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These are poppies made from plastic bottles
by Judy B for Remembrance Sunday

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REMEMBRANCE

Have you seen the film 'Saving Private Ryan'? The first 20 minutes of the film is a powerful account of war, portraying the first landing crafts arriving at the Normandy beaches on D Day. The film successfully brings to life the events of that day, as a vivid act of remembrance.

From a biblical perspective, the word remembrance means making present a past reality, so that we can benefit from it today. On Remembrance Sunday we think about those who have given their lives in wars over the years, as well as those who continue to grieve over their lost loved ones. We want to make their sacrifice in past conflicts real for us today, so that we can engage with the horror of war and those enduring suffering today.

It involves dealing with the why question in the face of relentless tragedies and injustices: why does God allow such suffering to take place? One of the great themes of the Scriptures is that God identifies with the suffering. But the Christian faith goes beyond this! It affirms that in Jesus, God's Son, divinity became involved in suffering and death on the cross. It is at Calvary that we see how God Himself knows what it is to lose a loved one in an unprovoked attack. 'I could never myself believe in God if it were not for the Cross. In the real world of pain, how could one worship a God who was immune to it?' (John Stott).

Although we don't fully understand the reason why God allows evil and suffering to continue, we do know what the reason isn't! It can't be that He doesn't love us! God so loved us and hates suffering that He was willing to come down and get involved in our hurting world. This can be a source of real strength on such an occasion.

However, how can we ensure that those who have given their lives are truly honoured, not forgetting those who are risking their lives in conflicts today? An appropriate response is to actively work and pray for justice in our world, especially where there is inequality and conflict. In a divided world we are also called to renew our efforts to work for peace. We need to be serious about being peacemakers, especially where it involves those close to us. Jesus said, 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God'

The Revd John Tyler



LEST WE FORGET

'In Flanders' fields the poppies blow between the crosses, row on row, that mark our place: and in the sky the larks, still bravely singing, fly scarce heard amid the guns below.'

This is the first verse of John McCrae's poem, first published in Punch magazine in 1915. It soon came to symbolise the sacrifice of all who died in World War One. Today, the poppy remains a tangible symbol for those who have sacrificed their lives in war, especially as we remember those who died in Afghanistan. But why do we remember?

'They will beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.' (Micah 4:3). Writing 700 years before Christ, Micah spoke at the time when Samaria fell due to the aggression of Assyria. However, he prophesied a future of hope, a world where nations come together in peace rather than war. His words are fulfilled in the kingdom of God established by Jesus.

Our understanding of peace is more than simply the absence of conflict. It is about building relationships between people, communities and nations, founded on love and justice for all. As we remember those who died in war, we should look practically at how we can build such relationships, beginning with our own families, colleagues and neighbours. 'We will walk in the name of the Lord our God for ever and ever.' (Micah 4:5). Let's ask God's Spirit to make us people of peace, justice and compassion for today's world.

'They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them.'

Canon Paul Hardingham

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Marilyn and John Crosswaite are pleased to announce that their son Neil will be married to Jessie Hayes on the 1st of November. They say "We are delighted to welcome Jessie & Lizzi (Jessie's daughter) into the family as we have already been adopted by Lizzi!"

THANKS

Unfortunately, Mike and I after enjoying our holiday in Cornwall, returned home to find ourselves testing positive to covid. I went down first, and Mike followed shortly after. We have since recovered after following the NHS Covid self-isolating instructions daily relayed out on our mobiles.

We were so glad we had our vaccinations, as we were saved from major side effects and hospitalisation. For those who have not had their jab yet, please think again... this is a nasty virus.

However, to bring us a ray of sunshine, both Mike and I were graced with a Friendship Bag so daily, over 7 days, we opened a small gift along with a biblical text reminding us of the love and prayers of all our friends at Trinity Church. It was a lovely surprise and gave us good reason to believe that we were going to get through this illness.

SO A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR BAG-OPERATIVE TEAM... YVONNE & AVRIL. BLESS YOU BOTH.

