

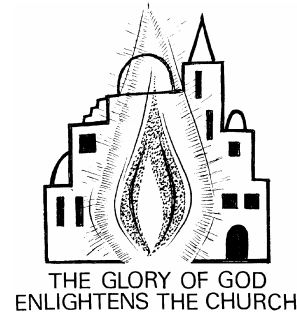
tap INTO FAITH

I write this after the first of the TAP into Faith Lent Course sessions, Father Richard Silk on Holy Living. He spoke movingly about hope, and said that even for the troubled areas of our world there is hope *because of the resurrection!* It is the resurrection of Our Lord which is the bed-rock of the Christian faith. Nothing else is more important; everything flows from it. The sacraments are the sacraments of Easter; our hope of eternal life is hope because of Easter; our desire to preach the gospel is the result of Easter; our pastoral care offered to other is the result of Easter.

However, when we say Easter we really mean the Easter Triduum, the Three Great Days, the observance of which is older than Lent. We talk – at least the clergy do! – of the Paschal Mystery, by which they mean the death and resurrection and Jesus, Good Friday and Easter Day. And because the sacraments are

the sacraments of Easter, because in the Eucharist we feed on the *risen* Lord, Maundy Thursday becomes part of that Paschal Mystery as we celebrate the giving by Jesus of the great sacrament of Holy Sacrifice and Holy Communion.

Then, because we have (or should have!) a great sense of the history of the Church through 2,000 years, we recall how the Church has always – almost from its earliest days – spend Easter Eve in vigil and waiting, during which the great Easter fire is lit, the Paschal (Good Friday and Easter) Candle is carried into the darkened church, the Easter water is blessed in the font, and the first Mass of Easter foreshadows the Easter banquet of the Kingdom of heaven.



Phew! What a marathon! And what a sadness that those who will expend an enormous amount of energy in getting everything ready for Christmas, who will go to umpteen carol services and eat umpteen mince pies, find the idea of going to church on four consecutive days impossible to countenance. The regular congregation of over one hundred at the Parish Church on a Sunday morning becomes sixty on Maundy Thursday, a few more on Good Friday, and a mere handful on Holy Saturday!

Nagging rarely works, as most husbands know and most wives fail to recognise! I don't want you to come and join these great services just because I have been nagging. I want you to come to these services – these four services of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and

Easter Day – because they will deepen your understanding of what Lent has been all about. They will deepen your understanding of what Jesus went through for you and for me. They will deepen your spiritual appreciation of the suffering and death of Jesus, and they will certainly deepen your sharing in the joy of Easter. The mantra 'No pain, no gain', may only appeal to those who are committed to a punishing schedule of training in the gym! Nevertheless, there is something obviously right about only coming to celebrate Easter if we have been through Good Friday with Our Lord. The Watch on Maundy Thursday between 8.00pm and midnight is electric as we seek to do what the disciples couldn't and didn't do, watch with Jesus for an hour. The Veneration of the Cross on Good Friday is extremely moving as we seek to do what the disciples had run away from – standing by Our Lord during his suffering on the cross. Then, and only then, should we feel able to be there on Easter Day and hear the great good news – He is risen, alleluia!

f. R. Tubbs

SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Mon 17 Mar	Holy Communion	9.30am	Parish Church
	Holy Communion with address	7.00pm	Parish Church
Tue 18 Mar	Holy Communion	8.00am	Parish Church
	Holy Communion with address	7.00pm	Parish Church
Wed 19 Mar	Holy Communion	10.00am	Parish Church
	Holy Communion	11.00am	S Andrew's

