



Welcome to
Pip & Jim's Church
Ilfracombe
October 2018
Monthly Pew News

7th October 2018
19th Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Holy Communion

Please note as there was no service at Pip and Jim's last Sunday, we have included all the October notices again for this Sunday. There are new updates about the Macmillan coffee morning, Harvest Festival and Harvest lunch these are included at the beginning of notices.

Dates for October and November

Saturday 13 October	10am – 4pm Bible Overview event, St Peter's -Church Hall, Fremington.
Sunday 14 October	10.30am Harvest Festival Service followed by Harvest Lunch. PLEASE SEE NOTICES.
Sunday 14 October	5.45pm Local Church Evening at Lee Abbey.
Saturday 27 October	10am Men's Walk. Meet in Pip and Jim's car park.
Tuesday 30 October	7.00pm Friends of God exploring prayer together, St. Sabinus' Church, Woolacombe.
Saturday 10 November	WW1 Ilfracombe Community Event – as soon as we have more details we will share in Pew News.
Sunday 11 November	Remembrance Service. War memorial and Holy Trinity. No Service at Pip and Jim's.
Sunday 25 November	4pm Combe Christmas Carol Service Nativity, in the Ropery Road car park.
Tuesday 27 November	Friends of God exploring prayer together. 7.00 pm in St. Sabinus' Church, Woolacombe

Pip and Jim's Notices

Harvest Festival - Sunday 14th October

Too many people are living in our town in a bed-sit or basic flat, with just the use of a kettle and possibly a microwave. We meet some of them in church each week as they look for help. Often they have slipped through the net of social care.

Our harvest giving this year is aimed at meeting this very need.

The Food Bank, excellent though it is, is only open twice each week, which means some folk do not have food resources for a couple of days.

We are working with Belle's Place to hold a stock of emergency supplies for those in the greatest and most immediate need,

As your harvest gift, we are asking you to put in a shoe box items to last for two days, given the above constraints - they will have no tin-openers, saucepans or other utensils either! Items need to have a long "use before" date.

We have a box on display to give you an idea of the items that you can provide. Shoeboxes are available from Margaret Rudd.

Please bring your filled boxes to our Harvest Festival next week.

Harvest Lunch Sunday 14th October after church in the Church Centre.

We invite you all to come and enjoy a ploughman's lunch and apple pie and cream to celebrate the Harvest Festival together.

We suggest you might like to make a donation of £3per person to help cover costs.

Please contact Stephanie if you like to come and inform her of any dietary needs so we can cater for them, stephne53@sky.com.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

A big thank you to all who supported our Macmillan Coffee morning - we raised £200!

Communion Assistants

we are pleased to commission the following members as newly appointed Communion Assistants. Some will minister in our church services, some are appointed to take communion to those unable to get to church (*). They are appointed for 3 years.

Alan Mason Shula Mason Stephanie Holden*
Dave Gammon* Martin Mather* Eileen Scarse*
Margaret Rudd*

Please pray for them as they take up this valuable ministry.

Car Park

The height of the summer season is over! We are still enjoying meeting and greeting walkers, families with pre-school children, retired folk. Although we had a late start, it has been hectic and we have been blessed with much better weather than usual - until recently!

So what have been the highlights? Being a listening ear to folk experiencing difficult times, being able to offer prayer when asked, keeping contact with our neighbouring businesses, offering them much needed coins and change. It was delight to renew the wedding vows of a couple married for 55 years who were on holiday for their anniversary! We often get a wave from the Land Train driver who asks his passengers to wave at the friendliest car park attendants in

Ilfracombe. We have become a frontline in the tourist industry, directing visitors to the local attractions. So many people say, "We've never known a car park where people give more for our money!" and "We like to give our money to the church rather than the local car park!" Many have come to our church services after chatting with us in the car park, and it's great to greet them on a Sunday. We thank all our neighbours who have looked after us with coffee, pasties, ice creams, sweets and greetings.

We shall close the car park at the end of the October half term.

This year's strangest question: "Where can you buy a shark's tooth necklace?"

Jean Thomas

Discerning our Spiritual Gifts

Now that we have established that our vision is about

Building Bridges

Finding Faith

Changing Culture

Growing Community

From October to December we will be embarking on an initiative to discern the Spiritual gifts within our church membership. There will be 5 sermons on this theme and some questions for discussion in home groups, or reflection at home. We will also be asking each member to discern their own Gifts of the Spirit – but we will explain how later!

As the body of Christ here in the harbour community, we believe that if every member is working effectively with the gifts and talents God has given us through his

Holy Spirit, the gospel will be being preached in word and action, the kingdom will be realised around us, and the church will grow to be the church the Lord calls us to be. We pray we will all be open to grow in the gifts and talents that the Holy Spirit wants to grow in us.

Clive

Men's Walk

On October the 27th the men are going for a walk, the route is yet to be determined, but we'll meet in Pip and Jim's car park at 10am.

Any questions ask Chris Collins.

Academy Chaplaincy Team

Clergy and church leaders have been invited to take a larger role in the life of Ilfracombe CofE Academy as it seeks to enhance its distinctive church school ethos. We have become a chaplaincy team!

