

STICKLEPATH NETWORK FELLOWSHIP

Usually meeting at 2.45pm on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month in the Methodist Church Hall, Rhododendron Ave.

Jan 13th : Mr Gordon Hunt
Jan 27th: Mr Tom Harding—Music
for further information, contact ...
Secretary: Mrs Sandy Peters 325602

Our February edition will be available from 31st January.
Items for inclusion: to Vicarage, by 9^{am} on 21st January, please.
local news / photos welcome

Homegroups: weekly (Wednesdays) or fortnightly (Tuesdays), both 7.30pm ask Guy, Glyn, Sandra or a churchwarden. Bible Study Group Friday evenings :John

The Alpha Course : a 10 week practical introduction to Christian faith. To find out more, go to www.alpha.org, ask a church member, or phone (01271) 344400. email: alpha@barnstaple-st-paul.org.uk



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4	6	9	2	1	3	5	8	7
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Prayer Group

7.30pm Thursdays—meets at Beulah, 3 Higher Elmwood, Roundswell. 01271 327437 (John & Sylvia Hartfield).



A reminder of important dates, or to tell you when the Vicar is unavailable, and to encourage prayer for shared ministry:

Guy works as Archdeaconry Ministry Development Officer on most Tuesdays & Thursdays and Friday is his day off. He is not available for parish duties on those days except if indicated below.

The Parish Administrator is often in the Vicarage Office on Tuesday Mornings to answer queries if Guy is unavailable.

Some Wednesday afternoons are given to Home Communion visits. Guy gives priority to answering requests for a visit.

The forward diary has not been finalised at the time of printing. Christmas Service are on page 4

DECEMBER DIARY

28th to 4th Jan Guy off-duty post-Christmas break.
Wed 30 9.30am Communion by Extension

JANUARY DIARY

Sun 3 NO 8am, 10am Communion by Extension.
Guy returns to duty on Tue 5th for parish work. He is not available on Thursday 7th and also working for the Archdeaconry on Friday that week.
Thu 14 7.30pm Parochial Ch. Council (Vicarage)
Tue 19 7.30pm Churches Together in Barnst (Freedom)
Sat 23 10-4 Exploring Ordained or Reader Ministry
For those interested to find out more see Guy
Sun 24 10am Patronal Festival (Parade service)

FEBRUARY DIARY

Sat 13 10-4 Discovering your Gifts (one day workshop)
At St.John's Newport—bring packed lunch.
Festivals may be celebrated at Wednesday Communion

✿ Flowers during January ✿

Christmas flowers by many helpers!

We thank Barnstaple Floral Art Club for help in decorating the church throughout the year.

If you would like to make an annual donation for flowers on a particular date in memory of someone, please contact the vicarage (page2).

The Vicar Writes...

I wish you every blessing for the New Year and new decade, and if you are reading this before 25th Dec'r, Happy Christmas as well !

How were the “Noughties” for you? (- who dreamt up that name!) So much seems to have happened since we began the new century.

Two of my children have gone through secondary school and the eldest has graduated; our then toddler is now in secondary education. My wife's brother and both of my parents have died, and many other things have happened in our family and circumstances. For each of us, lots of things will be different about our families, jobs, and quite a bit has changed in our community as well as we head into some other made-up decade name. We have no idea what the future will be like exactly, but each of us can make a difference and influence people and the way things change.

The birth of Jesus began the most significant development of human society before or since. His influence on acceptable ethics and behaviour has moulded and shaped values which have proved the most loving and constructive. In each era his teaching has the biggest impact when we apply it personally rather than as a basis of law. Those in his family work for the good of all by first being changed themselves!

This month's Sudoku

Each row, each column and each square of 9 blocks must contain one and one only of 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 & 9. *The answer is on page 22.*

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GOOD NEWS—we are keeping the magazine at the same price despite some rising costs, thanks to a last minute deal on paper costs. Subscriptions for 2010 are due—£3 if paid by February.

From our Registers

Welcomed into the Church

*Lily-May Edna BERE
baptised at St.Paul's on 13th Dec'r*

Committed to God's care

*Grace EDDY
N.Devon Crematorium Mon. 14th Dec.*

Our condolences to the family of former church member of St.Paul's, Mrs "Jo" RUDDOCK. Funeral arrangements were not completed by our print date.