



April 2015

You are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He has risen!

Mark 16:6



St Boniface's John Mason pictured after presenting the new Bishop of Stockport, Libby Lane, at her installation

# **Bunbury Church Beeston Castle** May 4th Bank Holiday Monday

## First woman bishop installed

Libby Lane was installed as the first woman bishop at a packed Chester Cathedral on 8 March in a celebratory service. Having voted in favour of women bishops at General Synod, John Mason was also on the interview panel that advised the Bishop of Chester to appoint Libby Lane. He had a formal role during the installation service, presenting the new bishop to the Bishop of Chester in his role as Chair of the House of Laity. "It was a great privilege to be involved in so many parts of this significant step forward for the Church of England", said John Mason. "I am so happy that we can put this issue to rest and focus on the real work of the church which is so vital in our local communities."



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## Community news



Congratulations to delighted new granny, Ann Bellis, daughter Emma and son-in-law Ricky, who welcomed their baby son Henry

Jorge Bellis Ferreira (pictured above) to the world on the 22 January.

We welcome William Burrows, son of Nick and Betony, baptised on 8 March at St Boniface.

We congratulate Antonia and Michael Harrowing on the arrival of **Mabel Bunny** Harrowing, born on 8 March (a



granddaughter for Nick and Joy Parker).



Mark Goodyer and Melissa Bolton were married on Friday 20 February at St Boniface.

Congratulations to John Barlow on his 90th birthday in April. A founder member of Friday at Tilly's, he and his wife used to live in



Wakes Meadow and he comes to church now all the way from Nantwich.

We congratulate former vicar of Bunbury, Canon John Bowers, and his wife Margaret, who celebrate their diamond wedding anniversary on 11 April.

Frances Munro is training for the Chester Half Marathon on 17 May, hoping to raise funds for North West Air Ambulance. To sponsor her - any amount large or small -

please contact mum Lucy Munro on 260487. Many thanks.

On 29 March the choir, Vox Vocavit, will sing a Special Evensong for Palm Sunday 6.30pm at Calveley Chapel.

On 30 March there will be a Christian Aid **Coffee Morning and** Bring and Buy at 1

Manor Cottage School Lane CW6 9NR from 10.30am-12.30pm.

Collection for Easter Lilies- if you can help with the cost of flowers at St Boniface for Easter please give your donation to Tim or churchwardens, David Cox and Jill Robey.

Bunbury WI will have a talk on 9 April, by Hilary Watson, on Never Too Late for Life Changes.

St Boniface annual church meeting will be on 19 April after the 10.30am service.

Children's Society boxes will be opened in

Puppets and Praises is coming to St Alban's, Tattenhall at 4pm on 19 April. Multi-talented Peter Charlton and Mark Reader, who have performed on CBBC, and at the Royal Festival Hall, have created a mix of puppetry and rock music. It's fun, it's loud and it's for all the family. Tickets £4 from Georgina 01829 770377.

Enjoy an evening of song and fellowship on Saturday 9 May at 7:30pm as St Boniface hosts a collaborative concert with **Decibellas** of Tarporley and the Cor Meibion Llangollen Male Voice Choir. The men's motto, "Cyfeillgarwch drwy Gan" or, Friendship through Song" truly characterizes the nature of this event, which will feature each choir performing their own repertoire, and an inspiring finale which will feature all singers united in song. More information at www.decibellas.co.uk. Proceeds to St Luke's Hospice.

Calveley Chapel is in the process of a small redevelopment to make the Chapel more user friendly. It is the largest meeting and event space in the local villages and several organisations would like to be able to use it. If successful the Chapel would have a new lease of life and hopefully spread the word further afield.

Calveley Spring Fair is on 16 May and the Summer Lunch is on 28 June.

All are welcome when several local WIs join forces in informal celebration of the WI

## BUNBURY FARMERS' MARKET & ARTISAN CRAFT FAIR



**EVERY THIRD** SUNDAY OF THE MONTH YEW TREE INN



From 10 a.m.—2 p.m.



For further details contact Tom Morrison of Berry Fresh Bakery on 01948 662822 or info@berryfreshbakery.co.uk



Centenary at Bickerton Village Hall, Long Lane, Bickerton, SY14 8AU, on Friday 8 May 6-9pm. Free entry, historic and varied displays, delicious refreshments.