THE CHRISM MASS S Peter's Plymouth 7pm - Bishop John Ford

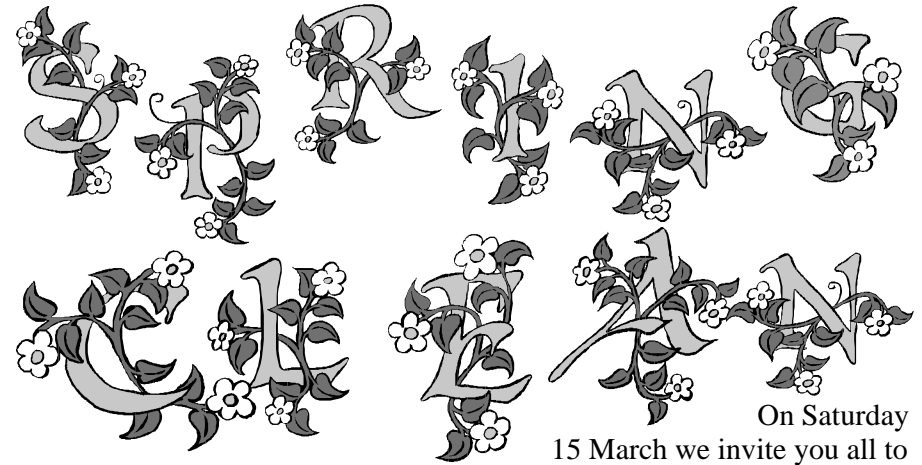
This is the occasion at which the holy oils used throughout the year for anointing the sick, for baptisms and confirmations, are blessed by the Bishop. It is also the occasion when priests re-affirm their priestly vows and the laity promise to pray and support their clergy.

Thu 20 Mar	MAUNDY THURSDAY Mass of the Last supper Followed by the Watch of Devotion until midnight	7.00pm	Parish Church
Fri 21 Mar	GOOD FRIDAY Stations of the Cross Liturgy of the Lord's Passion	10.00am 2.00pm	Parish Church Parish Church
Sat 22 Mar	HOLY SATURDAY No morning service The Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter	9.00pm	Parish Church
Sun 23 Mar	EASTER DAY Holy Communion Sung Communion of Easter Day The Alternative Service Sung Mass Sung Mass Easter Songs of Praise	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 9.30am 11.00am 6.00pm	Parish Church Parish Church Parish Church S Boniface S Andrew's Parish Church

Confessions before Easter

Mon 17 Mar	2.00pm
Tue 18 Mar	6.30pm
Sat 22 Mar	7.00pm

Or as always, by appointment. Please ring Fr Tubbs



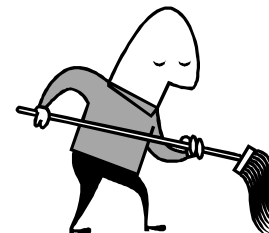
On Saturday 15 March we invite you all to come and give a hand with the spring-cleaning of the Parish Church. Materials will be provided, but it won't hurt if you bring a duster or a mop or a vacuum cleaner.

We have three benches in the churchyard. One is looked after by the family who gave it. The other two need some tlc; rubbing down and varnishing or creosoting. Materials will be paid for; any volunteers?

The churchyard also has some very attractive lamps which also need some attention. Full instructions given!

Just turn up for the spring-clean. Please let us know if you can help with the benches or the lights.

Ginny Piper
Kathy Mosedale
Church Wardens



THE ARTHUR DAY COLUMN

Last month I related how the former home of the Spragge family – then known as ‘The Quarry; - became the Roman Catholic monastery of the Marist Fathers. The actual conveyance of the property from that family to the Marist Fathers took place on 15 August, 1880. Whether by accident or design, the conveyance took place on the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a coincidence (if it was one) would have impressed the Spragges who were noted for their disapproval of anything savouring of Catholicism!

The Spragge family seem to have been prominent in the district, as for several years Torquay Boys’ Grammar School had a “House” named after them (I am grateful for this information to Miss Val Stephens – I was previously unaware of it).

But the family had links with two well-known names – one well-known locally, the other nationally. Captain Charles Henry Spragge, who owned ‘The Quarry’ and was noted for his dislike of anything suggestive of Catholicism, had a grandson, another Charles Henry Spragge, also an army officer, who became quite an active and well-known figure in local affairs, and who was Mayor of Torquay from 1908-1911, and was made of Freeman of the Borough in 1919, and died in 1920. It is surprising to learn that despite his forebears’ aversion to anything savouring of Catholicism he was churchwarden of All Saints’ Babbacombe! (I am grateful for this information to our bellringer, Mr Don Roberts.)