Mary and Mike McFarlane



On Saturday 13th November from 10.30 to 12 noon, we are having a free coffee and biscuits morning in the church hall to promote the Christmas Bazaar. Please bring along any items you wish to donate for the recycled gift stall or for the Tombola and for the raffle. We need your support to make a success of the event for church funds and for the Plymouth Food Bank. Put the date in your diary. We look forward to seeing you.

Dear Editor,

Thank you for including an edited version of Rev'd Dr Phil Wall's sermon in October tidings which he shared with the congregation on a Sunday in September this year.

I was present and deeply moved by his message, so was glad to be able to 'read it' in my own time. In it, he quoted the theologian, Walter Brueggeman- 'church should be the most honest place in town, and not always the happiest place in town.'

He then went on encouraging us as a church community to be honest as we look to the future, especially as we re-emerge into a strange new post-covid world, and to ask the questions, 'Why do we as a church exist?' 'What is the purpose of re-starting the use of our church building?' 'What does that mean to me and the local community?'

Then came the challenge which focused on words from Matthew 5: 14-16 [The Message] 'You are the light, bringing out the God colours in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We are going public with this, as public as a city on a hill.'

Dear Reader if you have not read his sermon yet ... please do, and if you have trouble locating it, I can get a copy to you. There is much I could repeat here... but suffice it to include an answer he gave to the questions he was posing:

'As churches, we exist to shine with the light God gives us... We have a job to do - Very few, if anyone today, meets with Jesus- the Light of the World - without first encountering the Church.'

This I found particularly challenging when I found myself realising afresh that the church exists as a blessing for all who encounter it. Twist it around and think... not only for others- but for ourselves. In being blessed, others can be blessed. That is how God works.

Mary McFarlane

If at first you DO succeed, try not to look astonished. - Anon

SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP

The Social Justice Group have met three times since our last report published in Tidings.

First, we continued with our discussions on Zoom on Thursday 1 July, this time concentrating on the 20 page Report, 'Reset the Debt: A fresh start for families in Britain swept into debt by Covid-19'. Researched, written and produced by a coalition of churches and organisations (including the URC, Baptist Union, Methodists, and Church Action on Poverty), the report laid out a number of tragic statistics covering the pandemic period up to December 2020:

- 19% - almost 1 in 5 - of households were forced to borrow money to buy food.
 - 6 million people have fallen behind on rent, council tax and utility bills.
 - Over 170,000 tenants were threatened with eviction between March and August 2020.
 - For the poorest fifth of households, median earnings fell by 15% or £160 per month.
- Meanwhile, UK billionaires saw their overall wealth (through income and assets) rise by 21.7% (Times Rich List).

In order to combat the extreme stress of poverty highlighted by such statistics, the Report advocated establishing a 'Jubilee Fund' - a £5billion grant to help wipe out the debts owed by the 6 million poorest households. These would cover only the period of the lockdown, and would relate only to rent arrears, council tax arrears, and utility bills.

The Jubilee Fund, as its name suggests, is rooted in the theological argument that debts should be forgiven, slaves freed and land returned to people, on a regular basis, so that 'lender and debtor are brought into right-relationship with each another'. This is, if you like, a liberation theology for the post-Covid poor.

Second, having taken a break in August, we reconvened on 23 September, this time in person - socially-distanced! - in the church. It was the first time that the group had met face to face, enjoying each other's company, along with some refreshments and sharing ideas and information.

We continued our discussion of the 'Reset the Debt' Report, lamenting the almost total silence with which it was met in the media, in Westminster and in society at large. Consequently, we invited Luke Pollard MP to a meeting at Trinity to discuss the Report and to ask how best we might highlight

issues of poverty and distress. In other words, how might we lobby politicians and others who may be best placed to respond to issues of social and economic injustice.

Hence, third, we met with Luke Pollard in the Church on Friday 1st October for an hour's discussion. Luke filled us in on the Parliamentary Debate conducted on 8th July which specifically looked at the issue of household debt and post-covid poverty. Conducted in Westminster Hall and chaired by Peter Bone MP, a range of ideas and policy proposals were debated, with the 'Reset the Debt' and 'Covid Debt Rescue' Reports being mentioned.