On 21 April Bunbury Gardening Club will have a talk on Vegetable Growing through the Seasons, by Mike Cook.

Margaret and Mike Bourne are opening their garden at Long Acre, Wyche Lane again for the National Gardens Scheme on Sunday 26 April 2-5pm, admission £4 for adults, children free. Tea and homemade cake will be available and all proceeds will go to the NGS charities.

Big Bible Event: Acts - An action-packed day at Chester Cathedral for children with their families or church groups on 16 May.

Beeston Castle Fête will be earlier this year, on May Day Bank Holiday Monday 4 May and will have a vintage theme.

Amy Marsden of Beautified, has moved her business to Headmasters hairdressers in Chester. Call Amy on 01244 311519 for appointments.

Save the date! With Bunbury set to star on TV screens this summer, the theme of Village Day, on Saturday 20 June, will be 'Stars of the

Win Bond would like to say a big thank you to everyone who supported her Charity Line Dance weekend. The £1,200 raised was presented to

of the Prostate Cancer **Support Group** Leighton Hospital.

Gary Steele, Chairman

Thanks to the Nags Head Bunbury, the Coop, the Yew Tree and Hannah for the wonderful prizes they donated and to everyone else who donated prizes and money. A big thank you to Alex who did



the music both nights. Watch this space for an encore next year!

The Link distributors enjoyed a relaxing evening at their 'thank you drinks' in the Dysart. It was intriguing to meet other distributors and to discover others who do this vital job.

The copy deadline for May Link is Friday 11 April. The magazine will be available for distribution from Friday 25 April.

### **Our prayers for April**

We pray for all who are ill, especially Mike Ridley, Hilda Elsworth, Daniel Jones, George Wilgose and Dennis Burrows. We also pray for all who are mourning a loved one including the families of Stephen Mercer, Tom Phillips, Richard Smith, Maria Jane Boddington and Joan Carnall.

## TIM HAYWARD Your Vicar

## **Special** school, special measures

For many of you, it has come as a real shock to hear that Bunbury

Aldersey CofE Primary school has been placed into special measures after a recent OFSTED inspection.

Clearly work needs to be done swiftly and effectively to restore confidence not just the confidence of OFSTED, but also the confidence of our community, especially our parent body. It goes without saying that every parent wants the best for their children - and their education is crucial to them becoming the best they can be. So to find out that the school your child attends is no longer considered 'Outstanding' but 'Inadequate' raises some serious questions.

As a parent, governor and Vicar I wanted to say a few words to offer my support to the school, as well as emphasising the support the school has already received from the Local Authority, the Diocese of Chester, the Haberdashers - our proud patron, and a good number of our parent body. I know the letters of support the staff have received from a number of families have meant a great deal, in what has been a very difficult time. But I am also aware of a number of parents who feel their concerns have not been listened to or dealt with effectively over a considerable period of time. This needs to change.

It is in all our interests that our school is thriving and back to its best, and I am heartened by the measures that have already been taken by the Local Authority, in partnership with the

Diocese and Haberdashers to ensure this happens as quickly as possible. We must offer our support to the Interim Leadership - Fiona Todd, Elaine Crotty and Katherine Lander, as well as to the Interim Executive Board (if approved) that will replace our divided Governing Body. Theirs and our top priority - to create the right environment for our children to flourish. This will require humility and the ability to learn from recent failings. Wisdom and a critical eye, to know what needs changing and what doesn't. Vision and courage, to outline and implement a successful plan of action going forward.

Key to the school's success and distinctiveness over the years has been its Christian ethos and values, and I would argue, obviously with some bias, never have these values been needed so urgently. We teach our children that when things get difficult, they must persevere, but must also not be afraid to ask for help. Our children learn that when they fail or others let them down, the key is to learn from the past and look to the future. When our children are tempted to doubt or despair or despise, we teach them to have faith, hope and love. Going forward, we must all inhabit these Christian values, so we can be a special school for all the right reasons.