The other link with the Spragge family, who has become known nationally, was Charlotte Elliott, the hymn writer, who was the sister of the Mrs Charles Henry Spragge, wife of the owner who sold ‘The Quarry’ to the Marist Fathers. She gave us “Just as I am without one plea”, “Christians, seek not yet repose” and (understandably hardly ever used today) “My God, my Father, whilst I stray”. For about ten years in the mid-19th century she rented a house called Mornay Lodge in Springfield Road (it was demolished only a few years ago). She seemed to have shared her relatives’ prejudices. In a letter written, not from Torquay but from Brighton, she stated: “Our own beloved brothers and cousins also, thank God hold fast and support the truth; but more than one of our nephews, and many among our friends, have gone over to the Tractarian party, and think us narrow-minded, bigoted, illiberal and wanting in *Catholic* feelings Oh, how all these divisions and disputes, and errors and backsliding make me long for the glorious day when he shall appear and make us all one”

In another letter to another sister from Brighton in 1846 she wrote “We go back to Mornay Lodge and we have engaged our house there for a year. The climate is very mild, and the air soft and some say relaxing; but we are in a high position, above the damps and fogs which hang over Torquay, and we prefer the climate in winter to this, which is so much more sharp and bracing.

Nevertheless, in a letter from Mornay Lodge in 1857, she wrote “We are feeling the cold, even in this sheltered nook, but no serious illness, thanks to our grievous God, has visited either of us in the six months we have been here”.

A few years later, in a letter not written from Torquay, in 1865 she wrote that: “ ... I am getting confused now, and I cannot write a birthday letter as I long to do; but the least mental effort brings on a sort of stupor, and I am forbidden to write even to my poor isolated sister at Paignton” Mrs Spragge would still have been living at ‘The Quarry’ then, and it certainly would have been isolated then – where are now a lot of houses would then have been green fields, with ‘The Quarry’ well and truly “isolated” from the town.

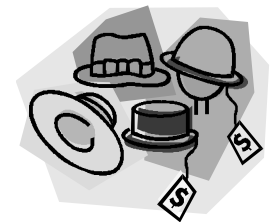
Charlotte Elliot died in 1871, so she never lived to see her sister’s home used as a Roman Catholic monastery. She would probably not have been very pleased about it.

Thank goodness we live in an age when we can respect the feelings of other Christians, whatever they believe or practise. The sad thing is that the people who were so critical of each other’s allegiances were themselves good Christians.

Arthur Day

OUTLOOK Charity Shop

After eleven months of trading, and having repaid the original loan to set up the venture, we held a get together lunch with our volunteer staff to present a cheque for £8000 to the Parochial Church Council.



We appreciate all the support and help we received from so many people. Our team of volunteers is made up from members of all three churches;



and we have made many friends with shopkeepers and members of the community by our presence in Palace Avenue and despite early misgivings, everyone enjoys the time spent at Outlook and can recall many amusing incidents encountered while manning the shop.

Many hands make light work. If you could spare any time to help, we would always welcome the additional manpower. Please contact Rene Adams (01803 407214) or Carol Haggett (01803 698038) or any member of staff.

Carol Haggett

PARISH LADIES GROUP

At our last meeting, on 18 January, we took some gentle exercise in the form of Tai Chi 4 Arthritis. Rita Mikalauskas, our teacher was every encouraging with a good sense of humour which we appreciated. Thank you Rita, and thank you Pat Kerswell for being our hostess.

Our AGM will be held on Monday, 31 March under the chairmanship of Father Tubbs, who will talk to us after the meeting. If you wish to nominate someone for office please obtain their consent first in order to save embarrassment.

Advance notice: There will be a coach trip to visit Shelter Box at Helston during June. This will be open to all parishioners, friends and families. More details will be given at our next meeting.

Audrey Smith

MOTHERS UNION

Some of you will remember Win Davis one of our most loyal members of many years ago. She was also a member of the flower guild and initiated the Parish Church Christingle Service in 1984. She moved away to Solihull but returned to Paignton two years ago. Sadly she died recently. We send our sympathy and condolences to Sheila and Fred and all the family. May she rest in peace.

Many thanks to you all for your overwhelming response to our knitted squares appeal, which is an on-going project. Over 100 have been received but please make sure they measure 7 inches. Thank you too for our members who continue to knit clothes and blankets for the premature baby unit and especially to Helen our "star knitter!"

Your response to our appeal for unused holiday tokens is much appreciated. Disadvantaged families will be able to have a holiday thanks to your generosity.

Corporate Communion: Wednesday 5 March.

Susan O'Brien

WHAT'S ON AT ST BONIFACE?