Some of the conversation revolved around the possibility of introducing a one-off wealth tax to help pay for the Jubilee Fund. For example, much research into the idea of a Wealth Tax, conducted by, among others, the Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS) and reported in the Financial Times, concluded that a one-off, 5% wealth tax on those with assets of over £2 million (covering about 626,000 people) would raise approximately £80billion. That dwarfs the £5 billion required for the Jubilee Fund. Although sympathetic to the idea in abstract, Luke was understandably reluctant to support it in practice. The policy may, for example, lead to what is known as 'capital flight': money and property registration quickly being moved 'off-shore' to avoid having to pay the tax.

However, much of the discussion, rightly, concentrated on local conditions in the constituency and Luke Pollard's concern was that the abolition of the £20 per week uplift to Universal Credit would lead to a massive rise in poverty and an increase in the need for food banks and emergency shelter.

He spoke enthusiastically and eloquently about, at least, two major local initiatives which would go some way to alleviating aspects of poverty for families with children.

One was the New Books for Children Project, organised by the 'Plymouth Children in Poverty' (PCiP) Group. With over 11,000 children living in poverty in Plymouth, the group helped produce a report telling of a 'Tale of Two Cities'. PCiP are now part of the Plymouth Drake Foundation located at the Science Park in Derriford. They run a number of outreach and fundraising projects, one of which provides new books for pre-school children and help for parents and carers with dedicated reading sessions.

THE FOOD BANK

The other initiative was about encouraging practical and financial support for the local Credit Union in Frankfort Gate. In a famous phrase used in the Parliamentary Debate about Household Debt, Stella Creasy MP spoke about the ways in which poor people are trapped by payday lenders charging outrageously high interest rates on even the smallest loans. As she said, 'It is very expensive to be poor in the UK'(!) The advantage of the Credit Union is that it lends money at extremely low interest rates, and over longer periods of time, to those facing severe hardship. The number of default payments, therefore, is very low. Now, anybody can pay into the Credit Union, so that more money becomes available for borrowers. Saving with the Credit Union doesn't, of course, provide a great return on one's investment, but it does provide a life-line for those in desperate need of cheap loans. Perhaps the church should consider putting a sum into the Union to provide much-needed cash to lend to the poorest families in the city? Some food for thought regarding a charity to choose for future fundraising?

Henriette Wentink, Mike & Mary McFarlane,
Libby Allman, Jill Stidson, Richard Rowse,
Bernadette Massey, Lindsay & Paul Grosch

A SPECIAL DATE FOR YOUR DIARY.

We are having a Christmas Bazaar on November 27th from 10.30 to 12.30pm. Setting up on Friday 26th November from 12noon onwards We are so happy to be doing it again, we will make sure everyone attending will be safe, masks to be worn if people wish to do so.

We will be serving pasties, cakes and coffee and tea. There will be many interesting stalls in the church and hall selling cakes, home grown produce and preserves, bric-a-brac, recycled gifts, a tombola, and a raffle, also games.

To be able to sell cakes to take away we would be grateful for church members to collect up empty margarine, and ice cream plastic containers for us to use. Could donations, prizes be given for the tombola and the raffle?

Please do come and support us on the day at the beginning of the Advent season. The proceeds from the Bazaar will go half to church funds and half to the food bank. Bring your family along, your friends and your neighbours and have fun and relax with them over a cup of coffee. If anyone would like to help, please contact Valerie Bott, organiser.

As well as giving out food, 3 day emergency supplies for local families, the hub runs other services. For example, budgeting help, money advice, form filling, a listening ear, pastoral care and prayer, Training and education, IT help with free IT access, an internet cafe. Support also with cooking, a job club and literacy and numeracy lessons.

The food bank runs on a referral system and vouchers are given by certain agencies, the citizen's advice bureau, children's centres and the Plymouth City Council. The Food bank centre is open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. It started in 2008 and in 20/21 it gave out 3 day food supplies to 7,285 local families. Help is always needed for this vital work to continue.