## **Bunbury Medical Practice Patient** Participation Group needs volunteers

A group of volunteer patients meets with the practice manager and GPs on a regular basis to discuss the services offered and possible improvements for the benefit of the patients and the practice, writes PPG Chair Cate Gregory. Approximately 75% of English practices now have a PPG. The beauty of a PPG is that there is no fixed way in which they work; the aims and work of each group

are driven by local needs. Bunbury's current project is to facilitate the formation of a Bunbury Medical Practice "walking for health" group. Bunbury Unlimited Mountaineers are being very supportive and they already have several enthusiastic volunteer walk leaders.

The group would be delighted to hear from anyone in the community who is interested in either joining the PPG or volunteering for the walking group. To contact them, please speak to the practice manager or the reception manager at the surgery. For further information about the role and actions of the PPG visit the PPG page on the surgery website at www.bunburymedicalcentre.gpsurgery.net



## **Eric Wallington** Reader Emeritus

## **Memory and memories**

Senior citizens in general, would, I'm sure, say that one of the delights of growing older is that you inevitably have so many memories stored away in your brain. We can look back with pleasure on happy events in the past, and even learn from their experience.

Memory is a powerful thing and the way we behave is often influenced by remembering what we've done in similar circumstances previously. So, when Jesus took the bread and wine and said, "Do this in remembrance of me", he was calling up what is a very important faculty.

Of course, the brain is effectively a machine for storing memories, much like a computer. Both are skilled at retaining data from the past, linking it with other data, then calculating what to do in the present and what to expect in the future. Disaster strikes if the computer 'crashes' and you can no longer access the data stored in it. Just as distressing, is the loss of memory in humans.

So, like the computer, we have to learn to manage our memories. We confess the guilty memories to God, accept forgiveness and, hopefully, stop worrying.

## Church diary for April

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Wednesday 1 April	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface	Wednesday 15 April	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Thursday 2 April Maundy Thursday	7.00pm Agape meal with Communion	St Boniface	Sunday 19 April	10.30am Family Worship 11.00am Family Service	St Boniface St Boniface Calveley St Boniface
Friday 3 April Good Friday	11.00am Outdoor service 12.00-3.00pm Vigil service	Tilly's St Boniface			
Sunday 5 April Easter Sunday	8.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface St Jude's St Boniface Calveley	Wednesday 22 April	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
	9.00am Family Communion 10.30am Family Communion 6.30pm Holy Communion		Sunday 26 April	9.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Family Communion followed by <b>APCM</b>	St Jude's St Boniface
Wednesday 8 April	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface	Wednesday 29 April	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Sunday 12 April	9.30am Family Worship 10.30am Family Communion 11.00am Family Service	St Jude's St Boniface Calveley	Sunday 3 May	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Communion 10.30am Family Worship 11.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface St Jude's St Boniface Calveley



## Pat Edgley Ellis Reader

## A Chocolate Jesus?

All around us are the signs of Easter, new lambs in the fields, spring flowers blooming.

And for in the shops, Easter is celebrated largely in chocolate; eggs, bunnies, novelties of all kinds.

As we smash into our expensive Easter egg or bite off a rabbit's ears, do we think about the animals they represent?

Supposing instead we nibble on the feet of a chocolate Jesus?

How disgusting! Blasphemous! Sacrilegious to treat our Lord and Saviour in such an unseemly manner.

Yet many people wear a cross around their neck or in their ears without the least idea of what it represents.

Jesus did die, a revolting, lingering death. Crucifixion is not

And he endured it for us, so that we might be saved.

Saved to be better people, to care for our world and all the people we meet, just as he did.

Then miracle of miracles - he burst out of that tomb, broke the chains of death for ever and rose to live in eternity with his Father in heaven. And he has gone to prepare a place for us.

My Lord and Saviour, Thank you for enduring such suffering

And dying just for me.

I kneel at your feet and beg your forgiveness, And ask to live in your love, To turn my life around, and do what you would have me do,

So that, in my turn,

I may live with you for ever. Amen.

## Coaching for 16-19 year olds for education and career choice



Laura Hothersall moved to Haughton with her husband before her elder daughter was born nearly eight years ago. Passionate about seeing people get the best out of life, as well as being a qualified teacher, she has been coaching for ten years as an in-house coach at a recruitment company, as well as private coaching for individuals and business owners. She can help with interview skills, CV writing and online persona.

