

Girl Guide family celebrates century



On February 21st Bunbury's Guides, Brownies and their leaders gathered at St. Boniface to lead morning service, part of a day-long celebration of 100 Years of Guiding worldwide. Mothers and grandmothers of today's Guides joined the congregation and enjoyed sharing memories of their

own guiding days. Mirja Crump was interviewed about her experiences as a brownie and guide in rural Finland, (in her day they all carried knives!). Some of the girls were modelling vintage uniforms, which brought back more happy memories. After the service, the girls enjoyed a busy day of activities at

St Boniface, including salsa dancing, making a giant trefoil out of pennies, learning some rounds and campfire songs and climbing the church tower. The impressive photo above shows all the Guides, Brownies past and present, who came to the service.



Easter Day Services April 4th

8.00am Holy Communion St. Boniface
9.30am Holy Communion St. Jude's
10 am Family Communion St. Boniface
6.30pm Holy Communion Calveyley

Work on levelling the St. Boniface church floor began as planned at the beginning of February. Removing the floorboards in the nave has revealed that the original floor level had been dug out in the late nineteenth century to accommodate heating pipes. Sadly no treasure has yet been found!

Community

Congratulations to **Olwen Williams** on the arrival of granddaughter **Nia Olwen** on 8th February. Nia's parents are Emma and Julian, who live in Barcelona with son Miguel.

Welcome to **Edward Joseph**, son of **Andy and Janine Fairclough** and brother of **Harry, James and Thomas** of Sadlers Wells who was baptised at St. Boniface on 20th February.

Barry and Christine Kenyon of Calveley are delighted to announce the engagement of their eldest son **Darren** to **Catherine**, daughter of Neil and Yvonne Cockburn of Winsford. Many congratulations from both families.

Belated happy birthday to **Tim Wheatland** and congratulations to **Katie Mason**, who also reaches 50 on 25th March.

We are sorry to report the recent deaths of **Dorothy Walker, Frances Wrench and Olive Lowe**. Dorothy's daughter Linda's tribute to her mother is on page 7.

There is a **fitness pilates** class on Thursdays at Bunbury School 7.15pm. Beginners welcome. Contact Ruth Illingworth for details 01829 262699.

Caroline Briggs-Harris will be walking 26.2 miles through Manchester during the night of 17-18th April to raise money for Cancer Research. Please sponsor if you can at www.sponsormetoshine.org/carolinebriggsharris

Andy Fairclough writes: "The Christmas charity **Parents vs Kids football match** raised £150 which was shared between various charities. An excellent turnout of all ages braved the cold weather. Special thanks to all who helped in the pavilion, providing bacon butties and drinks."

Confirmation classes started on Tuesday 23rd February 5pm for ages 10-18. It's not too late to join the group - contact Rick on 260991 as soon as possible

A **hockey stick** in a case was found some months ago in Bunbury Pavilion. No-one has come forward to claim it - if it is yours contact Lucy on 260487.

Many thanks to all those who supported the coffee evening in aid of the **Haiti Earthquake appeal**, held by **Elaine Crotty**. Over 60 people attended and total donations came to £1400.

A group of Tarporley parents has opened a new youth club for 14s and over at **Tarporley Community Centre** on Monday evenings 7- 9pm. All are welcome. Contact Lucy for details **260487** or see noticeboards.

Bunbury school Parents Association are holding a **Curry and Quiz Night** on Friday 5th March at the Village Hall. Tickets £10.

Tarporley Country Market is held on the first Saturday of the month - the next dates are 6th March.

St Luke's Burland Hall Bank Holiday weekend event will be happening again this year on 29th-30th May. Anyone interested in having a stall there please ring 01606 555688.

St. Boniface Church will need **major cleaning** after the building work in time for holiday club - contact Barbara Croley 260344 if you can help.

The recently-restored **56 bus link** between Tiverton, Bunbury and Nantwich runs on Thursdays and Saturdays, leaving Tiverton at 9.30am (Bunbury Post Office 9.38) and returning from Nantwich at 1pm. For more information call the **Traveline** on 0871 2002233.

