

STICKLEPATH NETWORK FELLOWSHIP

Now meets in the homes of members but all are welcome: 2.45pm on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month

Feb 8th: Wendy from Hinds Jewellers
Feb 22nd: Knit-In for North Devon Hospice

For details of 2012 meeting venues and for further information, contact ...

Secretary: Mrs Sandy Peters 325602 or Programme Secretary: Mrs Mary Monk 374151

Our March edition will be available from 26th February.
Items for inclusion: to Vicarage, by 9^{am} on 16th February, please .
local news / photos welcome

Homegroups: *weekly (Wednesdays) or fortnightly (Tuesdays), both 7.30pm ask Guy, Glyn, Sandra or Pauline.*

Bible Study Group Friday evenings :John

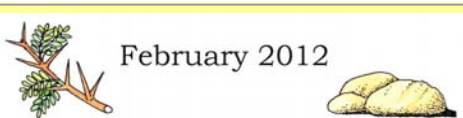
Alpha Course : *Our next series of this popular exploration of issues linked to faith will be starting in May 2012. For more info: alpha@barnstaple-st-paul.org.uk or pick up a registration leaflet in church.*

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Prayer Group

7.30pm Thursdays—meets at:
8 Oakhill Rise , Roundswell. 01271 323426 (Rob & Emma Wills).



February 2012

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.

Eileen, The Parish Administrator is often in the Vicarage 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.
Our Reader, John, leads ministry in Residential Homes.

February - AS FIXED BY TIME OF PRINTING

Wed 1 7pm Guy at Governors meeting (school)
Sat 11 Ceilidh contact Sally Burton 349861 (time?)
Oggle Band (Roundswell Community Centre)
Mon 13 7.30pm Parochial Church Council (Vicarage)
Thu 23 am Guy at Deanery Standing Committee
7.30pm Vicar & Churchwardens at meeting
With other clergy/churchwardens & Archdeacon re future benefice structure.

Sunday service details are on the back cover.
Festivals may be celebrated at Wednesday Communion.

🌸 Flowers during February 🌸

We thank Barnstaple Floral Art Club for help in decorating the church throughout the year. At the time of printing the new rota is not finalised. 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 am writing this much earlier than I usually do as I am doing a bit of a catch-up to slow down.

Vicars are strongly “encouraged” to spend a week each year in reflection and prayer, away from all the usual stuff. To be honest, I have been too busy to do that for several years. All of us are surrounded by people we care deeply about and issues that are important to us—not to mention the problem of finding a whole week in the diary.

One of the difficulties about any life or job dedicated to helping others, is making space for oneself as well. Of course this applies to lots of people, not just those in a caring profession, or one focussed on ensuring that spiritual resources are accessible and available to others. The more each of us spends “giving out” the more we need some space to re-energise.

In February we enter Lent. It is a time for spiritual reflection in the midst of ordinary life. All the stuff about giving up this or that is meant to be clearing our lives of clutter, so that we can find space to receive fresh blessings from God. If you would like to have a go at this I recommend reading “Surprised by Hope” by Tom Wright— “Lively and accessible, this book will surprise and excite all who are interested in the meaning of life...”

Sudoku answer is on page 22

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Some dates: 2012

Ash Wednesday (start of Lent)
22nd Feb

Start of The Marriage Course
Tues 13th Mar for 7 weeks

Mothering Sunday
18th March

Annual Parochial
Church Meeting
Sunday 25th March

Good Friday 6th April

Easter Sunday 8th April

Early May: start of new 7 week Alpha Course: same big questions, new presentation - shorter input and more space for discussion—see page 8

Pentecost (Whit Sunday) 27th May

We are exploring the ideas around a “hands-on” community art event as part of a totally new approach to art and faith — watch this space...

