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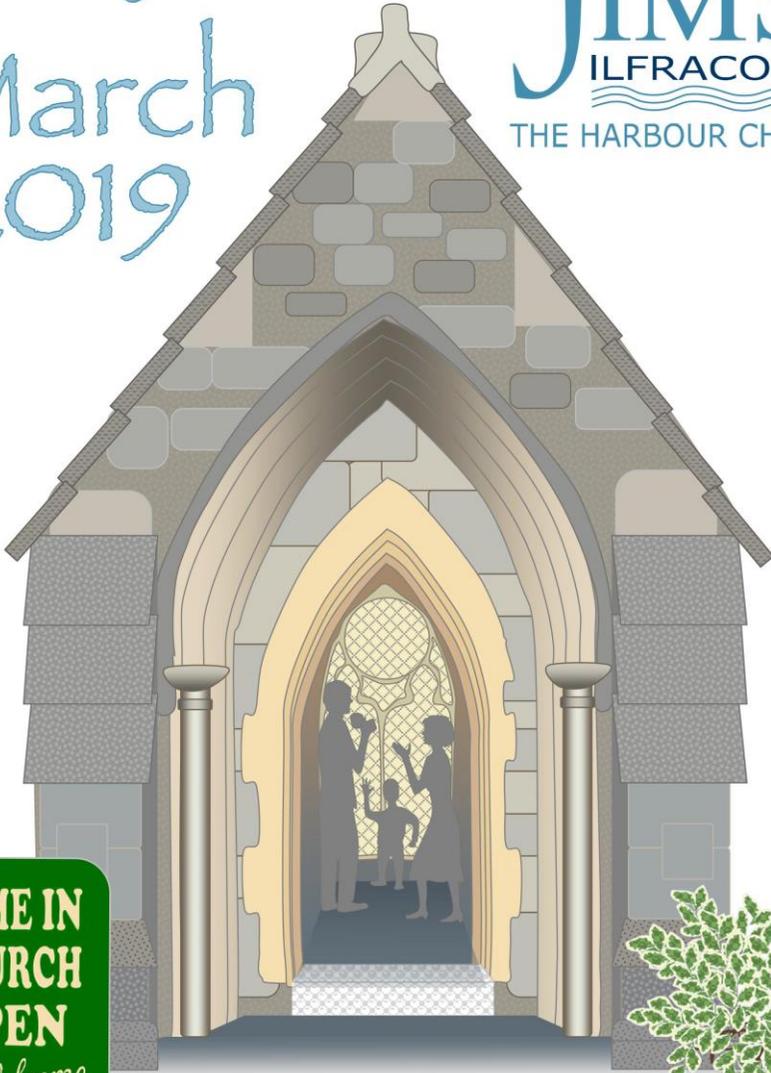
Monthly Newsletter

March 2019

PIP & JIM'S

ILFRACOMBE

THE HARBOUR CHURCH



**COME IN
CHURCH
OPEN**
All Welcome

St Philip & St James Church



Dates for March

Sun 10 Mar	10.30am- Morning Service
	5.45pm Local Churches Evening at Lee Abbey
Sun 17 Mar	10.30am Holy Communion
Sun 24 Mar	10.30am 60 minute church
Sat 30 Mar	10am Preparing flowers in the Church centre for Mothering Sunday, please see new notices
Sun 31 Mar	10.30am Mothering Sunday
* We only use alcohol free wine and gluten free bread at Pip and Jim's Holy Communion services	

Verse of the year

Philippians 3:13-14

13 Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

New Notices

Mothering Sunday 31st March 10.30am

This year our service will be a family service to which we are inviting our Parent and Toddler families.

What is "Mothering Sunday" all about?

You might be disappointed to know that it's not "Mothers' Day", which is an American holiday inspired by Anna Jarvis in 1908, who wanted to honour her own mother, a militant peace activist!!