St Jude's Link distribution - David Wright, Churchwarden, has taken over the task. Any queries, ring 260467.

Commiserations to Bunbury School Head **Alyson Thacker**, recovering after a badly broken leg.

Home made lunches are being offered every Monday during Lent at Bunbury's **Methodist Chapel** from 12 to 1.30pm (22nd February to 22nd March). Everyone welcome for homemade soup, bread, cheese (and maybe even cakes!) Just come along, no need to book - and it's free!

Bunbury WI are holding a **coffee morning** at Bunbury Pavilion on Friday 19th March 10-12 noon. Teas, coffee and cake, bring and buy and raffle. Everyone welcome. £2.00.

Sorry we haven't been able to publish the **quiz answers from Christmas**. Maybe next month.....?

The Link can be read online during the week before your copies are available. Look on our website www.stbonifacebunbury.org.uk

If you don't have a magazine delivered you are welcome to pick one up from church.

This month please pray especially for **John Mason, Paul Rathbone, Claire Dickens, Brenda Miller** and the families of **Dorothy Walker** of Spurstow, **Frances Wrench** and **Olive Lowe**. We pray for all those suffering in body, mind or spirit.

The **April Link** will be published on Sunday 28th March. Contributions by Sunday 14th March please.

Our Vicar is Rick Gates. He is always available in times of sickness, bereavement or any distress. Contact him at The Vicarage, Vicarage Lane, Bunbury, on 01829 260991, 07715 178750 or rick@prayer.fsnet.co.uk

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The forgiving father

'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' (St. Luke 15, 18-19)

I think it's fair to say that television programmes studying ideas like science and history only really work well if they tell a story. In the same way, Jesus didn't preach about faith or morality. No, he simply told parables and then left us to make up our own minds.

The parable of the prodigal son contains really profound truths about relationships between parents and children, and between us and God. Moreover we get a simple story – a son went off with half his father's wealth and literally frittered it away. Eventually he decided to go back home and say sorry, not at all sure what kind of response he would get. He was staggered to find that his father, instead of in any way punishing him or even lecturing him, ran to meet him and then threw a welcoming home party. By his father's amazing act of forgiveness,

both father and son started a new relationship of love and trust.

And that surely is the nature of true forgiveness. At the end of the Apartheid struggles in South Africa, Archbishop Tutu found a society deeply riven by antipathy and hatred. Yet he recognised that it was no use just calling people who had been deeply wounded to forgive each other. He wrote, 'Forgiveness does not mean condoning what has been done. It means taking what has happened and not minimising it; drawing out the sting in the memory that threatens to poison our entire existence.'

So he formed the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. No-one was asked to forgive but simply to tell the truth about what happened. Some victims offered forgiveness but it wasn't accepted. Some perpetrators of violence asked for pardon but were told that the victims weren't able to forgive. All, however, agreed that to have faced each other honestly was a big step in the right direction.

Based on Archbishop Tutu's experience, an international movement called The Forgiveness Project was formed in 2004. Sometime in the process of their work mutual forgiveness was exchanged: in other cases it seemed at the time that forgiveness was neither appropriate nor even possible. But often those involved started a new way of life, offering themselves to projects designed to bring reparation and reconciliation.

The Project is a non-religious organisation, yet its work really does mirror the teaching of Jesus. Forgiveness isn't about condoning evil; it's about reaching out in reconciliation so that both sides can begin to rebuild.

In the parable, the Father doesn't condone his son's actions but he reaches out to him in love and reconciliation. And in the same way Jesus reaches out to each one of us in love and reconciliation and forgiveness.

Eric Wallington

Womens World day of Prayer

In 1887, Mary Ellen James, the wife of a Presbyterian Minister in New York, called the women of her church to come together for a day of prayer – prayer for all the women in New York and in America, particularly new immigrants who were trying to bring up their children in awful conditions of poverty and unemployment. This day of prayer by women, for women, became an annual event.