In the UK 13 million people live below the poverty line, families and especially children should not go hungry. So big or small each gift can transform lives. 46 local schools donated Harvest Festival food this year. Good to have the youth of the city involved. The food bank can be contacted by phone or by e-mail. Food poverty exists in Plymouth, it should not be so. Food banks are tackling the problem. Many jobs in the South West are seasonal with people on minimum wages, many families are on Universal credit, a wage earning member of a family may have a long term illness, a bereavement may occur, loss of employment, all these causing a financial crisis.

Many people who have received help say "It is a lifeline", " It has been a life saver for me and my family" All of you in the congregation are welcome at this year's Bazaar buying lots of goodies which will help our local food bank.

B.Massey.

ROOMS

When the vicar moved his family into the large Victorian vicarage, a member of the congregation asked the young son how he liked his new home. "It's great," the little boy replied. "At last I have my own room, and Mike has his own room, and Jemma has her own room, and Robbie has his own room. But poor Mum is still in with Dad."

VITAL INGREDIENTS

If you've been thinking that it is time that you made your Christmas cake, then you will have been stocking up, fuel supplies and supermarket shelves permitting. There's something special about bringing together the ingredients to create something far better than the component parts, and then adding the finishing touches – the icing on the cake!

Plymouth Philharmonic Choir are cooking up a treat and the great news is that you won't have to wait until Christmas to sample it! After a two-year pause, the choir are delighted to be performing their next concert on Sunday 28 November at 7.30 p.m. So, what about the vital ingredients? The venue is the Plymouth Guildhall with its spacious, iconic 1950s grandeur.

The 35 members of the orchestra will be led by the highly respected and very accomplished violinist Mary Eade. The voices of four superb soloists will bring a unique depth and richness to the performance. We will be welcoming Soprano Philippa Hyde whose concert, oratorio and operatic career has taken her all over the world, performing in some extraordinary venues including the Chapel of Versailles and the throne room in the Rosenborg Palace, Copenhagen. She will be singing Mozart's exquisite Exsultate Jubilate. Performing Bach's Christmas Oratorio in the Sydney Opera House is one of many concert highlights for Mezzo-soprano Kate Symonds-Joy. Former pastry chef, Matthew Pochin performs across the UK and Europe as a Tenor soloist. He regularly sings with the choir of HM Chapel Royal, Hampton Court. Baritone Richard Bannan began singing as a chorister in St Paul's Cathedral and, when not teaching and pursuing his career as a soloist, is lay-clerk of St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle.

Whereas it is customary to soak the dried fruit for the cake in brandy, the same can't be said about the choir! Under the baton of Musical Director, Christopher Fletcher, voices, refreshed from the break, are back in great form with renewed energy and drive. Which is just as well with the number of notes to be sung in the works being performed: Haydn's Nelson Mass and Mozart's Coronation Mass. If you think that these Masses are not your cup of tea, then consider whether you would judge a cake without sampling it.

The music will take you on a roller coaster ride of emotions with joyous passages where the notes

dance along, to intense, dramatic sections and others where the interweaving of the soloists' voices is simply sublime. Add to this the 'in the moment' experience and excitement of a live performance and what's not to love?

What will be the choir's icing on the cake? Having you join us as a member of the audience. Further information about the concert, together with ticket prices and availability, is available on the choir's website (<https://plymouthphilchoir.org>) or on posters displayed in Church and hall

PARAPROSDOKIANS

Figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected; frequently humorous

England expects ... too much

People who live in glass houses... really need to buy curtains

I spy with my little eye – which is why I'm in prison

Some are born great – the rest of us will have to get used to being mediocre

Thanks to Ian Criddle for supplying these. Keep them coming please, editor

IS IT HARD TO PARK YOUR CAR IN THE GARAGE?

It is not your fault: the bestselling modern cars have become bigger by about up to a third. A comparison of the most popular models sold in 1965 and 2020 had found that most popular modern models have expanded from 59 inches (1.5m) in width to 71 inches (1.8m) in width. Their length has gone from 153.5 inches (3.9m) to 169 inches (4.3m). The most popular 2020 model, the Ford Fiesta, has a width of 66 inches (1.7m).

