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Vewsletter



From the Minister

As you read this we are in the period we Christians call Lent. It is traditional in church life to give something up for the 40 day period, echoing the time Jesus spent in the desert without food. You may indeed be doing this, and sacrificing something that you particularly enjoy (like chocolate), or something to which you find yourself addicted to a greater or lesser extent (like chocolate). However, it's not all

about chocolate, and even if it is then you have a nice surprise coming on Easter Sunday when you crack open your Easter eggs. Most other things that you may consider giving up for Lent are hopefully the type of things that you would quite like to continue abstaining from after Easter: the sort of things that have crept up behind you during the year and become bad habits, or little comforts that are proving

to be not very good for you. In 2014 a

survey was conducted on Twitter about the most popular choices of things to give up you may be quite surprised at some of the results.



So here we have a countdown, in "Hit Parade" style, of the top 10:

At no 10 it's the ever popular "Junk Food". I love eating properly cooked meals with fresh ingredients, low in fat, salt and sugar, not pre-packaged and processed. Unfortunately I am the laziest and least talented cook in Christendom. So when my darling wife is at work, I run to the microwave with my Tesco budget ready meal. My sin is exposed.

No 9: Fast food. I can relate to this: Tim Robertson from Compassion UK and I once shared with each other the longest period of consecutive daily McDonalds breakfasts we had each had as part of our travels in the mission field. I boasted 5 but he trumped me with 7! As our children were growing up Adele and I hated the trips to the burger chain which we felt obliged to do with our children: but I have to confess that since they have grown up and left home we now occasionally find ourselves sneaking into McDonalds for a "guilty pleasure".

No 8: Sweets. That doesn't include chocolate, by the way.



No 7: Fizzy pop. My brother, age 52, has never developed a taste for tea or coffee. In its place he has spent his whole life replacing these beverages with fizzy pop. When he came to stay with us last Summer I discovered him (to my horror and his embarrassment) having Diet Coke for breakfast!

No 6: Social Networking. First non-food item in the chart, then, and let's face it: a major addiction for many people! Hugely useful for church life, but in some cases can become all-consuming and just incredibly superficial. Sometimes I begin to wonder whether Facebook was created solely so that people could send each other videos of their cats. However, I must confess that Facebook does seem to be pretty much the only way for me to get in touch with anyone at church under the age of 30. Phone them, it goes to voicemail: email them, you wait a week for a reply. Facebook them and they are back to you in 5 seconds. Weird.

No 5: Swearing. I hope this won't represent too much of a problem for most people in our fellowship: scripture teaches that we should let our "yes be yes, and our no be no". But this becomes very difficult when you pick up the phone for the millionth time to have someone ask you if you may have been mis-sold PPI. So let's pray for deliverance.

No 4: Alcohol. Ah, you knew it was coming! As the Bible says, "God gave wine to make glad the hearts of men", but you don't need me to tell you of the insidious and debilitating effects of alcohol abuse. I have the greatest respect for those Christians who have "signed the pledge" and avoided the entire issue. Plus, if you happen to know a tee-totaller, then you are never short of a "designated driver" on a night out. Thank you Jesus!

No 3: School. Don't ask me, I'm just the messenger here. But I feel we should be told what proportion of those who suggested this in the Twitter survey are students, and what proportion are teachers. Hmmm...

No 2: Twitter. Ah the irony!

And at Number 1

..... Chocolate. Because, as the writer of Ecclesiastes put it, "there is nothing new under the sun".

Happy Easter, everyone!

God bless

Ralph



March Worship

IVYBRIDGE

| | Mar 1 | 10:30 am 6:30 pm | Rev Ralph Ward - Communion IGNITE |
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| | Mar 8 | 10:30 am 6:30 pm | Rev Ralph Ward Rev Ralph Ward - Communion |
| | Mar 15 | Mothering So 10:30 am 6:30 pm | unday Rev Ralph Ward - Family Service Rev Ralph Ward |
| | Mar 22 | 10:30 am 6:30 pm | Rev Ralph Ward Rev Edgar Daniel |
| | Mar 29 | 10:30 am 6:30 pm | Dr Philip Walsh Rev Alison Richardson |
| | Apr 5 | 9:00 am 6:30 pm | DAY Rev Ralph Ward - Communion IGNITE |
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| IVIAI I | 10:30 am | Rev David Youngs |
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| Mar 8 | 10:30 am | Mr John Pointon |
| Mar 15 | , | |
| | 2:30 pm | Rev Ralph Ward - Communion |
| Mar 22 | 10:30 am | Mrs Alfreda Rogers |
| Mar 29 | 10:30 am | Mrs Gillian Mills |
| Apr 5 EASTER SUNDAY | | NDAY |
| | 2:30 pm | Rev Ralph Ward |