In 1892, two Baptist missionaries, appalled by the deprivation suffered by women in many other parts of the world, instigated an annual day of prayer for overseas missions. In 1919, these two separate days were united and became the Women's World Day of Prayer.

The news spread around the world. In 1928 Mrs. Grace Forgan heard about it at an international missionary gathering in Jerusalem and she took the idea back to Scotland, where the first such service was held in 1930. England followed in 1932, Wales in 1933 and Ireland in 1935.

It is always held on the first Friday in March and begins on the International

dateline. The first service is held at dawn in Queen Salote's School in Tonga. Then, as the Earth rotates, a great 'Mexican wave' of prayer rises through the Pacific and Asia, through countries like Fiji, New Zealand and Japan, the Philippines, Korea and Bangladesh; to Africa and on through the Middle East, the Lebanon, Egypt and Cyprus to Europe east and west; across the Atlantic to the Caribbean, South, Central and North America, till the last service of the day is held on an



island off the coast of Alaska.

Christian women of a different country each year are chosen to write the service, which is then translated into

over 1,000 languages. The 2010 service has been devised and written by the Christian women of the Republic of Cameroon.

Memories are a little hazy about when the Women's World Day of Prayer first came to Bunbury, but it is believed to have been introduced, via the local Methodist Church, by the Rev. Mrs. Jones. Mrs. Avis Davis is the current organizing secretary for Bunbury, and for a number of years the service has alternated between Trinity Methodist Church and St. Boniface. Nothing, however, is set in stone: in 2006 and again this year, the venue is St. Jude's, Tilstone Fearnall

Bunbury's service has always been in the afternoon – other towns and villages may go for morning or evening – and the service is always followed by a sociable chat over afternoon tea provided by the host church. All women in Bunbury, whatever their denomination, are cordially welcome – and, though it is a **Women's** World Day of Prayer, men and young people are of course also very welcome.

Jean Healey

Snowy memories



Ruth Illingworth sledding with Lowrie, Niamh and Holly

This picture reached us too late for the last issue but represents the fun so many children and their parents had in the January snow. Thanks to Helen Craig for sending it. Continuing the wintry theme, another group of children deserves a mention for raising £70 for charity during a snowy evening's carol singing

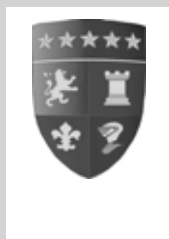
around Bunbury just before Christmas. Well done to Zoe Green, Eilidh Bodfish, Frances Munro, Rachel Overy, Julia Parker, Fiona Parker and Sophia Whiteman - and to Sandra and Jack Green and Fudge the spaniel, who walked with them.

March Diary

March

3	10.00am 7.30pm	Holy Communion Compline	St. Boniface St. Boniface
7	8.00am 9.30am 10.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion Holy Communion Family Worship Holy Communion	St. Boniface St. Jude's St. Boniface Calveley
10	10.00am 7.30pm	Holy Communion Compline	St. Boniface St. Boniface
14	9.30am 10.00am 4.30pm	Mothering Sunday Morning Service Family Communion Evensong	St. Jude's St. Boniface St. Boniface
17	10.00am 7.30pm	Holy Communion Compline	St. Boniface St. Boniface
21	8.00am 9.30am 10.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion Holy Communion Family Worship (YCs) Family Worship	St. Boniface St. Jude's St. Boniface Calveley
24	10.00am 7.30pm	Holy Communion Compline	St. Boniface St. Boniface
28	9.30am 10.00am	Palm Sunday Holy Communion Family Communion	St. Jude's St. Boniface
31	9.00am 7.30pm	Holiday Club starts (2 days) Holy Communion Compline	St. Boniface St. Boniface
1	7.00pm	Agape meal	St. Boniface

(Easter Sunday Services - see page 1)



Peckforton Castle is gearing up for its busiest year ever with a renovation project costing £1.5 million, which will see a further 20 per cent of the Castle's capacity converted into ten new en-suite bedrooms, a brasserie and two beauty treatment rooms.