Since the middle ages, Mothering Sunday has been celebrated on the 4th Sunday of Lent and was called Laetere or "Refreshment" Sunday. It was the opportunity for a break from your fast, just over half way through Lent!

It was the Sunday to go to the "Mother Church" - or the cathedral - to worship together.

Those "in service" were allowed to go home visit their families and worship with them in their "mother church". This "pilgrimage" became known as "going a-mothering". They probably picked spring flowers on the way - hence the giving of posies.

So we will be celebrating being together, being one family, but, of course, celebrating our mothers who give us life and remind us of the sacrificial love of God for us all.

Incidentally, Simnel cakes are a Mothering Sunday tradition! Would anyone like to make one for 31st March? These are usually adorned with marzipan balls. But how many?

Is it 13 - Jesus + 12 disciples?

Is it 12 - Jesus + the 12 disciples minus Judas the betrayer?

Or 11 – just the 11 faithful disciples?

The argument is just about as deeply-seated as whether you put the cream or jam first on top of your scone!

Clive

Mothing Sunday

We will be preparing flowers to give out on Mothing Sunday on Saturday 30th March at 10am in the lounge of Church Centre.

All offers of help will be gratefully appreciated and welcome.

Sunday School

We are very blessed to have young families and children in our membership, and to have Joyce and her helpers giving them fun activities and teaching over the road on many Sunday mornings. BUT... as the children grow older, Joyce recognises there is a need for some helpers/leaders to work with our older group, which will soon get bigger! Would you like to join a team to work with our junior school age children? The more who volunteer, the easier it would be! Could you offer maybe one Sunday per month, teaching and helping them? See Joyce for more details – she would love to talk with you about it. Thanks.

Lent Groups – Reminder

If you would like to join a home group for Lent, or receive a copy of the Lent course notes, please contact, Alan, Graeme or Clive.



MISSION SHED CENTRAL - 2019

A free event to resource, encourage & grow your church

#T.G.I.M.

Thank God It's Monday

**Saturday April 6th @ St. Andrews Church
& Community Centre Cullompton**

(Pye Corner Cullompton EX15 1JX, 5 mins from J28 M5)

**10am-3pm *including free lunch*
(Coffee & registration from 9.30am)**

Exploring everyday faith for the real world

Draft Workshop/Seminar Stream

Talking Jesus - Why share & How to share our faith story

Stories on the street - Creative resource for mission

Messy Church - dreaming, exploring, starting & growing disciples

Stories from new starts in our Diocese

Transforming work

Grass roots discipleship

To book..

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mission-shed-central-2019-tickets-56555318480>

or call 01392 294973

Old Notices

The Pastoral Team

Who are we? *Linda Mather, Jean Thomas, Diane Fraser, Margaret Rudd, Stephanie Holden*

How can you find us? *Through house groups, through Parent and Toddlers, through Lunch Club, Baptisms, Funerals and through talking to us.*

What do we do? *We pray.....*

We maintain confidentiality

We can provide home communion

We can assist with lifts

We can provide occasional meals

We can visit at home

You tell us.....

Lent Groups

Our Lent study groups will be looking at themes which come from our work to encourage us as we offer our spiritual gifts to the Lord for the building up of the church and kingdom.

The themes will be

13th March - Worship. How do we see our Sunday worship in our Christian lives?

20th March - Hardship . How do we maintain faith in adversity?

27th March - Giving. How do we honour God after all God has given to us?

3rd April - Prophecy. How do we know we have heard 'a word from God'?

10th April - Being family. How do we journey together with folk who may not be our natural friends?

17th April - Sharing the life of Christ. How do we 'Preach the gospel and use words if we have to'?

If you would like to join a home group for these discussions, or would like a copy of the course notes, please speak to Alan, Graeme or Clive.

Supporting ICE Ilfracombe

Many of us met the new ICE Ilfracombe Youth Worker Clare King-Smith when she visited Pip and Jim's recently and shared her work and vision for young people at Ilfracombe Academy. You can see Clare's regular updates and news stories on ICE Ilfracombe's Facebook page www.facebook.com/ICEIlfracombe and follow her on Twitter @ICEIlfracombe.