10.20 am

The speakers have been taken from Circuit Plan and are correct to the best of the Editor's knowledge.

From the Editor ...

Our next Newsletter will be in April and if you would like to include anything in that Newsletter, please let me have the details by Tuesday 10 March in any of the following ways -



- ♥ send it by email to jenny.bucknall@gmail.com
- ♥ ring me on 01752 894634
- ▼ hand it to me at church on a Sunday
- ♥ place it in the "B" pigeonhole in the Church Concourse
- ♥ post it through my letterbox at 10 MacAndrew Walk, Ivybridge

Jenny Bucknall

Keep this date free, and book it in your diary!

On Wednesday 3 June we will be hosting Patrick Regan for an evening as part of his "When Faith Gets Shaken" tour.





Patrick is a truly inspiring preacher and Christian speaker, some of us have heard him at events such as Soul Survivor and New Wine. He is also the man behind the **XLP** Ministries, and this is an opportunity not to be missed

Also appearing as part of the evening will be singer songwriter, Andy Flannagan.

Tickets will be available soon at £5 each, but for now please put this date in your diaries, as it promises to be an exceptional evening.





March News

If you have anything you would like included in the Church News please let Judy Jago know at church, or ring her on 894829.



It's lovely to be able to welcome another new baby. Lucy and Simon French have a new baby daughter, Phoebe Beryl, who weighed 8lbs 14oz and we gather big brother Reuben is very proud of his baby sister. We hope all continues to go well and that Phoebe has read the bit about nights being for sleeping!! It will be lovely to meet

Phoebe in the near future, and we send our love and warmest congratulations to you all. Phoebe's arrival has given Sue and Tim Crudge and Malcolm and Rachel French another lovely grandchild to enjoy!

It was a joy to share with Martin and Claire as we welcomed little Aiden into our Church Family at his Baptism last month, and we look forward to seeing him grow amongst us.



Chris and Carla are getting married here at IMC on 7 March, and we send our warmest congratulations to you both along with our prayers for a wonderful day and much happiness in your future together as husband and wife.

At last - the Courtney's have moved! Nic, Paul, Joseph and Eliza moved into their new home in Bittaford at the end of January and we wish them every blessing as they settle in. We know much painting, box emptying, sorting and re-arranging has gone on so they are exhausted, but we hope you are all happy in your new home.





Congratulations to Gill Cowsill who has taken on a new role within RNIB as Senior Transcription Manager and will now spend some time in Peterborough managing a wider section of the organisation. Gill we wish you every success and safe journeys.

Congratulations also to Ian Godfrey as he recently gained Chartered Engineer status in his profession as a Mechanical Engineer.



Cecil Downing celebrates his 90th birthday on the 6th of this month and we wish him a very happy birthday and hope all the celebrations go well. It's good to see you looking so well Cecil!

Another significant birthday - Matthew Maddaford was 21 at the end of February - we hope you celebrated well Matt and don't feel too old just yet!! Happy belated birthday.





Our very best wishes and prayers go with Jo and Andi Smart as in August they will move to Launceston where Jo has been stationed as a Probationer Minister. It will no doubt be challenging but we

know God will go with them as Jo begins her full time Ministry and we pray He will bless you both richly.



We have some poorly people to send best wishes to and pray for:

Terry and Tim Farndell are both undergoing treatment for ongoing problems and we send them our love and prayers

for a really successful outcome.

Margaret Ewers fell on the ice at Bittaford and has broken a bone in her foot. Margaret we hope the pain is improving and the frustration is reducing as time goes on - and we pray for a full recovery back to full use!