"Trying to decide what to do next when it comes to education and career choice is a tricky business", says

Laura. "Twenty years ago when I was deciding what to study at university it felt like a bewildering time. I recall seeing the career counsellor who gave

me two possible careers, neither of which was suited to my strengths, my academic ability or took my family life into account. I turned to a friend's dad who was an accountant which was a big mistake as I found myself studying for an Accountancy degree! The message to me was clear - what I needed was someone to talk to who was objective, who had experience, who would listen to my unique strengths and abilities and help me to find the right path and the actions it would take to get there."

There will be a taster session during the group meeting held for teenagers at The Vicarage on Thursday 23 April, 7-8.30pm. Participants will be able to do a 5minute personality test which will give results based on personality preferences most suited to potential jobs plus a 'mini coaching' session for all attendees (if they wish).

To register for the session, email purpleoakcoaching@gmail.com or call Laura Hothersall on m 07976 232019

## **Mothering Sunday**



At the St Boniface **Mothering Sunday** service, Tim explained the tradition of **Mothering Sunday** and also spoke about how God mothers and cares for us. He invited the children to find the many 'unusual' things hidden around the church - mirrors,

toothbrushes and

even a toilet roll. The children used the mirrors to see themselves cleaning their teeth and thought of tooth-cleaning prayers. There are so many moments in a day for a moment of prayer.

There was a line of washing, representing mothering care, which is given in dressing the very young and the very old. Baby Eliza Cooper, who had arrived in her pyjamas, was dressed by enthusiastic children. The children also made and helped



laminate bookmarks for their mothers. Everyone joined in the tradition of 'clipping the church' - we encircled the church, on the inside, before the north side of the church gave flowers to the south side, followed by the south side doing the same for the north. The children were given a gift of raisins. Refreshments after the service were served by dads, some of whom had baked lovely cakes.



## Baby & Toddler Group - vital to community



The Bunbury Baby and Toddler Group is held every Wednesday during term time at the Pavilion on the Jubilee playing fields, 9.30-11.30am, writes Jenna Reid. Run by a small

team of

volunteers, it is a warm and friendly group for mums, dads, grandparents and carers - everyone is welcome! Each session costs £2 per family and your first session is free.

Each week, we organise an exciting craft activity and plenty of toys are available to keep the toddlers busy so the grown-ups can sit-down and enjoy a well-earned cup of tea. A variety of healthy



snacks are offered to the children and we finish every week with musical instruments and a good oldfashioned sing song. For the really little ones, there is a designated baby-corner. **Bunbury Baby and Toddler** Group is a vital part of our community. Becoming a parent is both an exciting and rewarding journey but it can also be a daunting and lonely one as new Mums (and Dads)



transition from busy workplace to home based.

More than anything, Bunbury Toddlers is about making friends, whether it's your little ones learning to play in a fun environment to the grown-ups looking to meet and share their own parenting experiences with others who understand.

We have a couple of older ladies who come and help out when they can and they are wonderful. As you know, it can be hard to organise the drinks, snacks etc. with little ones to look after as well so one of the ladies is fantastic in the kitchen making drinks and helping put the children's snacks together, and we also have another lady who comes and reads stories to the children, which they love.

If you are a first-time Mum with a new baby, have recently moved to the area or just haven't visited us for a while, why not come along and say hello. And the best bit is, by the time you get home the kids will be ready for a good long nap!

Visit our Facebook page and "Like us" for the latest news and events: www.facebook.com/BunburyMothersAndToddlers or email us at: bunburytoddlergroup@gmail.com for more information.



