

Fr Bob writes ...

Do this in remembrance of me.....

Saving the best till last!!

As we continue through Lent, preparing ourselves for Holy Week - the betrayal, trial, death, and then the glories of Easter morning, so we come to the end of our journey exploring the Sacraments.

Holy Communion, The Eucharist, The Mass, The Lord's Supper, was instituted for us by Jesus during the Last Supper, which was held on the evening of preparation for the Jewish Passover. A very holy time for the Jewish nation in remembrance of when God spared the Jews from the plague of death on every firstborn child in Egypt. The Last Supper was a gathering of Christ and his disciples in fellowship prior to his arrest and crucifixion. Jesus had arranged the meal purposely by instructing his disciples where to host it.

During the Last Supper, Jesus makes some life changing statements, predicting he will suffer soon after this meal and it will be his last meal prior to finishing his work on behalf of the kingdom of God, that Peter will deny knowing him three times before the cock crows the next morning, and Judas Iscariot, would betray Him.

After he celebrated the Rite of Passover of the Jews, Jesus rose and washed the feet of his disciples, as a sign of repentance and preparation, then he instituted the Passover of the New Covenant, which is the Sacrament of Holy Communion. "He took bread, blessed it and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, 'Take, eat, this is My Body', then He took the cup and gave thanks, and gave it to His disciples saying, 'Drink from it, all of you, for this is My Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins'" (Matthew 26:26-28), - St Paul repeats the same words in 1 Corinthians (11:23-25).

After the Last Supper, Jesus Christ wilfully and obediently allowed himself to be brutally sacrificed on a wooden cross. He did this to reconcile each of us to God by paying the debt of our sins, which we could never do on our own power. In return, Jesus makes a simple request, remember this act of love he performed on our behalf. Jesus Christ did not have to die for us. He did, however, because he values every life on earth and wants to see each of us sitting at his table someday in heaven.

Throughout the Bible, and throughout history, the truth of Christ's message has been established - that we can join Jesus in heaven by acknowledging his sacrifice and accepting him into our life. In addition, we can apply the lessons Jesus taught at the Last Supper to live a faithful life while here on earth by serving others in love. The bread is a symbol of the body of Jesus, never to be forgotten as it was given to us. The cup represents the blood of Jesus, never to be forgotten as he poured out His life for us.

Jesus Christ has offered everybody the gift of his life, death and resurrection. The Last Supper reminds us of Christ's sacrifice, and that by faith in Him, we can share with Christ for all eternity.

To share in this sacrament it is usual to have been Baptised and then Confirmed into God's family through the Holy Spirit, however in 2006, the General Synod made it possible for parishes to admit baptised and suitably prepared children to partake in receiving Communion. This is a formal procedure and has to be in agreement with the bishop, with specific guidelines followed, and with the understanding of those admitted to communion before confirmation that they will in due course, proceed to confirmation.

Perhaps we should explore this as a means of fulfilling our response at the breaking of the bread: "Though we are many we are one body, because we all share in one bread"?

St. Boniface

Tuesday 12th April, our Community Coffee Morning follows the 9.30am Eucharist. 10am – 11.30am.

Wednesday 27th April, Prize Bingo, 'eyes down' at 7.30pm, don't forget your Dabbers.

Keep a look out for posters advertising our future events.

Fr Bob.

Come and Celebrate!

Members are invited to a special event on Tuesday June 28th to celebrate 135 years of the Mothers' Union. This will take place at The Boniface Centre, Crediton from 1pm-4.00pm beginning with a service in the form of 'Songs of Praise' at which members celebrating a birthday or anniversary ending with 0 or 5 this year may have their favourite hymn sung. There will be a raffle, a £1 stall and a cup cake competition. Money raised will be used for overseas projects. Tickets cost £3.00.

Our Wave of Prayer will be held immediately after our Corporate Communion on Wednesday April 6th.

Susan O'Brien

Parish Ladies' Group

Our annual lunch at the Palace Hotel on 27th February was well attended, and we were delighted to welcome Father Roger and Gayna and Fr Bob as our guests. Thank you Valerie for organising this event.