Chris Phillips has had an operation on his shoulder and by the time this is in print hopefully will be back to being able to use it and drive - can't let him have too long off Property Committee jobs!! Take care Chris and we do hope your recovery is going to plan.





Sadly Deborah Southon's Mum died in early February after a period of ill health. We send our love and deepest sympathies as you, your brother and Dad come to terms with life without your Mum, Deborah.



Why Read The Bible?

Do you want to develop your relationship with God? Then Scripture Union's Bible notes, called 'Daily Bread', would be helpful to you. It's a daily reading guide that aims to help you hear from God. As the title implies, reading

the Bible daily gives us regular food for our spirits. Most of us need a little help in this and as we engage with it we are helped to face God's challenges in the here and now.

The next issue, which covers April to July, costs £4.00. If you would like me to order a copy for you please sign the list in the concourse. Alternatively you could speak to me in person, or send me an email at www.dianaengland@tiscali.co.uk. Please order before 15 March.

Díana England



Women's World Day of Prayer

Friday 6 March at 7:30 pm Here at IMC



Nick and Sar Wakeley.

You will remember Nick Wakeley visiting us back in October to bring news from Albania, particularly that he has handed over the pastorship of the church, and is now seeking the Lord's direction for his and Sar's ongoing

ministry. They continue to live and work in Albania, and greatly value the prayer and financial support that they receive, both from our church and also from individuals.

If you would like to receive the Wakeley family newsletter by email, please contact Nick on wakeleyfamily@gmail.com. They would be happy to put you on their mailing list.





What does the future look like for our Nation as Jesus Christ is increasingly excluded from public life, and how can Christians and churches stand for truth in key areas of influence to contend for the gospel?



On Wednesday 11 March Yealmpton Methodist Church are hosting an evening led by Andrea Williams, who is a barrister, and founder and CEO of Christian Concern and the Christian Legal Centre.

This event will take place from 7:00 - 9:00 pm, and is entitled "Hope for our Nation". Andrea is coming to

tell us about her work in the national media and legal system on behalf of Christians in our country, particularly those who are persecuted or discriminated against because of their faith.

This event, which is open to the Circuit, promises to be very surprising and illuminating. For more details speak to Ralph.



We would like to say a massive thank you to everyone at IMC. We have been overwhelmed by the generous gifts of meals, cakes and boxes that have been supplied to help with our move to Bittaford. We have felt truly blessed by your support and prayers over the last few months and feel very

excited to be back in PL21.

We love being part of IMC and such a great church family, you are all awesome!

Paul, Níc, Joe and Eliza



Your Local YFC News

The great thing about YFC being a missional youth charity is that we can respond to the needs of young people as an umbrella organisation. We can bring churches together in a partnership and liaise with the local

authorities. Our latest venture is a partnership that involves something as simple as giving out hot chocolate to young people at a local skate park. We are trialling it for six months in lyybridge to see how it goes and to see how effective we are at engaging with the young people before seeing if this outreach can spread to other areas in the future. This has developed following suggestions from the local police that we provide an outreach service. We also have the support of our local councillors who are concerned about decreased levels of local youth provision. We hope to start very soon.

Our work within schools also continues with Rock Solid Club (for School Years 7-9) maintaining a steady start at Ivybridge Community College (ICC) on Wednesday lunchtimes. In addition, we currently run four clubs within primary schools. We run 2 clubs at The Erme Primary School in Ivybridge on Mondays. The lunchtime club is called F.O.G. and is for infants, and the after-school club is called Shine! and is for Juniors. We would benefit from one or two more volunteers to boost the team on the rota if you would like to help and are willing to be police checked by the school (see below for details). We also run a primary school lunchtime club in Holbeton on Tuesdays and another secondary school club called Mettle at ICC (for School Years 10-13) on Thursdays lunchtimes.

Outside of school, we run three more clubs with a wide age range. Wired (for School Years 6+) on Thursdays at Ivybridge Methodist from 6:00-7:30 pm, Re-Wired (for School Years 10+) also on Thursdays at Ivybridge Methodist from 8:00-9:30 pm and T4 (for School Years 4+) is held in Holy Cross Church, Newton Ferrers from 4:00-6:00 pm on the second Sunday of each month.