# **Bunbury** Neighbourhood

Neighbourhood Plan draft policies are now on the website www.bunburynpg.org A Policy Questionnaire will be distributed at the end of March and the responses should be returned by Friday 20 April. On Sunday 29 March there will be a 'Cream Tea' event in Bunbury Village Hall 2.30-5pm for people to call in, ask questions and have some refreshment with members of the Neighbourhood Plan Group. On Saturday 18 April they will be outside the Co-op in Bunbury to answer any questions and to remind people to respond to the questionnaire, as their views on the future of the village are essential to the success of the plan. There will be a public meeting on Monday 27 April in Bunbury Village Hall at 7pm. This is your opportunity to tell the group what you think about the plan and to discuss points raised by the questionnaire, before the plan is formally submitted to the Council. In the meantime if you want to speak to them about the plan please use the contact page

## Amber Middlemiss - training continues



Having finished the Baptism module I am reflecting on what I have learnt before moving on to the next one. I think that baptism is a point on a journey which is different for everyone. For some it is a hugely important act that they choose to do, as an adult or at least an adolescent, in response to a personal experience of God or faith; for others - certainly the majority in St Boniface - it is chosen by parents

for their young child as an act that marks an important transition in their lives; that of incorporating a new member into their family along with all the hopes, expectations and anxieties that may accompany this. Most see it as some kind of initiation... into their natural family or the church family, or both, and this seems to fit with Jesus's teaching around baptism being part of initiation onto the spiritual path. The baptism (or christening) service is full of symbolism, including the water itself and the giving of a lighted candle, and these give a welcome grounding in physical and present reality to things which are in many ways still mysterious; this seems to be an important part of ritual for most people and is, I believe, the meaning of the word 'sacrament'. The next module is Marriage Matters, so I'm looking forward to yet more revelation!

on the website above.

## Go ahead, make my day!

Well, the Bunbury Village Day team are hoping to achieve exactly that! The event will be on Saturday 20 June with a TV and Film theme to celebrate 'Home Fires'. They are delighted to announce that Julie Summers, author of the original Jambusters book, will be signing books on the day.

To continue the fancy dress theme, starting at 12.30pm from the church, children (and adults!) will be able to dress up as their favourite TV or film character. They will make their noisy way to the playing fields for 1pm, which will be full of attractions including a classic car display, fun fair, climbing tower and many local craft stalls. There'll also be a non-alcoholic drinks tent for children as well as the usual on-site bar serving stronger stuff.

Village Day seems to be growing by the year with over 1,100 people coming in 2014, so the Team is grateful to all the volunteers who help on the day itself. If you are able to help out, please email contact@bunburyvillage.info.

Please watch out for more publicity as the big day approaches.

Production:					
Bunbury Village Day					
Stars of the Screen	Sat 20th June				
Location:	Time:				
Bunbury Playing Fields	12.30 Parade 1.00 Show time				
Activities: Fairground, Bar, BBQ, Puppe Craft & food stalls, Displays					

## Village Day evening dance

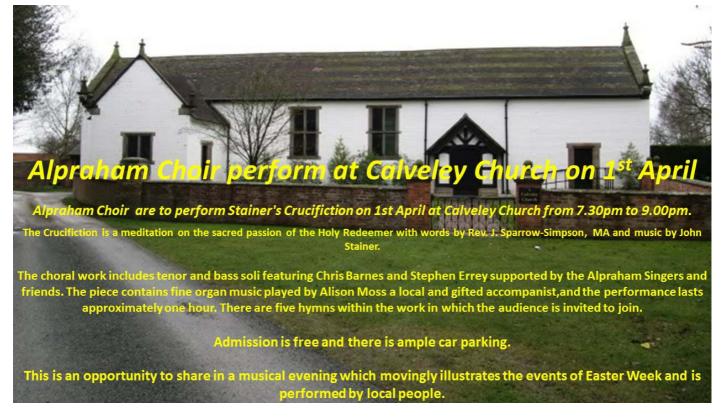
Tarporley War Memorial Hospital and the Bunbury Care Agency are planning to reintroduce the dance on the evening of Village Day on 20 June, as George and Leila Potter used to organise.

"Since my father passed away last year, I have moved my business back to the village", writes Sarah Green. "I had forgotten what a community spirit was about and thought that as Bunbury Village looks like it will be very much 'on the map' due to the filming of Home Fires, it would be fun to see if the dance can be held again." Karen Urmston, fundraiser for Tarporley Hospital agreed to help organise this event. As the Village Day committee are fully occupied organising the day, Sarah and Karen need a committee for the evening event. They would like newer members and local village groups to join them to make this event happen. Most of the funds raised will support Tarporley Hospital, a charity which provides invaluable services to the local community. Any surplus funds will go to local organisations and boost the funds for next year's Village Day. If you are interested in helping please contact Sarah on 260280.

