identified. Everywhere there is movement towards spacious brightly lit churches. The structure itself was perhaps rather more severe than in preceding centuries, but this was balanced by an increasing elaboration in the furniture of the churches. Elaborate carved wooden screens now separated chancel from nave, their panels beautifully painted with quaint pictures of the saints. Beautiful pulpits, some of them very elaborately carved in wood or stone, were erected. Many chapels were built inside parish churches, each with its own altar beautifully furnished. Pews made their first appearance at this time; before this the congregation either stood or knelt on the rush-covered floor. Tombs with effigies in stone or carvings in brass were frequently placed in churches, with inscriptions asking the

prayers of the faithful for the souls of the departed. Beautiful images would be seen in most churches, sometimes with candles or lights burning before them. There would be bright wall paintings of the saints, or of scenes from Holy Scripture. We have grown used to the cold grey of our parish churches, and find it hard to imagine them so full of warmth and colour.”

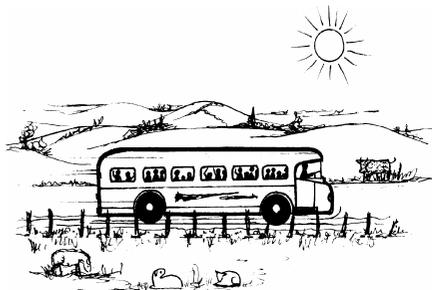
*Arthur Day*

## MOTHERS' UNION

We were pleased to host a service for Mary Sumner Day on 9 August which was conducted by the Deanery Secretary, and the address was given by Mary Steer our Deanery President (Diocesan President elect) who spoke on the life of Mary Sumner. Mary was very devout lady with forward thinking views for the Victorian age. Mary saw the need to help young mothers and, married to a priest, started prayer meetings in her home and thus the Mothers' Union was born. Following the service we enjoyed a bring-and-share tea in the hall, and I would like to thank the husbands who set up tables and also members and parish friends who kindly gave their help.

A coach has been organised for Buckfastleigh to meet Trish Heywood on 15 September and will leave St Paul's Church at 10.00am returning at 4.00pm. I shall be going by car and will probably have two seats available. Bring lunch – drinks available at venue. Names please soonest.

*Doreen Nicholson*



## WIVES' GROUP

On Monday, 24 July, we spent an evening in the country, visiting Occombe Valley Farm. After an interesting slide show about the project, we went for a walking tour on a beautiful summer's evening, viewing animals, vegetation and a mouth-watering shop which, unfortunately, was closed.

Thank you to Valerie Stephens for organising the event and thank you to those of you who transported members to the meeting.

Our September meeting is on Monday, 25 September in the Hall at 7.00pm. At the meeting we shall have Alan Salisbury whose topic is "A Policeman's Lot". He is an excellent and entertaining speaker.

This is our registration evening. If you wish to register as a member the cost is £2 annually, a real bargain.

Ladies, if you are not a member of the Wives' Group, please come. Try us on for size. We are friendly, interesting and supportive of each other. In addition we have a lot of fun.

The coffee morning in aid of the Macmillan Nurses was a huge success, raising £424. Many people worked hard in order to achieve this, and we thank them most sincerely. We also thank those who bought tickets, (at one point we ran out of chairs) made donations, brought the lovely raffle prizes and gift stall items and made cakes and, of course Father Tubbs on the raffle. Who else? Congratulations all of you.

We were very sad to hear of the death of Eve Stokes, and it was good to see so many members of the group at her funeral. She was a faithful member of the group, always there, always willing to help and support us. Eve, we shall miss you.

*Audrey Smith*

## CLUB 2000

### Diary Dates:

- 1.9.06 Bingo in the Hall. 7.30pm start.
- 30.11.06 Coach trip. Christmass lunch at the Old Police Station Restaurant, Princetown. £14 inclusive.
- 16.12.06 Coach trip. Buckfast Abbey. Lunch & Carol Service. £7 (lunch not included).

Contact me for details.

"Time Out" coffee mornings. We are in need of fresh bric-a-brac. Can you help? Pat Kerswell is willing to collect – please ring her on 550796.

**Cynthia Borrill**

## THE BIBLE SOCIETY

Sponsored Walk: Our secretary, Kevin Hooks of Preston Baptist Church is organising a sponsored walk from Kingswear to Berry Head on Saturday, 26 August, leaving Kingswear at 10.00am. Donations will be most welcome. Please give to Joyce Buhler, Edwina Wyeth or to me. To date we have only received £691.51 of our target of £2000.

Bible a Month Club: For September we are praying for the Solomon Islands. They have an area of 12% of the UK; a population of 1% of the UK; literacy rate is not known; official language is Melanesian pidgin. There are 120 indigenous languages. English is spoken by under 2%.