So as you can see, we remain busy and are extremely grateful for your ongoing support and prayers. Do get in touch (see contact details below) if you would like to join our weekly prayer email request list, cake making rota, trustee team or receive our newsletter direct to your home or email inbox.

Finally, please come to our QUIZ NIGHT and AGM at Plymouth Ski Lodge on Friday 20 March at 7:30 pm. Tickets are £5 each and food and drinks can be purchased at the bar. We are looking for 16 teams of up to 6 people to enter



but we can find you a team to join if you can't get your own team together. Please let us know if you plan on coming and want to buy a ticket in advance. You can turn up on the night but it would help the Ski Lodge to have some idea of numbers two weeks in advance so as to know how many staff to hire on the night.

Every blessing to you all,

Elis Norton

Director, Ivybridge Youth For Christ

<u>ivybridge@yfc.co.uk</u> <u>www.yfcivybridge.org.uk</u> 01752 898546 / 07966 911560

Men's Fellowship at Plymouth University Friday 20 March 6:30 pm prompt



Vic Abbot, who many of you know works at Plymouth University, has very kindly arranged another visit to the School of Marine Science & Engineering, to learn about Navigation, which I know was very popular last time we visited. It was also quite a challenging evening for some! The event will be limited to 18 and last for approximately two hours. Preference will be given to those who didn't attend last time.

After the event we are hoping to arrange a meal at a restaurant in Plymouth.

Please add your name to the list in Church if you would like to join us.

Will you help us find the next extraordinary MAF pilot?



MAF was honoured to have two pilots representing our work at Downing Street.



Adrian Rose and Daniel Juzi, both experienced pilots in MAF's overseas programmes, joined around 150 humanitarian workers at Number 10 for the special reception in January.

"The point of the whole evening was for the British Government to recognise the humanitarian efforts and sacrifices that organisations are making in an insecure world," said Daniel Juzi, a pilot who has served with MAF and other organisations in South Sudan and parts of central Asia.

"I was able to meet the Prime Minister as he stepped off the platform. We spoke with him about the countries we represented through MAF. We were both able to meet Justine Greening and Baroness Northover."

Daniel added, "It was interesting to see that the work MAF does in developing countries is very well-known and very much appreciated. I had people saying to me, 'Without you, it wouldn't have been possible to do the kind of work I did where I lived."

Did you know we have to turn down requests because we can't find all the pilots we need?

We face an increasing over-demand for our flight services, and a shortage of skilled Christian pilots and operations staff on the ground. In South Sudan, where famine was narrowly averted in 2014, we had to turn down an estimated 60-75% of flight requests.

But that might be about to change. Maybe you could introduce us to the next MAF pilot?

The needs are so great, particularly as our staff overseas are asked to come and help out in new remote areas. As we enter the season of Lent and ask afresh for God's leading in our lives, please pray for God to lead the next generation of MAF missionary pilots into our path. We need pilots who have



the courage and the calling to serve some of the world's poorest and most isolated people with their talents and training.

So what does it take to be a MAF pilot?

To serve with MAF overseas, you must be a British or Irish citizen with an established base and home church, and be willing to help raise awareness and funds for MAF's work.

You'll receive support, advice and training from us every step of the way. You'll also need an International Civil Aviation Organisation based Commercial Pilot's Licence, Instrument Rating, Class 1 medical, and at least 500 hours flying time. It's a life changing adventure that counts for eternity.

To find out more about MAF's work and the people we serve in remote, hard-to-reach or isolated areas, visit our website at **www.maf-uk.org** and click the 'Get Involved' tab to read more detailed information about working with MAF

Ann Sandover



You are very welcome!

Are you new or nearly new to our church? Or maybe you still don't feel that you've settled into our church family yet. If so, we would like to invite you to our Welcome Supper on Saturday 14 March in the IMC Café.

The evening will be hosted by our Senior Steward, Helen Martin, and a

team of helpers, who will bring lots of lovely food! There will be gluten-free and vegetarian options; but please tell us if you have any other dietary requirements.