Equally well attended was our AGM on the 28th February. Congratulations ladies. You surpassed yourselves.

The meeting, chaired by Father Bob, chose The Street Pastors' Mission as our charity for the coming year. The vote was unanimous.

The officers and committee were returned for another year. Thank you, ladies, for your vote of confidence in us.

After the meeting Father Bob spoke to us most movingly about his pilgrimage to Oberammergau this past year. As several members of the group had also been to Oberammergau at this time wonderful experiences were revived. Thank you, Father Bob.

Our April meeting will take place on 5th May when we venture outdoors to visit the donkey sanctuary in Sidmouth. This excursion, which is open to the whole Parish, is well worthwhile.

The coach leaves from the church at 10.00am. The cost is £10.00, payable to Mavis, Valerie or Audrey by the end of April. Lunch is not included in the price, but there will be a lunch stop in Sidmouth, so either bring your own or find a restaurant there.

Our April Snack & Chat meeting will be on Monday 18th April at The Palace Hotel at 12.30pm. Thank you.

Audrey Smith

CLUB 2000

Friday 8th April – Cash Bingo in the Hall at 7.15 pm
Thursday 28th April - coach trip to Dartington Crystal Torrington then on to "The Gnome Reserve and Wild Flower Garden"
Price £11.50 – list in the hall

Date for the diary – Thursday June 2nd – a day trip to Weymouth Price £12. List will be in the Hall in May.

Cynthia Borrill

It's February and off we went to Wheddon Cross for Snowdrop Valley, we actually did get there this year, last year we were so disappointed as the snow fall in February stopped us going. This year though all looked good for the journey, no stops along the way as it's just a little farther than usual. Luckily we were warned that it would be muddy! Just a little understatement it was muddy!!! One amongst us who will remain nameless came a cropper but seemed to get over it very quickly, thank goodness! I think others seemed to slip and slide a little too.

We were taken down the valley in a small bus and dropped at the bottom entrance to the walk beside a lovely stream, the snowdrops were like a carpet on either side of us as we walked, what a lovely experience it was. All around the walk and up the other side it was quite breathtaking we were all quite speechless it was so beautiful. Back up in the little bus and we had to wash our shoes off in a tin bath full of water although it was maybe muddier than the shoes were but we did our best and on into the pub where we were expected. We had a lovely meal, after which we walked down to the village hall where we had tea. I met a friend from the past I had lost touch with 10 years ago, what a lovely surprise.

Well Cyn I think I can say thank you from all of us, we all have photos now thanks to Audrey. Thanks again Cyn.

Susie K

A Sponsored Silence for **CHRISTIAN AID** is being held on Saturday 2nd April at Goodrington Methodist Church from 10.00am to 12 noon.

If you can keep quiet for an hour or two please ask for a sponsorship form. Otherwise please sponsor Susan O'Brien who has kindly offered not to talk for 2 hours.

They are also holding a Coffee Morning with various stalls. All welcome.

Advance Notice

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 15TH – 21ST May

This is a great opportunity to show a Christian presence in Paignton. Please consider if you could deliver and collect a few envelopes from neighbours, or even a whole street if you are young in heart and limb.

Jean Kitson

Traidcraft

A big thank you to everyone who helped or supported The Big Brew. You raised £88.00 plus Traidcraft sales.

Next Traidcraft Stall 17th April.

Jean Kitson

Jumble Sale

There will be a Jumble Sale in the Hall on the 30th April, 10.00am to 12 noon. If you would like to help please get in touch with Susie in the Hall on Mondays or ring here on 556170. If you would like anything collected then please give her a shout. There will be boxes at the back of the church for contributions for which we will be most grateful.

Everyone most welcome to come along to this event. All funds raised will be going to the Organ Restoration Fund at the Parish Church.

OUTLOOK

Our shop continues to serve a dual purpose of outreach to our community and much-needed fundraising for our three churches. Thank you very much to everyone who has donated items to our shop. There is always an ongoing need for further goods to replace stock sold; so this is an appeal for donations to replenish our stock. We would appreciate clothing, accessories, bric-a-brac, toys and household goods.

eBay sales have raised over £600 so far. For eBay we particularly need sewing, knitting, craft and similar patterns, and also craft books. Designer and 'high-street' labelled clothing are very popular, particularly larger-sized ladies clothing.