These are exciting times at Peckforton Castle. Not only will we be creating some new jobs, but we'll be attracting a greater number of guests to the Castle, which has a positive impact on other local businesses, such as our suppliers.

Local residents will also be able to enjoy the new facilities. The brasserie, for example, will offer a place for the local community to come and have a cup of coffee and a sandwich.

We are very keen to involve the local community in Castle life and have some exciting community

events planned for this year: The new facilities will be open during the summer and when everything's ready we'll be inviting local residents to join us for a celebration.

We also have plans to run an exciting competition with local schoolchildren and would love to hear from any local residents who are keen to share their memories of the Castle.

Our aim for the Castle is to preserve its heritage and legacy for future generations of the Tarporley community and we want local residents to join us in doing so.

Please come along and say hello. You'll always be most welcome.

Peckforton Castle

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Please help dig our field

In an exciting expansion of Bunbury School's 'eco' efforts, two large plots in the recently-acquired field next to the school playing field have been marked out, ready to be rotovated and planted with potatoes and soft fruit in the spring. This is an extension of the successful scheme begun a year ago where many of the school's pupils have enjoyed growing, harvesting and eating

their own crops. Parents and friends of the school are once again being asked to give a couple of hours to help get the new plots and our raised beds ready for planting, as well as a few other gardening jobs. Many hands really do make light work, so please try to join us if you can on **Saturday 20th March at 2pm**: don't forget a spade or fork and plenty of energy. (Biscuits provided!)



Pictured here are Year 6 teacher Rachael King and part of the school choir after her interview as part of Education Sunday at St. Boniface.

Charity Santa dash and 3 Peaks

For the **330 Santas** taking part in the **Railway Children's Cheshire charity run** on Sunday 20th December, there was no need to dream of a white Christmas. The snow began to fall just before the runners took to the start line for the first ever Railway Children Santa Dash, adding a touch of winter magic to the heart-warming event.

Big Brother winner Sophie Reade, X-Factor singer Marie-Claire Scott and Premiership footballer Ryan Shawcross lent us their support by coming along.

Take part in the Railway Children's **Three Peaks Challenge by Rail**. Climb the three highest mountains in the UK with a special train travelling between the mountains. All your food and drink is included and there are even doctors and masseuses on the train. The dates for the challenge are 24th to 26th June. Interested? Contact Katie Mason, 01270 757596.

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In a separate venture Bunbury's Neil Dewson-Smyth is organising a team of six including Sarah and Robert Tomlins and Debs Gillett to tackle the **Three Peaks Challenge in aid of Save the Family** on the weekend of 24th-25th July.

As it is for Save the Family the team want to include families on the last mountain. The plan is that the intrepid six will therefore romp up and down Ben Nevis and Scafell Pike on the first day and then complete Snowdon on the second day along with any other willing families and their children.

We hear that all the participants have started on their training for this arduous exercise, so good luck to them all.

More information on the team's progress and how you can support them will follow.

Bunbury Mill up for sale

As we went to print we heard that Bunbury's historic mill is up for sale. Ernest Croley would like to hear from anyone who would actively support a charity to keep the mill open for visitors rather than being sold into private ownership. More details in the Chester Chronicle and forms available from Burrows Butchers for those wishing to pledge their support.

Save the Family honours Barbara

Congratulations to St Boniface Churchwarden Barbara Croley who has been asked to be a trustee of the Save the Family charity. Barbara has supported the charity for many years and organizes the regular collections from St Boniface, support which is much appreciated by the charity.

All donated items are put to good use by needy families. The next collection will be after Easter - watch out for the date.

Calveley

Friends of Calveley Church are busy organising fund-raising events for the coming year. There will be a **grand Spring Draw**, for which we have an excellent selection of prizes. On 10th April Graham McGarry, sports commentator for Radio Stoke, will draw the winning tickets after the game at Crewe Alexandra.