The evening will begin at 6:30 pm, and we aim to finish by 9:00 pm.

If you would like to come Helen would love to hear from you, so please contact her on 698054 to let her know that you will be attending. We look forward to meeting you and getting the chance to know you better.



I have been asked to take on the 'Getting To Know You' section of our Newsletter, making it a regular feature once again.

Because our church congregation is the size it is, we can come to services for years and still not know the names of many familiar faces, let alone anything else about those folks.

For those who don't know me, I have been coming to IMC for about 13 years. I moved to Ivybridge with my husband in 2001 with a view to making this our summer quarters and the Costa Blanca our home in winters. I was not a Christian at that time, and my husband was a Bhuddist, but I do believe God went before us in bringing us to this place. He knew

what was ahead for us, we did not!

To begin with our plan worked well, but our 'living the dream' life was soon marred by the deterioration of Stan's health, and a diagnosis of Leukaemia as well as Diabetes was given in 2002.

Just before Stan was taken ill, I had the terrifying experience of nearly drowning in the Mediterranean. When in extremis I called out to Jesus, remembering having been told that His was the most powerful name on earth. Immediately two tall strong guys realised from some distance away that I was in trouble, coming towards me from two different directions. Between them they helped me back towards the beach, disappearing promptly back out into the water when I felt safe enough to let go of them on the shallow edge of the sea. Reflecting on that event it seems likely it was an Angelic intervention, without which I would not still be here.

A few months later, back in Spain again, I woke up one Sunday thinking 'I want to go to church'. We had formerly been shown where a Church of England service was held in a Community Centre in a place 30 minutes drive away, so we headed off there in our motorhome. I was made most welcome and it became a regular Sunday excursion. Stan would stay in the van and read during the service, but would always join the congregation for coffee at the open air tables in the sunshine afterwards, where he too was warmly received. It was good for both of us to know he was being prayed for and had offers of help if needed, in view of his health challenges.

Once back Ivybridge I looked in at the local churches one Sunday and was drawn into our Methodist church by the music and warm welcome, befriended and introduced to a Housegroup. There was much I found very difficult in the bible, but with such caring support and uplifting music I persevered.

Stan and I were not married at that time although we had been together for about seven years. We remedied that situation in 2003 with much support from church friends and Alastair Bolt, our Minister at that time. The following year I became a member of the church. I was baptised in the sea a year or two later by Steven Caddick and the team.

Sadly Stan died in 2010. Recovering from that loss has been a long, slow process. I went on my own to Spain for three winters after that, but without him each time it got harder. (The church over there was my main source of comfort and support, it would have been so much harder without that.) However, I resolved in 2013 to stay here that winter, my first in Ivybridge. I found it very tough, especially as rain and gales dominated last winter. I greatly missed my accustomed winter sun. Once again it was church and Christian friends and activities which got me through.

This winter has been somewhat better, and I managed a ten day visit to the Costa Blanca with a friend at the start of 2015, which has helped.

I am now fast approaching 66 years. Before moving to Devon I had been a Health Visitor, but since then I have only done Support Work and Caring, working part time Spring to Autumn with winter Sabbaticals. As I've struggled with depression since Stan died I have avoided over-stretching myself with multiple ministries, but I have been a Pastoral Visitor for a couple of years, am involved with Prison Fellowship, Youth for Christ, and Dance Workshops. I am also a member of Yealmpton Gospel Choir, and of Corli and Peter's Housegroup. If I haven't yet connected with you, do come and say 'hello'. I have no family at all in the Southwest, so church has to be my family.

So that's me. Next month I will find someone else to write about!

Lindsay Ellis





for Louise's Trek up Kilimanjaro in aid of Compassion

on

Saturday 28 March

7:30 pm at IMC

Entrance £7 to include a Pasty supper



Wise and Wonderful

(because that is what we are)

Fellowship for "third-agers": all are welcome We meet fortnightly in the IMC café: see dates below.

Meetings are on Fridays, from 2.30 until 4, with a charge of £1 each time



Spring programme 2015

13 March - Memories are made of this.....

27 March - Easter Reflection - Ralph Ward

We look forward to seeing you.