COFFEE MORNING

Tuesday 4 March

Sorry it is early again we'll be back to our usual 2nd Tuesday in the month in April

BINGO

Wednesday 5 March 7.30pm start We hope to see you there

Refreshments and Raffle

	26	01	15		03	12
24		16		09	10	25
02	14	17	28		32	05
	23		05	38	07	33

TABLE TOP SALE

Saturday 15 March we have a table at the at the Community Centre which will help us raise money for the Church.



CLUB 2000 DIARY DATES:

- 11.4.08 Bingo in the Parish Church Hall
- 17.4.08 Coach trip to The Donkey Sanctuary, then on to Sidmouth. Cost £8.50. Details from Cynthia Borrill.

BELL RINGING NEWS

Inscriptions on the bells of Paignton Parish Church. On each of the bells there are inscriptions. These are usually the makers name and the date and in most cases, some other inscription some as shown below, in italics. Some spellings may seem a bit odd nowadays. I have given details of the weights for interest.

Treble. Cast by Mears and Stainbank, London, 1902. (Weight 5cwt 3qtrs 24lbs)

To the greater glory of God, in pious memory of his wife Jane and on account of his 70th year happily accomplished by the grace of God, Samuel Atkinson gave and dedicated this bell a.d. 1902.

2nd. Cast by Mears and Stainbank, London, 1902. (Weight 6cwt 1qtr 8lbs)

To God, the King and the people. Happy victory, blessed peace.

3rd. Cast William Blews and Son, Birmingham, 1871. (6cwt 3qtrs 20lbs)

De Castro F. Lyne, Daniel Hanney, Churchwardens

4th. Cast by Bilbie III, Cullompton, 1805. (Weight 7cwt 3qtrs 4lbs)

No other inscriptions other than maker and year

5th. Cast by Thomas Wroth II 1748. (Weight 9cwt 1qtr 25lbs)

Jeffrey Goodridge, Thomas Distin, Wardens

6th. Cast by Thomas Wroth II 1748. (Weight 11cwt 0qtr 14lbs)

Jeffrey Goodridge, Thomas Distin, Wardens

7th. Cast by Thomas Bilbie III, 1805. (Weight 13 cwt 2 qtrs 16lbs)

Robert Butland & John Distin of Shorton, Churchwarden

The 7th was recast in 1903 by Mears and Stainbank, London.

Tenor. Cast by Thomas Pennington II of Exeter, 1641. (21cwt 3qtr 5lbs)

Robert Roper, William Fvrnis, Church warden

The tenor is one of Thomas Pennington II's largest surviving bells. Before tuning in 1903 the tenor weighed 23cwt 0qtr 25lbs

Michael Webster

WOMEN S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 7.3.08

This year the service has been compiled by the Christian women of Guyana. Despite the diversity of their background and ethnic groups, the people of Guyana are fulfilling their national motto – ‘One people, one nation, one destiny’. Guyana is much involved in the fight against Aids and HIV, and there is concern about the increase in the number of women infected.

Southfield Methodist Church at 10.45am. Speaker Mrs Barbara Vond.

Goodrington Methodist Church at 7.30pm. Speaker Revd Valerie Price.

Everyone welcome.

Sadie Yates

HEAVEN S GROCERY STORE

I was walking down life's highway a long time ago.

One day, I saw a sign that said "Heaven's Grocery Store",

As I got a little close, the door came open wide,

And when I came to myself, I was standing inside.

I saw a host of *Angels*. They were standing everywhere.

One handed me a basket and said, "My child shop with care".

Everything a Christian needed was in the Grocery Store,

And all you couldn't carry, you could come back the next day for more.

First, I got some *Patience, Love* was in the same row,

Further down was *understanding*, you need that everywhere you go.

I got a box or two of *wisdom*, a bag or two of *faith*.

I couldn't miss the *Holy Ghost* for it was all over the place.

I stopped to get some *Strength* and *Courage* to help me run this race.

By then my basket was getting full, but I remembered some *Grace*.

I didn't forget *Salvation* for *Salvation* is free,

So I tried to get enough of that to save both you and me.

Then I started up to the counter to pay my grocery bill,

For I thought I had everything to do my Master's will.

As I went up the aisle I saw *Prayer* and I just had to put that in,

For I know that when I stepped outside, I would run right into sin.

Peace and *Joy* are plentiful, they were on the last shelf.

