



Welcome to  
Pip & Jim's Church  
Ilfracombe  
January 2019



Monthly Pew News

**Dear All**

**We would like to take this opportunity to thank the many people who were involved, in a variety of ways, for all their hard work over the Christmas period, in supporting each other and also serving the local community in such a joyful and powerful way.**

**Let us now look forward with hope and expectation into a blessed and courageous 2019.**

**God Bless you**

**Alan and Graeme**

### Dates for January

Sun 6 Jan	10.30am Holy Communion*
Sun 6 Jan	6.30pm Joint Churches Prayer ay Pip and Jim's
Sun 13 Jan	10.30am Morning Service
Thu 10 Jan	11.00am Funeral of Jenny Hooper at Pip and Jim's Church
Sun 20 Jan	10.30am Holy Communion*. We will be joined by Paul and Linda Hemborough from Turkey.
Sun 27 Jan	60 Minute Church
* We only use alcohol free wine and gluten free bread at Pip and Jim's Holy Communion services	

## Notices

### **Joint Churches Prayer Sunday 6th January 6.30pm Pip and Jims**

We meet in church with friends from neighbouring churches to pray for the issues in our town, for each other, for the kingdom to be realised amongst us.

It's a sign of unity of faith in our Lord Jesus, and our unity of purpose as fellow Christians.

The church is stronger together than apart, so an hour of praying, singing and reflecting together invites the Holy Spirit come and inspire us all.

### **Jenny Hooper**

Jenny has been a member of Pip and Jim's for many years and died quite unexpectedly just before Christmas.

Jenny's funeral will take place in Pip and Jim's on Thursday 10th January at 11am.

### **The Hub**

We have people come into church with particular needs and, too often, we have not known how to help them, or where help can be found.

So, we have been working with Keith and Carole working from Belle's Place to create a "go to" list of where help can be obtained, which we have named "The Hub". This includes information about accommodation, food, welfare, self-help groups, etc.

You can find this on our noticeboards and on the back of the loo door. We suggest you direct folk in need to this information. The information sheet has been sent to our sister churches and businesses.

It stresses that we never give money, but we hope this will focus our action when we are trying to help those who turn to us.

## **Fund Raising for Church**

You will be aware from recent pew news that our church will not be able to pay its way over the next couple of years. Here are some ways we like to help:

- Loose change bottle – please put your loose change in the bottle.
- Pound for Pound – If, like some of us, you'd like to lose a little weight, please join our light-hearted supported slim. We will each gather a few friends who will give £1 for every pound (lb) lost. Contact Stephanie or Jean for more info.
- Donate for your coffee. We are drinking much more coffee and eating more biscuits on Sundays in church than before. Wouldn't it be great if those of us who can afford it make a donation to cover costs, rather than expecting it to be free?

## **On the Doorstep**

The Christmas Tree Festival donations totalled around £280. This has gone to our local charity to provide gifts of toiletries for both and men and women, and selection boxes for children, this Christmas. "On the

Doorstep" supports very many families and lonely people throughout the year – 90% of them within Ilfracombe, with some in Woolacombe and Combe Martin. If you would like actively to support this charity please contact Jean or Torrs Park Dental practice.

### **"Meals and More" at Belle's place Weekly Mondays 10-2**

This is a new lunch time project where members of the community can share lunch in a relaxed informal environment. There will be the opportunity to meet experienced volunteers supporting mental health, dependency, financial difficulties, housing etc. Can you help by providing a pudding, a jar of coffee/tea/sugar, or popping in for a chat. Please contact Jean if you'd like to offer any support.

### **Mission Community - Morning Prayer**

Each Wednesday at 8.30 am, the clergy and some laity from the nine parishes meet for Morning Prayer at one of the churches in turn. On 9th January it will be at St Peter ad Vincula in Combe Martin and everyone is welcome.

### **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January – Paul an Linda Hemborough**

Paul and Linda Hemborough will be joining us on 20th Jan. We support their work in Turkey.

## **Parents and Toddlers at Pip and Jim's**

Parents and Toddlers starts again after the Christmas break on 7 January.

Stay and play group at Pip and Jim's Church Centre, St James Place on Mondays from 9.30 to 11.30 am and 12.30 to 14.30 pm, during term times.

Each session includes free play, singing and musical instruments, fruit and snack, home-made cake and oodles of tea/coffee for the accompanying adults. The cost is £1.00 minimum per adult.

<https://www.facebook.com/Pipandjimstoddlergroup/>

## **Can you spare an hour a month?**

There is a vacancy in the church cleaning rota. One or ideally two people to clean for an hour or so prior to the first Sunday in the month. Please let Linda Mather know if you are interested in helping to keep the church looking its best.

## **February Pew News**

If you would like to include anything in our February Pew news please could you email [pipandjimsgeneral@gmail.com](mailto:pipandjimsgeneral@gmail.com) by Thursday 31st January.

**Jesus** says  
"Look, I make all things new!"

In **2019** may He give you a  
fresh start, a new positive attitude and  
a sense of optimism as you go forward

into the **NEW YEAR**

Let us all put the past behind us  
and look forward ... reach out to  
an exciting future, knowing that

**God is with us**

as guide, friend and companion  
on the way.

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