Please contact one of us for more information:

Valerie Marriott 893614 Sara Bromage 894198

Judy Jago 894829 Sue Pengilley

David and Christine Moulder 892858

SPECIAL EASTER LUNCH - EVERYONE WELCOME!

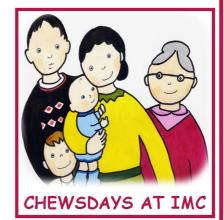
On Tuesday 7 April at 12:30 pm, "Chewsdays" will be serving a special Easter

Lunch. This will be a delicious 3-course meal including drinks, all for just £6.

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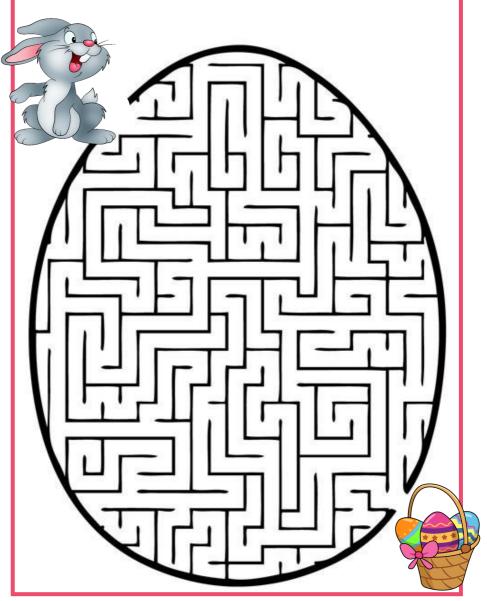
Anyone is welcome to come along to this meal, but we would appreciate it if you could please let Mercy know by Friday 20 March if you would like to be included.

You can contact her by email at bmercy.matthews@homecall.co.uk or by telephone on 893812, or alternatively speak to her at church on a Sunday.



Children's Activity

Mrs Rabbit can't find her basket of eggs.
Can you help her find her way through the maze to the eggs in time for Easter?





Church Website

I know some of you have been having difficulty getting a response when you've contacted me with details of items and updates for inclusion on the church website. Unfortunately since creating the

email address imc.matt.r.bowker@gmail.com I have been experiencing problems receiving emails at this address, therefore for any future communications, please email me at matt.r.bowker@outlook.com until further notice.

However, if you are wanting to advertise an event on the website, please will you contact Ralph who will then forward your information on to me.

Once again apologies for any inconvenience you have experienced.

Matt Bowker

Beki Hodgson and Nick Anderson are getting married!

Date: 11 April 2015 (Saturday after Easter)

Time: 1:00 pm

Where: Ivybridge Methodist Church

If you would like to come and share in our special service with us, we would love to see you





Dates of the next Work Days

March 14th April 11th May 9th

June 6th -

(Please note this is 1st Saturday in June)
July 11th
August No Work Day

Please come along from 9:30 am onwards and help to keep our Church building clean, tidy and welcoming for all its users.

Delicious coffee and cakes from "Wesleys" and free lunch for all helpers!



Ladies In Faith and Fellowship Together

| Event | Time/date | What to expect |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|---|
| House group | Wed 4 Mar 7:30 pm | 'Lady of Diligence' Ruth 2 |
| Bring & Share Breakfast | Sat 7 Mar 9:30 am | Inspiring fellowship and comforting prayer for ALL women |
| House group | Wed 11 Mar 7.30 pm | 'Lady of Diligence' Matthew 6:21-33 |
| House group | Wed 18 Mar 7:30 pm | 'Lady of Faith' Psalm 34:8-11 |
| House group | Wed 25 Mar 7:30 pm | 'Lady of Faith' Psalm 138:8, 139; Rom 8:32; & Heb 11:6 |
| Ladies Social | Sat 28 Mar | Details to be confirmed |

A women's only group for women of all ages, marital status' and journeys with Jesus.

LIFT Housegroup meets on Wednesdays from 7:30 pm at 21 Bedford Grove, lvybridge for prayer and study and, whilst aimed at single women, it is suitable for all.

We will be studying from "Lady in Waiting: Becoming God's best while waiting for Mr Right" by Jackie Kendal, which is a study guide on inspiring women from the Bible. For more details contact Julia Johnston on 07890 280634.