In addition to taking assemblies with our dedicated year group, we now have the opportunity to lead reflections in our tutor groups, assist with RE lessons, be present at parent evenings, mentor students and get involved the prayer room activities. This represents an increased opportunity to be a Christian presence and to talk about Jesus and the Christian faith. Please keep us and the students and staff to whom we witness, in prayer. Thank you.

Clive

Combe Christmas Carol Service Nativity. Sunday 25th November, 4pm

It has become tradition that the vicar of Pip and Jim's leads a carol service as part of the Combe Christmas Event in the Ropery Road car park, the same weekend as our Christmas Tree Festival. This is accompanied by the Appledore Town Brass Band. This year the lot has fallen to me. So, I suggested that we might enhance this by providing a living tableau to accompany the carols. Characters in traditional nativity costumes will arrive during the appropriate carols to build up a tableau in front of the band with Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus, shepherds, magi and angels - and maybe a camel or donkey! We have a costume department already creating costumes. All we need now are the actors. Thanks to those who have volunteered already. Don't worry there are no speaking parts! (Well not this year, anyway!) Will you volunteer to help make this a living story of the birth of our Saviour amongst us? What a great opportunity to bring the Christmas story to life in our community! Please talk to Clive or Katy to volunteer!

Clive

The Veale Family

As you are aware The Veale family (our daughter Anna, husband Derek and their children Oli, Hannah and Jacob) have been working for MAF in Arnhemland, Northern Territory, Australia for the past three years. Next year when their contract finishes they will return to the UK. We would be grateful for your prayers while they prepare for their return. As you can imagine, life here will be very different from what they

have been used to, so please pray for a smooth transition back into life here in North Devon. They will arrive back at the end of February, although their eldest child – Oli – it is planned, will continue to work in Arnhemland for the next year or part of it. It will be difficult for them to leave him behind so please also pray for his protection as he continues life in Australia. Thank you for your prayers while they have been working alongside the Yolngu people in Arnhemland, Please also pray for those who will be left behind with whom they have made special relationships and for their spiritual life.

Please pray particularly for the family in the 'Blue House' who have become very special people to the Veale family. They will be particularly hard to leave. Linda and Martin Mather.

Notices from our wider Church community

**Local Churches Evening at Lee Abbey - Sunday
14th October**



Local churches evening of Worship, Teaching & Ministry

Meet at 5.45pm for tea/coffee/cake. Worship starts at 6.30pm

FRIENDS of GOD - Exploring Prayer Together

After 4 enjoyable sessions in July, we're starting "Friends of God" again, now on a monthly basis. Each meeting will last about an hour, and will include a time of silent prayer, and an opportunity for questions and discussion. Everybody is welcome - just turn up when you can...

Tuesday October 30th

Tuesday November 27th

7.00 pm in St. Sabinus' Church, Woolacombe

Enquiries to Giles King-Smith - 870467 or

gkingsmith53@gmail.com

Bible overview event

An opportunity to walk together through God's big story and see his unfolding plan for



Karl Freeman is a minister from Plymouth. He lectures on the Bible Overview at the Peninsula Gospel Partnership Course.

Saturday 13 October from 10.00am - 4.00pm

@ St Peter's Church Hall, Fremington

(Sat Nav: EX31 3BL)

Cost £5.00

Bring your Own Lunch

RSVP: alistairharper@hotmail.com

PGPNORTH is part of the Peninsula Gospel Partnership which exists to see a Christ-centred, Bible-teaching, people-loving church available to every community in Devon and Cornwall.

This the first event hosted by Peninsular Gospel Partnership (North). On Saturday 13 October in

Fremington from 10-4pm, it promises to be a very useful day for all Christians, but particularly those who are teaching the bible – e.g. home group leaders, Sunday school, youth work, etc (and anyone who aspires to these roles, or generally wants to improve their handling of God's Word). Please see the poster above for details.

Crafters of Faith

We are welcoming the start of autumn and with that comes a little more time inside to do some crafting!

All soft crafts welcome (knitting, crochet, sewing etc) make for yourself or join in with one of our charity projects.

It's very informal, with tea and biscuits then finishing with a prayer.

Please note the time is slightly later, running from 1:30pm - 3:30pm at Belle's house in Granville road. (Please contact her on 07889694444 if you'd like more details or to come along!)

Crafting is running on the following Tuesdays: 9th Oct, 23rd Oct, 13th Nov, 27th Nov, 11th Dec

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If you would like to include anything in our
November Pew news please could you email
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25th October.

Order of Service – Sunday 7 October

Introduction, Notices, Birthdays and Opening Prayer
Sung worship: Bless the Lord O my soul
Confession, Absolution, Collect
Time of worship: Our God is greater (Water you turned into wine), King of Kings, Here I am (Majesty)
Children leave
Readings: Hebrews 1.1-4 and 2.5-12, Mark 10.17-31
Sermon
Intercessions
Peace
Sung worship: When I survey
Communion Prayer H Lord's Prayer
Communion
Post Communion prayer
Time to share Children return
Sung worship: O for a thousand tongues Blessing and sending out