### New Facebook page for Business in Bunbury

With previous careers in everything from lingerie design to photographers who worked for Tatler, there is a wealth of experience and business expertise in Bunbury village. Local businesswoman Laura Hothersall decided to start a 'Business in Bunbury' Facebook group, for local businesses to advertise and share ideas about networking and using social media etc. The aim is to connect local people and help them to succeed. It will be used to market out to other groups so posts on the Bunbury Facebook group will also be posted to five other groups locally. There will be regular networking events, so advertisers can the events most useful to them. There will also be weekly tips about social media marketing, productivity, business tips. Check

https://www.facebook.com/groups/924726554218314/ or search for the 'Business in Bunbury' group. Alternatively email laurahothersall@gmail.com to be added to the group.



## Easter Experience delights all who visit



Come and experience a multi-sensory retelling of the Easter story through eight reflective prayer stations (at St Boniface during Holy Week and Easter weekend)

Station 1: The Wilderness - God is always with us



Station 2: Palm Sunday -God is full of surprises



Station 4: Garden of Gethsemane - God is faithful





Station 5: The Cross -It wasn't the nails that held him there but love

Station 6: The Empty Tomb - Love wins

## Parish Administrator needed to help with the growth of the church - could it be you?!

The Church Council has approved the appointment of a part-time Parish Administrator working 7.5 hours per week, preferably over two half-days. Salary c£3,000 pa.

In his Bunbury ministry, Rev Tim has become established and involved in an ever-growing number of village, parish and diocesan activities which the PCC wants to encourage.

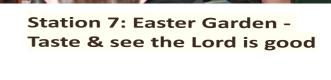
To achieve this there is a need of administrative support. We are looking for someone with administrative and IT skills who will work with Tim and play a key role at the heart of the church and parish.

Job duties will include:

- organise and maintain computerised and other records and filing systems for the vicar and parish
- manage diary appointments for the vicar and other officers
- manage correspondence for the vicar and PCC, organising (incoming and outgoing) mail, responding as necessary
- develop and update databases for the parish
- publish flyers or posters
- develop, print or photocopy items.

For more information please contact Tim or send CVs to the Vicarage.

Tel: 01829 261511 Email: revtimhayward@gmail.com Closing date for applications: Friday 1 May 2015 Provisional date for interviews: Friday 15 May 2015.



Station 8: Gone Fishing - New life begins...

## Baked in Bunbury - Gemma McGrillis



**Gemma with Mary Berry at Carfest** 

In another of the regular features on local businesses and talents, the Link profiles Gemma McGrillis of Baked in Bunbury.

Gemma grew up in Hartlepool. After gaining a degree in Contour Fashion from De Montfort University, she spent a year working as a lingerie and embroidery designer. London life didn't suit her, so she left design and retrained in education, spending the next six years as a Food and

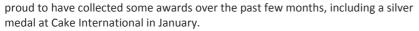


Textile Technology teacher in Richmond before the family relocated to Cheshire in 2011. Shortly after our move she was diagnosed with thyroid cancer and the next 12 months were a bit of a blur, going from one hospital appointment to the next. Thankfully, she was given the all-clear in spring 2013, which coincided with their move into Bunbury.

After all the chaos she was keen to get back to work but wanted to do something which allowed her the flexibility to work around her two young boys, Joe and Finn. Baking had always been something she loved to do, so she decided to give cake making a go!

Gemma launched Baked in Bunbury in early 2014, initially just making cakes for friends and family. It has been picking up momentum and now, 13 months on, she averages 2-3 orders per week from customers all over Cheshire. Her favourite orders are those which have a basic theme, but pretty much allow her free reign to create whatever she wants. She loves to try new designs and techniques, which she learns either through trialand-error or the wonder that is a youtube Video Tutorial!