With spring in the air, now is the time to clear out your cupboards - and send discarded items to Calveley for the White Elephant stall at our annual Art Exhibition and Spring Fayre, to be held this year on Saturday 22nd May.

Another date for your diary - there will be a Summer Evensong with the St. Christopher Chorale at Calveley Church on Sunday 6th June at 6.30pm. All are welcome at this special service.

Sue Woodward

Rachel reports from Thailand

Now halfway through my year in Thailand I am really settling in to the Thai way of life. I can't believe I have already been here this long but when I think about it I have been through so much already. It was a shock entering Thailand via Bangkok. That city could shake anyone, never mind an 18 year old so far away from home. But with the other volunteers to keep my spirits high, we had a good few days in the capital before all splitting into pairs and spreading throughout the country.

On arrival at my Project in Mae Sai, the northern-most town in Thailand, I could see that Bangkok was not the norm in this country. The town is quite large and busy, with huge markets and hundreds of little businesses operating out of people's sitting rooms. Mae Sai is famous for being the border town with Burma, so there are plenty of Burmese influences. There is also a large Chinese community, as many Chinese of religious minorities come to Thailand.

I have to say that my living accommodation wasn't exactly as I expected or was used to. But as my Mum said as I described it to her, "It might be good for you to get away from your home comforts for a while!" She is probably right. I will never be unhappy with my university accommodation anyway. It is fairly basic, and by basic I mean we had a bucket shower for two months until we had a real shower installed because of the 'cold' weather. (The Thais have a constant fear of catching a cold in the 20 degree winter). We have to explain that we are not wearing a coat because we are used to much colder weather.

I feel I am making some good progress with the language. Hearing Thai all the time, I am beginning to feel slightly less confused! Luckily the charity I am working with, Project Trust, sent all the volunteers to a three-week course in October to help us on our way. This

proved very useful, as we can now barter for things instead of getting ripped off with tourist prices! Definitely good for Christmas shopping: if only it didn't cost so much to send things home, it would have been my cheapest Christmas ever!

I am working as an English conversation teacher and I teach the years 7 to 9 students. In the classes where the students have very little English, I mostly spend my time trying to understand the Thai that is being shouted at me and acting out words until all the class laughs at me. (I think I left all of my dignity back in England or in Bangkok airport somewhere!) In

classes with more understanding of English, sometimes I can even have some sort of conversation with the better students. At the moment all they ever ask is if I get snow at home, as not one of them has ever or will ever see snow! The only problem I have with the students is their attention spans. Just like teenagers at home they would rather be on the phone or listening to music than be taught English by someone who is only a few years older than them. I have full sympathy for all of my former high school teachers now, as yes, it is very annoying when people are late, don't have their books and talk all lesson!

In the last six months I have had so many fantastic opportunities to see things I have never seen before. I think the best thing I have learnt from being here is that if you don't have the things to need, you have to work to get them! I think my mum will be very smug with that sentence, as I have finally realized things don't just happen!

It will certainly be strange returning back to Bunbury at the beginning of August and I am sure that I will be wearing many layers to try and keep warm in the English summer!

Rachel O'Neill

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Parrot is silenced

John received a parrot as a gift. The parrot had a bad attitude and an even worse vocabulary.

Every word out of the bird's mouth was rude, obnoxious and laced with profanity. John tried and tried to change the bird's attitude by consistently saying only polite words, playing soft music and anything else he could think of to 'clean up' the bird's vocabulary.

Finally, John was fed up and he yelled at the parrot. The parrot yelled back. John shook the parrot and the parrot got angrier and even more rude. John, in desperation, threw up his hand, grabbed the bird and put him in the freezer. For a few minutes the parrot squawked and kicked and screamed. Then suddenly there was total quiet. Not a peep was heard for over a minute.