The ICE Ilfracombe project is dependent on support from churches, individuals and Ilfracombe Academy. If you were inspired by Clare and would like to donate to this vital work at our Academy, cheques made payable to ICE Ilfracombe can be passed to Clare, Clive or Sheila, or you can make an online payment direct to the bank account: ICE Ilfracombe, Sort Code 30-90-89, Account Number 37237168.

Clive Thomas and Sheila Steer are ICE Ilfracombe trustees, representing Pip and Jim's Church.

The Car Park

We will re-open the car park on Friday 29th March.
Monday-Saturday 10am-4pm

Opening the car park for public use is not just a fund raiser – though it's a very good one!

Last year we raised over £20k. Which stops us having to dig ever deeper into our pockets! Without this, the church would not break even financially!

We are witnessing to the gifts of welcome and hospitality, and by doing so are growing in our relationship with our community, including visitors. They often say we are the friendliest car park they ever go to!

We see many of the same folk year in and year out and they see us as friends. Some say they'd rather give money to our church than the other local car parks.

But the team of car park attendants is very small! We'd love to welcome new members for this year. The bigger the team the less we each have to do.

It's not difficult and all our team would tell you it's very enjoyable - meeting good people, offering a service, answering their questions, sometimes listening to their stories, giving a quick tourist guide - even praying with them sometimes!

Our friends at Belle's Place will be covering Tuesdays and Fridays, and Sunday is our day of grace when we do not charge.

If you have a couple of hours free on those other days, why not join the team? Any offers of help will be grateful received. We will train you, see you through your first time and give you support. You will enjoy it!

Why not chat with Jean - our car park coordinator - about the role and what you might be able to offer?

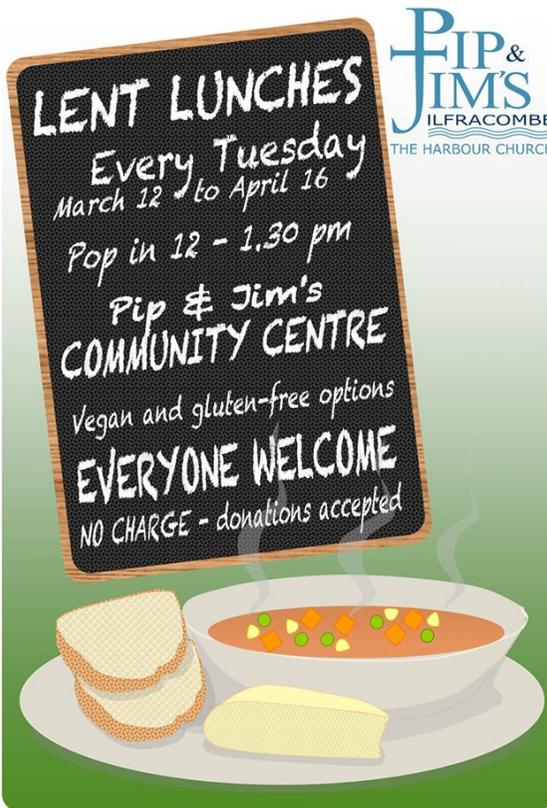
The Church Kitchen? Or Refreshment Facility?

You will no doubt be aware that our coffee/tea making area is less than perfect!

We aim to plan and design a purpose-built “kitchen” to allow us to offer a welcoming, clean, hygienic storage, preparation and washing-up area.

If you have an eye for designing this facility, if you are good at applying for grants, or if you are in the refreshment team, and would like to be involved in a planning group, please contact Jean so we can all meet together to begin design and planning.

Lent Lunches



Local churches evening at Lee Abbey



Sunday 10th March 5.45pm refreshments, 6.30pm start.

Entertainment and modern worship.

This is always a very worthwhile evening. Please come and join us.

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