Gemma has recently entered a few industry competitions, and is very



Over the next few years Gemma hopes to branch out into cake making and decorating classes, with the view to eventually getting a business premises and maybe even having someone to help with the washing up!

www.bakedinbunbury.co.uk or www.facebook.com/bakedinbunbury









Maths cake

## St Jude's news

Forty days and forty nights, the period of Lent is when some people decide to give something up; it might be a favourite food or a drink or a way in which we sometimes behave towards others. Whatever it is, it shows a commitment, a willingness to refrain from something. Such an act can make us appreciate what we do have, and gives us time to reflect. I have heard this year of individuals giving up chocolate, sweets and wine. These things we can take for granted as they are so readily available in today's society. When Lent draws to a close at the end of Holy Week and the celebrations of Easter Day dawn, those of us who have succeeded in abstaining from something edible and very tasty, will quite possibly enjoy it all the more. Chocolate Easter eggs given on Easter Day represent new life, which is a new beginning. Morning coffee is served after the weekly Sunday service at St Jude's, everyone is welcome, an opportunity to chat with friends old and new. So do come along.

## TIVERTON METHODIST CHAPEL

## Anniversary Celebrations

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2015

at 2.30pm

Rev. Denise Harding

Soloist

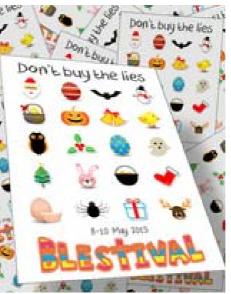
Roy Craven

Followed by Refreshments

All very welcome



## Blestival - don't buy the lies



Chocolates, presents, sweets... Buy more, eat more, get more, Me, Me - do you buy the lies around the major Christian events of Christmas, Easter, Lent and Hallowe'en?

There is a different way, there is a different reason for these events. This year at Blestival discover a new way of celebrating these events. There will be fun, messiness, worship, madness and surprises and it's the place to be this May (8-10 May). It'll be a fun-packed weekend

with lots going on for Y7-Y11. It's held at Quinta Hall, Weston Rhyn, Oswestry. The cost will be £32 for campers.

If you are interested contact Youth Worker Abby Wood abbyywood@gmail.com mob: 07852 162239

## Taizé 2015

Opportunity knocks for Y11 students this summer, joining other young people from Chester Diocese on a trip to Taizé, in central France.



Taizé is a Christian community which young adults from all over the world can visit for a week at a time, entering into the rhythm of community life - gathering for Taizé's unique multi-lingual worship and sharing meetings, meals, workshops, practical tasks and relaxation with others from round the globe.

The cost will be £265 per student and includes coach travel, food and accommodation (in tents provided by the students), a Taizé contribution, a group 'hoody' and packed lunch on the way home.

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## Tom Phillips - lover of sport, travel and family life



Tom was born in 1929, the eldest of three boys. Sadly, Eric died at the age of 15 knocked off his bike at the Spurstow crossroads. Bernard was the youngest. Tom went to Bunbury School. He was very bright, top of the class, winning all the school prizes, but he loved sport too, playing cricket and football and he was a big Man United fan.

In 1947 Tom was posted to Egypt. He went out as a squaddie, but the night before he was shipped out, Tom went AWOL with some friends to a dance, was picked up by the Military Police, who put him on a charge - but his ingenuity got him out of it. Tom's ability didn't go unnoticed, he was seconded as a clerk and then approached by a senior officer to help with the relief of

Palestine. He organised the exit of the British troops and had to sign the Official Secrets Act.

Later, Tom worked for British Rail. Tom met Edie, the love of his life, at Bickerton dances and they married in 1955. They lived in the Square, then at the Laurels. Family life and daughters Jane and Ann were very important to both Tom and Edie.

Horse racing was a big part of Tom's life - he had a share in a couple of horses.

Later on, Tom worked in accounts for the Braid Group in Chester, and then for himself. He did the accounts for the WI, Wednesday Club and the church, and was clerk to the Beeston and Alpraham Parish council.

Tom's greenhouse was a sanctuary - he was a country boy at heart, keeping most of Wyche Lane going in vegetables. Tom and Edie loved travelling and went to New Zealand and on safari in Kenya. For Tom's 65<sup>th</sup> birthday they went on Concorde to Canada. It was very hard for him when Edie died and he fought his own illness bravely.