Yet the average garage door is still only 82 inches wide (2.1m), often leaving just six inches (15cm) each side of the vehicle.

Editor I think most of us use our garage as storage space. There is no room in mine for a car!

THE RED POPPY

Wear the poppy for peace
Wear the poppy with pride
To remember the lives of the people who have
died
Wear the poppy that says just how grateful we are
For the sacrifice made
By those near and far

Sing thanks around the world
Sing thanks around the world
Sing thanks around the world
Sing thanks around the world

Wear the poppy for peace
Wear the poppy with pride
To remember the lives of the people who have
died
Wear the poppy that says just how grateful we are
For the sacrifice made
By those near and far

We will remember them
We will remember them
We will remember them
We will remember them

Ian Criddle

*(If sung, the tune is: Sing Peace/Light a candle for
peace)*

SHARIA, APOSTASY AND THE TALIBAN

Christians who remain in Afghanistan are at risk of being hunted down and killed by the Taliban, now that the Islamist group has regained control of the country.

The Taliban has reiterated that "in the future, all matters of governance and life in Afghanistan will be regulated by the laws of the Holy Sharia".

This means that the Christians of Afghanistan, as first-generation converts, along with their children, will be considered apostates (murtadd) from Islam. They are therefore, according to sharia (Islamic law), liable to the death penalty.

Barnabas Fund reports that Christians have been told that they must convert back to Islam, leave Afghanistan, or be killed.

From Parish Pump

ERITREA RE-ARRESTS ANOTHER 15 CHRISTIANS

The Eritrean authorities have recently arrested 15 Christians in raids on their houses in the capital Asmara. All have previously been imprisoned for their faith.

The East African dictatorship shut down most of its churches in 2002, often detaining Christians indefinitely in harsh conditions. Some have been packed into shipping containers in the heat of the desert and tortured to try to force them to renounce their faith.

These latest arrests swept up men and women aged from their late 20s to their 60s. Some have already served up to 16 years behind bars. They have all been taken to Mai Serwa maximum-security prison in the capital.

There are now some 160 Christian prisoners in Eritrea. UK-based Release International is supporting Christian refugees from Eritrea.

From Parish Pump

NEW YEAR'S DAY LUNCH AND WALK

The Burrator Inn has been refurbished and re-opened with social distancing in place. Depending on covid-19 restrictions coming back I wonder if any friends of Trinity would like to revive the tradition of a lunch at around noon followed by a walk in the Burrator/Yelverton area on New Year's Day.

There would be tea and mince pies at my house (The Cone Meavy Lane) after the walk about 3.15pm. (first back puts on the kettle)

Please let me know in advance so that I can arrange a booking at The Burrator Inn.
Fiona Adams (mobile :- 07968439331)

THE COP26 CLIMATE CONFERENCE

This month sees the eagerly anticipated COP26 climate conference in Glasgow. As Christians, we need to hold together two key insights, if we are to engage with the challenge of climate change:

The world is not ours:

‘The earth is the Lord's and everything in it' (Psalm 24:1). The world is not ours, but God's! If we understand this, we will rediscover the responsibility of our calling to care for God's world: ‘The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.' (Genesis 2:15). This challenges our consumer mindset, that says the resources of the earth are both limitless and exist for our pleasure. As well as caring for the planet, we also need to care for its people, for it's the poorest who will suffer the most from climate change. According to the World Bank, 100 million could fall into poverty by 2030. We cannot properly address the climate crisis until we re-learn our place in God's world!

We belong to Christ:

We also belong to the one in whom: ‘all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.' (Colossians 1:16). We can look forward to the climax of history when God will restore the broken world and make everything new. We are empowered by Christ to take our proper place as stewards of the earth, as we share in this hope. We are called to love God and neighbour, and care for the planet by living simply, recycling, conserving energy and choosing reusable options.

However great the climate crisis gets, as Christians, we can engage in it with faith and not with fatalism!