Fearing that he'd hurt the parrot, John quickly opened the door to the freezer. The parrot calmly stepped out on to John's outstretched arms and said "I believe I may have offended you with my rude language and actions. I'm sincerely remorseful for my inappropriate transgressions and I fully intend to do everything I can to correct my rude and unforgivable behaviour."

John was stunned at the change in the bird's attitude. As he was about to ask the parrot what had made such a dramatic change in his behaviour, the bird spoke up, very softly.

"May I ask what the turkey did?"



Bill Blinkhorn - he loved a challenge

Bill was born William Henry Blinkhorn in Norris Green, Liverpool. As a boy of 14 and 15 he used to cycle from the heart of the city early on a Sunday morning with a couple of pals, catch the ferry to Birkenhead and make his way into Wales, sometimes as far away as Barmouth, and then cycle back – a clean 200 miles in a day. He had a dream that one day he would better himself and maybe one day have a piece of England he could call his own.

He went on to spend the rest of his life in the countryside, embracing farming. It was a way of life, not just a job, and one that he succeeded at.

Bill had a philosophy of loyalty and service and a desire to see the best in others despite sometimes difficult circumstances. He was not quick to judge and was very measured in his dealings, remaining calm under duress. He never had a bad word to say about anyone.

Mum and Dad had a partnership and love affair that started for mum at 15 and has stood the test of time and survived those moments when life isn't a bed of roses. They raised us with love, firm but fair, with a strong sense of how to make the best of our lives. There was a lot of laughter – tea and toast in bed at the weekends and even the occasional in – house water fight! Dad was keen that we all had the chance to go to college and even attended night school to help the girls through their exams.

Dad was pretty game and, although modest, up for anything. He was blessed with an athletic ability that nearly took him into professional football. He could quickly and ably turn his

hand to most things, whether it was learning to windsurf or canoeing with his grandchildren. He loved a challenge. I can remember one school sports day when the 'Dads' race' was announced. At the time he was in his mid-thirties, dressed in jeans and brogues and after a little encouragement was asked to line up. With a bemused expression he looked at the other fathers on the starting line, with one in particular catching his eye. This man was in his twenties and wearing running spikes. He had been training hard, apparently, and was known for his speed. He weighed Dad up: 'Don't fancy your chances in those,' pointing at Dad's shoes. Dad replied, 'It's what they are strapped on that matters!' Needless to say, Dad thrashed him!

Much as Dad's passing has been heartbreaking, we are all mindful that our lives are full of happy memories and have been crammed with spending time with one another as a family. For both Mum and Dad, the keeping and nourishing of a sense of family has been a lifelong commitment.

Though Dad was uncomfortable with all the attention, and never wanted a fuss, over recent weeks he really appreciated catching up with so many old friends. He had good and bad days, but the respects his friends paid him in person lifted his and our spirits and we are indebted to you.

It is important to acknowledge how fortunate we have been to have had Bill as our Dad, how much his presence will be missed and how much he was loved.

Mark Blinkhorn

News from St. Jude's

News at this time of year is always a little thin as we wait for the great festival of Easter. However, this year at St Jude's, the Women's World Day of Prayer is to be held at our church and all those attending will be made very welcome.

The service takes place on Friday 5th March at 2.30pm. The speaker is a good friend of our church, the Rev. Angela Speedy.

On 4th of April (Easter Day) our service is at 9.30am, conducted by another old friend of St Jude's, the Rev. Alan Mumford. We are hoping to arrange for a local choir to attend to reinforce our singing as they did at Christmas, which helped to make that service such a success. As is well known, the Easter service is one of the services of Obligation, which the confirmed members of our parish are encouraged to attend. It is hoped that many of the friends of St Jude's will come this year.

We are still collecting postage stamps on behalf of the M.S. Society. If

anybody has any – and there must be millions out there after the Christmas postal blizzard, please leave them in church or give them to any member of the congregation.

It is fervently hoped that the 'rough winds of March do not shake the darling buds of May' this year!