## Richard Smith - practical, inventive, fun



Known to many as Curly, because of his mop of curly black hair, Richard Smith was born, brought up and married Barbara in Weddington, Nuneaton, but moved to Calveley over 40 years ago. Richard was clever, knowledgeable and practical and shared this with his children, Nicola

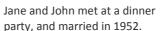
and Richard. He did all the DIY at home, building most of the house. He grew all the vegetables at home.

Richard organised fantastic holidays, every year. They went on a cruise on 'Canberra', which Nicola and Rich remember well, especially the captain's cocktail party and being allowed to go on the bridge. This year, Rich and Clare took Richard on a cruise to Spain, which brought back happy memories. Knowing how fond she was of children, Richard was delighted to help Nicola get on a nannying course. He could see that Rich would do well at computers and encouraged him in this. He was always thinking of others. He arranged amazing things for friends and family to do, bike rides around country lanes or exploring castle ruins were always fun with Richard. He had a great love of brass bands. He always had time for a chat with anyone, no matter how young or old, he could find something in common with them and bring out the best in them all. He made people feel special and valued. He was a

great constant in many people's lives and will be sadly

## Maria Jane Boddington - a creative spirit who knew her own mind

Jane was born in Hoylake in 1925. The youngest of four, she had two brothers and a sister, and was very proud of her family. Jane used to tease her husband, John Bod, who was in the brewing business, that they weren't trade - her father was a stockbroker and her greatgrandfather on the board of the Midland Bank.





They shared a love of horses and dogs, and Jane was a regular follower of the hounds. They enjoyed horse racing, especially the Grand National and a connection with Dick Francis, who used to lodge with them. They also enjoyed getting away on family holidays to Brittany, the Algarve and Anglesey.

Jane was an exceptional cook - a perfectionist. She was also very creative - surely one of very few brides to have made her own wedding dress and cake! She also loved shopping, be it in French markets, bric-à-brac shops, supermarkets or garden centres.

Jane was an intelligent, creative spirit, who knew her own mind. She loved playing bridge and was very fond of all her bridge and other friends. Jane was very kind and understanding, always sticking up for the underdog and encouraging you to put yourself in the other person's shoes.

Right up until the very end, Jane lived a life in which she gave so much love and inspired so much love in others. Jane's legacy lives on: her creativity in Sarah, her intelligence and love of reading in Rosemary, and her craftsmanship in Mark.

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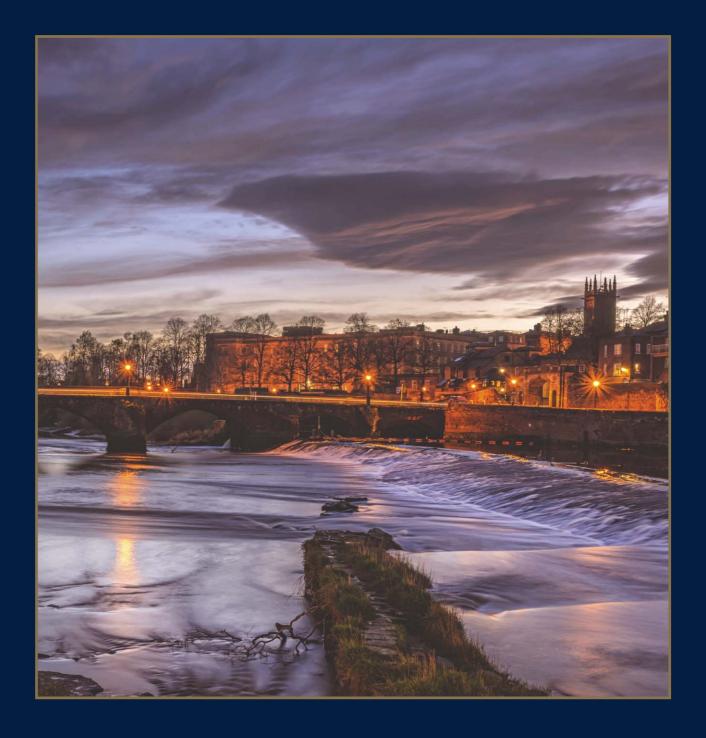
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