Canon Paul Hardingham

Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car. – Billy Sunday

WHEN SOMEONE YOU LOVED IS DEAD

Tony Horsfall lost his wife last year to cancer. He is a former missionary in East Malaysia and former retreat leader based in West Yorkshire.

Since my wife passed away in July 2020, I have often been asked, "What are you learning from your grief journey?" Here are a few standout lessons:

That grief takes longer than you think to work itself through, and it can't be rushed. It is a journey you must take slowly.

That when you lose your spouse, you lose not only the person you loved, but the person who loved you. This second loss leaves a hole in your heart, making you very vulnerable to new relationships

That you will need to re-discover your identity as God's deeply loved child in this season of your life, as if you had never known it before.

That God can be trusted to help you rebuild your life, but trust may not come easily. It is better to focus on God's trustworthiness than on your ability to trust, which may be shaky.

That your experience of grief and your response to loss is unique and personal, so don't compare your journey to that of others.

That good friends can make the journey so much easier. Be prepared to ask for help.

That you will be ambushed by grief. Some things will take you by surprise, especially the little things.

That the loss of a spouse will leave you feeling very lonely, even when you are surrounded by family and friends. This is not a weakness, just a sign of what you have lost.

That loneliness is not a mental illness, just a natural response to being bereaved, and it will get better.

That moving forward is not a sign that you didn't care, but that there is still a life to be lived and not wasted.

Tony Horsfall

MUMMY, WHAT'S CHURCH?

I was no more than three or four when we visited a church on holiday. It was a different sort of church, I didn't know anyone and I didn't know what was going on. I remember scowling, hanging on to my mum's leg, as she chatted with people after the service. I probably just looked like a petulant toddler, but even now, I can recall how scared I was of this strange new place.

As we begin to come back to church together, spare a thought for the toddlers in our midst. Some of them weren't even born when we were last in church – and even the older ones will have only hazy memories of church together. They may need a little help to transition back well.

Because we want them to transition well! We want them to be part of a community which loves and worships God and where they learn to love others and be loved and connect to others on this journey.

Prepare toddlers just like you would for a new school or group. You know what your child needs: maybe to visit when no-one else is there, or to explain what will happen, or look at pictures of people they will see again.

In church, explain with your body and your words what you are doing and why. We're singing now because it's a way to tell God we love Him ... some people are standing like daddy, others are sitting quietly listening, – what would you like to do? Jenny is reading from the Bible now because that's God's book and He's written important things in it for us to hear.

Recognise that things will be different for you too. Your children are 18 months older. They may now be a toddler intent on roaming the pews rather than that baby who let you worship in peace. Take a little time to think about what might be different and how you can manage the new season well.

Becky Sedgwick

Becky Sedgwick is part of the team at Parenting for Faith, which exists to equip parents and carers, and the churches that surround them, to help children and teens develop a lasting and two-way relationship with God. For more resources, including bespoke resources to support parents and carers of babies and toddlers, see parentingforfaith.org.

GOOD TO SLOW DOWN IN RAIN

A cut to the speed limit on motorways in wet weather would be backed by the majority of UK motorists. Such is the finding of a recent poll by the RAC, following a rise in serious accidents.

Almost three-quarters of us would be in favour of following the French method of lowering the speed limit on all major roads when it rains. The Highway Code states that stopping distances in wet weather are at least double those on dry roads, as tyres have less grip.

A spokesman for the RAC said that figures show that 'driving too fast for the conditions' and 'slippery roads' are still among the top 10 reasons for motorway collisions, and they "contribute to significant numbers of serious injuries and even deaths each year."

100 YEARS OF POPPIES

In Flanders fields, the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row
That mark our place, and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly.

This image inspired the adoption of a red poppy as the symbol of all soldiers who had died in conflict. Exactly 100 years ago, on the 11th Nov 1921, poppies of remembrance were sold for the first time in British and Commonwealth countries. Hostilities had actually ceased three years earlier at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month.

Around 30 million poppies are sold each year in the UK by the Royal British Legion. All the proceeds are used to provide serving and ex-service personnel with financial support, advice, employment, mobility, housing and mental health facilities.