Please pray for: All those involved in bringing 'illustrated' Bible story books in six different languages to children in the Pacific islands, for the translators of the Fiji Hindi New Testament and for the expansion of computer assisted publishing.

**Cecil Bishop**

## PARI SH REGI STERS

Baptisms: 20.8.06 Grace Amy Stothard  
Hollie Grace Brooking  
Samuel Alexander Miller  
27.8.06 Tia Louise Petrakis  
Mia Jade Whaley  
Liberty Marita Weymouth  
Charlotte Philippa Wyatt

Weddings: 5.8.06 Lee Elliott & Michelle Harding  
19.8.06 Alexi McCooey & Natasha Sharrock

Funerals: 8.8.06 Stanley Crowcroft 86  
11.8.06 Evelyn Stokes 85

Stan Crowcroft was well known to members of the Parish Church and S Andrew's. The death of his wife Joan was a real blow, but he carried on manfully until his short illness. We pray for his soul and offer our sympathy to Sandra and Mark.

Eve Stokes was a faithful member of the Parish Church, there every Sunday at 9.30am. She was also a member of the Wives Group where she was always willing to help. We pray for her soul and offer our sympathy to her children and their families.

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## DIARY FOR SEPTEMBER

1	Fri	7.00pm 7.30pm	Prayers around the Cross: Parish Church Youth Club starts
2	Sat	3.00pm	Evening Mothers' Union Beach Party
3	Sun	6.00pm	Evensong & Benediction: Parish Church
5	Tue	8.00pm	Baptism Preparation: Gallery
6	Wed	10.00am 7.30pm	Mothers' Union Corporate Communion Planning Committee: S Boniface
8	Fri	7.30pm	Tramps' Supper at St Boniface
9	Sat	2.00pm	Jumble Sale at St Boniface
10	Sun	6.00pm	Evening Worship: S Boniface
11	Mon	7.30pm	TAP into Faith Course begins
12	Tue	10.00am	Coffee Morning at St Boniface
13	Wed	7.30pm	Evening Mothers' Union
14	Thu	9.00am	Magazine material to Vicarage please
16	Sat	2.00pm	Wedding: Parish Church
18	Mon	7.30pm	TAP into Faith Course
19	Tue	6.30pm	Junior House Group meets
20	Wed	7.30pm	Prize Bingo at St Boniface
23	Sat	2.30pm 7.30pm	Wedding: Parish Church Barn Dance at St Boniface
24	Sun	2.30pm 6.00pm	Holy Baptism: Parish Church Evensong & Benediction: S Andrew's
25	Mon	7.30pm	TAP into Faith Course
30	Sat	2.00pm 7.00pm for 7.30pm	Flock Together: S Andrew's Harvest Supper S Andrew's Hall
1	Sun	10.30am	Combined Service: Parish Church

## INTERCESSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER

1	Fri	S Giles Ab	TAP into Faith
2	Sat	Of Our Lady	The Evening Mothers' Union
3	Sun	<b>TRINITY 12</b>	The Bishop of Ebbsfleet
4	Mon	S Cuthbert B	All bishops
5	Tue	Blessed Teresa of Calcutta	Nursing sisters
6	Wed	Feria	The Mothers' Union
7	Thu	Feria	Our schools
8	Fri	Birthday of the B V Mary	Priest & People of S Marychurch
9	Sat	Of Our Lady	Walsingham
10	Sun	<b>TRINITY 13</b>	Our Sunday School & Route 11
11	Mon	Feria (Requiem)	Robert Mortimer, bishop RIP
12	Tue	Feria	The Deanery Chapter
13	Wed	S John Chrysostom B	The Orthodox Churches
14	Thu	<b>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</b>	Thanksgiving for our redemption
15	Fri	Our Lady of Sorrows	The bereaved
16	Sat	SS Cornelius & Cyprian BB	Those to be married today
17	Sun	<b>TRINITY 14</b>	Our Servers
18	Mon	Feria	The TAP into Faith Course
19	Tue	S Theodore B	The Reunion of the Churches of East and West
20	Wed	Martyrs of Korea & the Pacific	The Church in Korea
21	Thu	<b>S Matthew Ap</b>	Jewish Christians
22	Fri	Feria	Our Cathedral Church
23	Sat	Of Our Lady	Tomorrow's worship
24	Sun	<b>TRINITY 15</b>	Those to be baptised
25	Mon	Feria	The TAP into Faith Course
26	Tue	SS Cosmas & Damian MM	Our young people
27	Wed	S Vincent de Paul	Those to be ordained
28	Thu	S Wenceslas M	Those falsely imprisoned
29	Fri	<b>S Michael &amp; All Angels</b>	Thanksgiving for the angels
30	Sat	S Jerome pr	An increase in vocations