Do call in and see what we have for sale, all our goods are very competitively priced and our friendly staff will be pleased to see you and happy to help. We are open 10.00am-4.00pm Monday-Friday, and 10.00am-1.00pm Saturday. 22 Palace Avenue, Paignton. Thank you all very much.

Elaine Hooper and the Outlook Team

Parish Knitters

Thank you very much to all friends in the Parish who have supplied wool, or knitted jumpers and blanket strips. This month I have taken 60 strips, 50 jumpers and 40 blankets to the collection centre in Exmouth for Christian Response to Eastern Europe. They are most grateful for our efforts. I will willingly supply further information or knitting instructions to anyone interested. Thank you all.

Mavis Hawkins

Bell Ringing News

Success at the Novice Competition held at Holne

The Paignton team decided to support the Devon Association Novice Competition held at Holne and came 2nd. The team has now been invited to ring at the next level of competitions.

Holy Week and Good Friday

Paignton ringers will keep to the tradition of not ringing during Holy Week until Good Friday when the bells, other than the tenor, the heaviest bell, will be half muffled, to mark this special and solemn occasion.

Forthcoming event – Coach outing

Paignton Ringers' May Day Outing for 2011 is being organised as a coach trip to Truro. Stops will be incorporated going to Truro and on the return with a further stop for an optional evening meal. For more information or to book a seat, please contact the Captain, John Kelly, BEM.

Truro Cathedral now has 12 bells and is the only ring of 12 within Cornwall. Truro Cathedral was the first cathedral to be built on a new site since Salisbury was started in 1220. The Victorians had the audacity to contemplate a building feat that colossal. For over 650 years no one had attempted to emulate the great cathedral builders of the medieval era. A massive building project in the same architectural style as the medieval cathedral builders could only have been the vision of the Victorians. They adapted the classic pointed arches of the gothic style and used modern building techniques to create the wonderful building.

Give yourself a good workout – whatever age you are.

Ringling at Paignton keeps you fit as you have to walk up the numerous steps to reach the ringing chamber. You do not have to be physically strong to ring the bells as you use the weight of

the bell to assist. Any age group is welcome to have a go, from 9 to 90. If you cannot manage the stairs, we have the answer, why not ring hand bells instead? You need flexibility of the wrist and a sense of timing. We are a sociable group of people of all ages and welcome anyone who just wants to come and look. If any of the above has tempted you, please do not hesitate to John Kelly, BEM.

Michael Webster

The Beacon Centre for the Blind

This is an urgent appeal for stamps

Could you please save all your used Postage Stamps for the above cause.

Considerable sums of money are raised from the sale of used stamps each year to further the Centre's work with over 3,000 local blind and partially sighted people.

Please would you save all used Postage Stamps and send them to Rosemary Dyer at 3 The Saddle, Goodrington or you can leave them in the box provided in St George's Church, Barn Road, Goodrington, or you can pass them to Ann Stokes of Conway Road who will pass them on to me.

Rosemary Dyer

We now have a recycle box upstairs in the West End Gallery for all recyclables used in the church ie plastic bottles, paper, glass jars.

This will be emptied once a month or when full.