Today we are more aware than ever that battles are fought mainly by young people, and many of those who survive bear scars for life. The act of 'remembering' will not only look back to mark their sacrifice, but also yearn to learn lessons for the future.

The Rev John Barton



CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES - UPDATE



As promised last month here is the latest information to send Christmas Shoe Boxes this year.

If you are making Christmas She Boxes at home, you need to get them to a drop off point between 15th and 22nd November. (Please don't forget the £5 transport costs). There are two local Points: The Entertainer Plymouth on the top floor of the Mall every day except Sunday during normal shopping hours; or the Super Tramp Trampoline Park, Breakwater road, Oreston 9:30am -11:30am and 4pm - 6:30pm Mon-Fri. We have a supply of the pre-decorated Shoe Boxes at home, we also have a stock of hats and scarves to go into Shoe Boxes.. Please contact us and we will get them to you.

You can still go online to order and pay for a Christmas Shoe Box by using this address <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/pre-packed-shoebox/>. Tap on 'Shoebox Online' in the green menu bar and select 'Build a Shoebox Online' from the drop-down menu. Scroll down to select gender and age of the child and add the items you wish to send. Pay £20 for your box and the job is done.

If you do not have online facilities or do not feel comfortable to send money online we are happy to receive your donations and we can order the Shoe Boxes online for you. Each online box costs £20.00.

Christmas Shoe Boxes are a very important part of Trinity's Christmas offering so we pray you will be able to send some Christmas cheer to needy children with a Christmas Shoe Box.

John & Chris Pasmore.

		Elders	Vestibule		Coffee	
Nov	7th	Judy Beaumont	Richard Lock	Bernadette Massey	Penny Watson	Yvonne Greener
	14th	Mary McFarlane	Pat Bogue	Andrea Middleton	Ruth Bray	Kathy Behan
	21st	Margaret Phillips	Isobel Full	Ian Full	Sandra McDonald	Pat Bogue
	28th	Jill Stidson	Margaret Phillips	Yvonne Greener	Barbara Godfree	Andrea Middleton
Dec	5th	Penny Watson	Richard Rowse	Judy Beaumont	Mary McFarlane	Margaret Phillips
	12th	Judy Beaumont	Paul Grosch	Lindsay Grosch	Penny Watson	Yvonne Greener
	19th	Mary McFarlane	Pat Bogue	Andrea Middleton	Ruth Bray	Kathy Behan
	25th	Margaret Phillips	Richard Lock	Bernadette Massey	Sandra McDonald	Pat Bogue

NOVEMBER DIARY

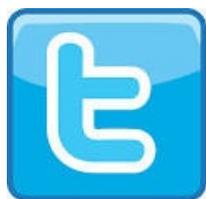
Sunday	7th	10.30am	Morning service led by Rev Henriette Wentink and including the baptism of Reuben Taylor
Tuesday	9th	2.00pm	Meeting with Diane from the Synod
Wednesday	10th	2.00pm	Management meeting in Church
Thursday	11th	4.00pm	Elders' Meeting in Church
Saturday	13th	10.30 to noon	Coffee Morning to promote the Christmas Bazaar
Sunday	14th	10.30am	Morning Worship led by Rev Robert Jennings

15TH NOVEMBER DEADLINE FOR ITEMS IN DECEMBER TIDINGS INCLUDING CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Thursday	18th	11.00am	Social Justice Group meets in Church
Sunday	21st	10.00am	Morning Worship led by Rev Henriette Wentink to include Holy Communion
Thursday	25th	7.30pm	House Group looking at Acts chapter 20 on Zoom
Friday	26th	noon onwards	Set up for Bazaar
Saturday	27th	10.30 to 12.30	Christmas Bazaar
Sunday	28th	10.30am	Morning worship led by Rev Robert Jennings

Ongoing Church activities are :

Walking on Wednesday at 10.30am and Saturday at 2.00pm
(Ring Valerie for details on 07737849391)
Badminton on Mondays from 2-4pm in Church hall
Scottish Dancing Mondays 7.30 to 10.00pm in Church hall
Extend exercises for the elderly Wednesday 3-4pm in Church hall



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