The Prayer Breakfast is an inspiring morning, and due to popular demand will be a monthly event for ALL women.



UPDATE March 2015

In case you hadn't noticed momentous things have been happening in the upstairs kitchen! Back in November/December, thanks to the generosity of the Church Council and some very hard work put in by Nigel, Andrew and

Chris Phillips, the Food Bank moved from it's basement home to the newly refurbished room upstairs. Working in the new room is a dream come true!!

We are immensely grateful to Nigel, Andrew, Chris and the very many Food Bank volunteers who went more than the extra mile to make the room ready and move several hundred kilos of food down through the village. I fear there were some sore backs about as folk lifted and carried for several sessions, but we do hope they healed pretty soon. We are also grateful to Elis and Phil who were very patient as we worked around them, and to the Street Pastors who worked round boxes of food stored in the room!

The Food Bank continues to fulfil it's remit in feeding folk whose lives hit a crisis and we are becoming steadily busier. It is a real privilege to make a contribution to people getting their lives into a better place and to all those who donate food please know it is all making a difference. As we packed parcels before Christmas we were able to add in Christmas treats, advent calendars and presents for all the family which were all much appreciated.

We still use our basement base as long term storage but, again thanks to our very willing team of strong people, we now have a system that means all we need for immediate use is in the room at Church (affectionately known as "The Pantry"). If there is anyone who would like to help with food moving you would be warmly welcomed, but please chat to Jutta Berger or Val Marriott in the first instance.

After the Parish Nursing talk at church on 25 January, which I found most interesting and challenging, I felt led to share this.



If anyone in church is lonely and in need of a talk or confidence boost, Dame Esther Rantzen CBE has The Silver Line which is run 24/7 for elderly folk.

The telephone number is 0800 4 70 80 90, and one can be an enquirer or a volunteer.

Daphne Bennet

In God alone do I put my trust.



OUR CHURCH AGM

is after the morning service on Sunday 22 March

If you are part of a group within our church, please could you write a report to share with the rest of the church, and you let Helen Martin have your report by Sunday 15 March.

Also, if you could provide a cake for us to have with our tea or coffee, that would be very much appreciated.

Fairtrade Fortnight 2015 Events

The theme for Fairtrade Fortnight 2015 in Ivybridge is TEA! While many of the shops and businesses in the town now sell and serve Fairtrade tea only 9% of the total amount of tea drunk in the UK has the Fairtrade label. So there is still a long way to go to help more tea producers get a fairer price for their product. The following tea-focussed events are being run in Ivybridge as part of Fairtrade Fortnight.



DESIGN A FAIRTRADE MUG COMPETITION - see the form on the next page for entering this competition

Monday 2 March: FAIRTRADE TEA PARTY AT THE WATERMARK 3:30-5:00 pm Kenyan Fairtrade tea producer, Paul Tiony, is visiting lvybridge on Monday 2 March. He will be speaking in local schools during the day and then coming to the Watermark. Come and meet Paul and hear about the difference that buying Fairtrade products makes to small farmers in Kenya.

TASTE A CHOICE OF FAIRTRADE TEAS - FREE!

There will be a Fairtrade meeting in the Wesley Cafe at IMC on Saturday 28 March at 10:00 am, and every month thereafter on the last Saturday of each month. Anyone interested in Fairtrade in our town is very welcome to attend any of these meetings.



Draw a design on the theme of a Fairtrade hot drink - tea, coffee or hot chocolate, and return it to the Watermark by 1:00 pm on Saturday 7 March to enter the competition

DRAWING AREA

The winner will receive a Mug with their design on kindly donated by the printers Colourbridge Southwest in Ivybridge

| Please complete the following: | | | |
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| Name: | | | |
| Age (if under 18): | | | |
| Tel No: | | | |



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If you have any items for the

April Newsletter

please get them to the Editor by

<u>Tuesday 10 March</u>

at the latest please.

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Visit our website at www.ivybridgemethodistchurch.co.uk

If you wish to contact Matt regarding the website you can do so at matt.r.bowker@outlook.com

Please note the change of email address!