Song and *Praises* were hanging near so I just helped myself.

Then I said to the Angel, "Now, how much do I owe?"

He just smiled and said "Just take them everywhere you go".

Again, I said, "How much do I really owe?"

He smiled again and said:

"My child, Jesus paid your bill a long, long time ago!"

Submitted by Sheila Richards

PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms:	24.2.08	Callum Hinkley	
		Jacob Robert Wellington	
		Lucas Elliot Jago	
		Steven Michael Ivey	
Funerals:	9.2.08	Audrey Jeanne Gray	90
	11.2.08	Winifred Davis	96
	20.2.08	Marjorie Hamer	93

DIARY FOR MARCH

2	Sun	10.30am 4.00pm 6.00pm	Combined Service: Parish Church Lent Course: S Andrew's Evensong & Benediction: Parish Church
4	Tue	7.00pm 8.00pm	TAP into Faith Lent Course: Milber Baptism Preparation
5	Wed	10.00am 10.00am	Mothers' Union Corporate Communion Stations of the Cross: S Andrew's
6	Thu	7.00pm	TAP into Faith Lent Course: Parish Church
7	Fri	10.45am 7.00pm	Lent Course: Parish Church Hall Stations of the Cross: Parish Church
9	Sun	4.00pm 6.00pm	Lent Course: S Andrew's Evening Worship: S Boniface
11	Tue	7.00pm	No Mass at S Boniface TAP into Faith Lent Course: Milber
12	Wed	10.00am 7.30pm	Stations of the Cross: S Andrew's Standing Committee
13	Thu	7.00pm	TAP into Faith Lent Course: Parish Church
14	Fri	10.45am 7.00pm	Lent Course: Parish Church hall Stations of the Cross: Parish Church
15	Sat	10.00am	Parish Church spring-clean
16	Sun	4.00pm 6.00pm	Lent Course: S Andrew's Wholeness & Healing: Parish Church
18	Tue	7.00pm	TAP into Faith Lent Course: Milber
19	Wed	10.00am	Stations of the Cross: S Andrew's
20	Thu	9.00am 7.00pm	Magazine material to Vicarage please Sung Mass: Parish Church
21	Fri	10.00am 2.00pm	Stations of the Cross for children: Parish Ch The Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
22	Sat	9.00pm	No Mass in the morning The Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter
23	Sun	2.30pm 6.00pm	Holy Baptism: Parish Church Easter Songs of Praise: Parish Church
30	Sun		CTIP Service
31	Mon	9.30am	Mothers' Union Corporate Communion

INTERCESSIONS FOR MARCH

1	Sat	S David B	The Church in Wales
2	Sun	MOTHERING SUNDAY	All mothers
3	Mon	Feria	The Society of S Boniface
4	Tue	Feria	TAP into Faith Lent Course
5	Wed	S Piran	The Church in Cornwall
6	Thu	Feria	Our Schools
7	Fri	Feria	Rowcroft Hospice
8	Sat	Feria	Walsingham
9	Sun	PASSION SUNDAY	The mission of our parish
10	Mon	Feria	The Elderly and Confused
11	Tue	Feria	The Hungry
12	Wed	Feria	Asylum Seekers
13	Thu	Feria	The Medical Profession
14	Fri	Feria	Peace and justice in the world
15	Sat	Feria	The Diocesan Synod
16	Sun	PALM SUNDAY	Our keeping of Holy Week
17	Mon	Monday in Holy Week	Penitence
18	Tue	Tuesday in Holy Week	Pardon
19	Wed	Wednesday in Holy Week	Peace
20	Thu	MAUNDY THURSDAY	Christian Unity
21	Fri	GOOD FRIDAY	Those who deny God
22	Sat	HOLY SATURDAY	The Bereaved
23	Sun	EASTER DAY	Thanksgiving for the resurrection
24	Mon	Monday in Easter Week	The newly baptised
25	Tue	Tuesday in Easter Week	Confirmation candidates
26	Wed	Wednesday in Easter Week	Young people
27	Thu	Thursday in Easter Week	Our Servers
28	Fri	Friday in Easter Week	Our Choir
29	Sat	Saturday in Easter Week	JC's Gang-stars
30	Sun	2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER	Our Parish
31	Mon	ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD	Thanksgiving for the Incarnation