DIARY FOR APRIL

1	Fri	10.45am	Lent Group following Mass: Parish Church
2	Sat	10.00am-12 noon	Christian Aid Sponsored Silence: Goodrington Methodist Church
3	Sun	4.00pm	Lent Group: St Andrew's
		6.30pm	Wholeness & Healing: Parish Church
4	Mon	9.00am	Time Out: Parish Hall
		2.00pm	Lent Group: 1 Roundham Crescent
		7.00pm	Lent Group: 1 Sandringham Gardens
5	Tue		Parish Ladies' Group visit to the Donkey Sanctuary
		10.15am	Lent Group following Mass: St Boniface
6	Wed	10.00am	Mothers' Union Corporate Communion followed by Wave of Prayer: Parish Church
		10.00am	Stations of the Cross: St Andrew's
		8.00pm	Lent Group: Hillcrest, Roundham Crescent
7	Thu	12.30pm	Lent Lunch and Meditation: Parish Church
8	Fri	10.45am	Lent Group following Mass: Parish Church
		7.15pm	Club 2000 Cash Bingo: Parish Hall
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13	Wed	10.00am	Stations of the Cross: St Andrew's
		8.00pm	Lent Group: Hillcrest, Roundham Crescent
14	Thu	12.30pm	Lent Lunch and Meditation: Parish Church
15	Fri	10.45am	Lent Group following Mass: Parish Church
17	Sun		PALM SUNDAY
		10.30am	Traidcraft Stall: Parish Hall
		6.30pm	Holy Week informal service: Parish Church
18	Mon	9.00am	Time Out: Parish Hall
		12.30pm	Parish Ladies' Group Snack & Chat Lunch: The Palace Hotel
		2.30pm	Parish Prayer Group: Parish Church
		7.30pm	Holy Communion and Address: Parish Church
19	Tue	7.30pm	Holy Communion and Address: Parish Church

20	Wed	7.30pm	Stations of the Cross and Holy Communion: Parish Church
21	Thu		MAUNDY THURSDAY
		7.30pm	Sung Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar Watch of Prayer until Midnight: St Andrew's
22	Fri		GOOD FRIDAY
		10.00am	Family service: Parish Church
		2.00pm	The Liturgy of the Last Hour: St Boniface
23	Sat		HOLY SATURDAY
		8.30pm	The Easter Vigil, Lighting of the New fire, and Renewal of Baptismal Promises: Vicarage Garden
24	Sun		EASTER DAY
		Begins at 5.30am	Sunrise Service of Holy Communion followed by Breakfast: Parish Church
27	Wed	7.30pm	Prize Bingo: St Boniface
28	Thu		Club 2000 coach trip to Dartington Crystal, Torrington
30	Sat	10.00am- 12 noon	Jumble Sale: Parish Hall



Funerals	28 th February	Irene Munro
	15 th March	Alison Fox
		Patricia Richardson
Baptisms	27 th February	Oscar Zackary Counter
		Paris Dionne Belinda Adkins
		Kye Adkins
		Chaylee Jay Adkins
		Harlee Jade Adkins
	6 th March	Imogen Grace Etches
		Lucy Watts

INTERCESSIONS FOR APRIL

1	Fri	Feria	Our Schools
2	Sat	Feria	Torbay Street Pastors
3	Sun	Lent 4 – Mothering Sunday	All Mothers and family life
4	Mon	Feria	Paignton Hospital
5	Tue	Feria	Elderly and Infirm
6	Wed	Feria	Sick and those in need
7	Thu	Feria	The bereaved
8	Fri	Feria	The homeless
9	Sat	Feria	Victims of natural disasters
10	Sun	Lent 5	Our congregations
11	Mon	Feria	Victims of war and terrorism
12	Tue	Feria	The hungry of the world
13	Wed	Feria	All aid agencies
14	Thu	Feria	The emergency services
15	Fri	Feria	Those preparing for Baptism
16	Sat	Feria	Our young people
17	Sun	Palm Sunday	Our Keeping of Holy Week
18	Mon	Monday in Holy Week	Penitence
19	Tue	Tuesday in Holy Week	Pardon
20	Wed	Wednesday in Holy Week	Peace
21	Thu	Maundy Thursday	Thanksgiving for the Eucharist
22	Fri	Good Friday	Thanksgiving for our Lord's saving death
23	Sat	Holy Saturday	A good death
24	Sun	Easter Day	Thanksgiving for the Resurrection
25	Mon	Monday in Easter week	Our parish
26	Tue	Tuesday in Easter Week	Our servers
27	Wed	Wednesday in Easter Week	The sacristy team
28	Thu	Thursday in Easter Week	The Flower Guild
29	Fri	Friday in Easter Week	Prince William & Kate Middleton
30	Sat	Saturday in Easter Week	Our Organist and Choir