Bob Gardner

Ann Latham writes: "Frank and I would like to say how much we have appreciated so many kind cards, enquiries, telephone calls, offers of help and indeed help itself since October 2009, when Frank had a bad fall at home and broke his arm and his nose, which has meant stays in three different hospitals. He has also broken his hip to complement his arm and is now making slow progress in the Old Hall, Malpas, where he is receiving good and kind care for which we are very grateful. So a very big thank you from Frank and myself and the family to you all."

Dorothy Walker - always there for her family

Dorothy's daughter Linda Whittaker, who lives in Spurstow with husband Peter and who cared for her mother over the last 10 years, writes about her mother's love for her family, how her mother was always there for them, and her wonderful humour and enjoyment of life (including when she made the family laugh with apple pie beds). Dorothy provided lovely home cooking, could do posh dinners when required but liked nothing better than a fish and chip supper with a glass of Guinness. Linda remembers her mother's strength, independence and generosity, her snoozing in the summer house in her twilight years and how she never complained as she grew frail.

"When I opened my eyes you were there, when I lost my way you were there, when I needed a friend you were there, when we partied you were there.I will miss you always."

St Boniface Easter Holiday Club

The Easter Holiday Club at St. Boniface will take place in this year on Wednesday 31st March and Thursday 1st April, from 10am - 12noon. Our theme is 'The Tree of Life'

The club is aimed at children of primary school age. We will be offering a mix of crafts, music and games and looking at God's Big Story in the Bible by looking at some different trees!

Registration forms will be available from Bunbury and Calveley schools. Please complete the forms and return to Debbie Shears, The deadline for return is 19th March.

This year we would specially like to invite the children and their parents to the Agape meal which is always held in St. Boniface on the Thursday before Easter, Maundy Thursday. Please see the article below. For more information or if you would like to join in the fun and help at the Holiday Club, please get in touch with either me or Debbie Shears (260707).

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All welcome at Agape meal

On Thursday evening 1st April St Boniface hosts the Agape meal which is a lovely community event celebrating Jesus's last supper. We enjoy roast lamb and trimmings, with wine and pudding - and vegetarians are catered for too. All the family are welcome. There will be an excellent visiting speaker, Rev. Peter



Davies, and at the end of the evening there is a traditional simple sharing of bread and wine remembering Jesus and the Disciples at the Last Supper. It is a moving and memorable way to begin Easter. If you would like to come please sign up at the back of church.

Easter Concert

The story of Christ's suffering and crucifixion has inspired composers down the ages to create the very best in choral music.

On Saturday March 20th St Boniface will be the venue for a concert of 'Words and music for Passiontide' by the Nantwich Singers with conductor Tony Metcalfe and organist Simon Russell. The singers are delighted that Rick will be taking part in some of the readings.

Music will be from the 16th Century (Byrd, Lassus and Gesualdo), to the 20th century (Howells and Leighton) and will include the deeply moving "Lamentations" by Edward Bairstow.

The performance begins at 7.30pm, admission £5, all proceeds to St. Boniface Church.



Let us give thanks

It's been a good day, one of warm spring sunshine, the garden alive with bulbs in flower and the birds beginning to sing again. Everything went right today. It's not always like that. Many days bring troubles and despondency. Many nights are wakeful and fearful, problems are magnified. How easy it is to fret about life and

forget that God is with us. Positive thought is a powerful weapon and can change our outlook considerably. The habit of looking back and recollecting what God has done for us, and giving thanks, is something we need to nurture. Thankful people are happy people, because they take time to count their blessings.

"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" (1Thessalonians 5: 18).

Bishop Dudley -Smith's prayer sums it up.

Forgive me, Lord, for a mind
That turns so readily to weigh my troubles,
So seldom to count my blessings.
Teach me the practice of recollection,
The habit of thankfulness, the art of praise.
And may I deal as generously with others
As you deal with me.
For Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Timothy Dudley-Smith. (b. 1926)

Pat Edgley

FREE

THE BIGGER PICTURE

FILM NIGHT

7 - 9:30pm

Snacks
Movies
Discussion
Big screen

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