

# The Messenger

**Christ Church Barnstaple**  
Methodist & United Reformed Church

“Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written.”

*John 21: 25*

**May 2022**



## Easter at Christ Church



## Christ Church Family News

- We all send our love and prayers to Elaine and family on the sad loss of Brian. A long serving member of Christ Church who was very much loved and respected. May God surround you with his grace and peace
- Best wishes to Pauline & Staveley, and also to Paula & Rod, who are moving house. Thankfully, they are staying local! Hoping all goes well for you, and that you soon settle in to your new homes
- Congratulations to Jack and Beth who will be celebrating their Pearl Wedding Anniversary

## May Diary

Sun	1st	10.30am 3pm	Morning Worship and Communion: Rev. Marilyn Tricker Causeway Service
Thur	5th	7pm	Circuit Zoom Service: Rev. Sue Macbeth
Fri	6th	10am	Hobnob
Sat	7th	2:30pm	Sound it Out Afternoon Tea
Sun	8th	10.30am 4.30pm	Morning Worship: Eff Poole and Jenny Newman Café Church
Mon	9th	10am	Sound it Out
Thur	12th	7pm	Circuit Zoom Service—Heather Bolt <b>*** Deadline for the June/July Messenger ***</b>
Fri	13th	10am	Hobnob
Sun	15th	10.30am	Morning Worship—local arrangement <b>Start of Christian Aid Week</b>
Mon	16th	2:30pm	Friendship Group
Thur	19th	7pm	Circuit Zoom Service: Rev. Robert Manning
Fri	20th	10.30am	Hobnob
Sun	22nd	10:30am	Morning Worship: Rev. S. Caddick
Mon	23rd	10am	Sound it Out
Thur	26th	7pm	Circuit Zoom Service: Deacon Joan Cole
Fri	27th	10am	Hobnob
Sun	29th	10:30	Morning Worship: Deacon Joan Cole
<b>Term time only:</b>		Tuesdays—Rainbows 5.30pm Wednesdays—Parents & Toddlers 1.30pm	

## Message from Rev. Don

Dear friends,

After our journey through Lent here we are at last on the resurrection side of Easter. Here we are, once more, as Easter People. Followers of Christ living our lives in the light which dawned after the darkness and death of Good Friday.

Some of us will have had the joy of time with family or friends in our celebrations that the Risen Christ is with us and that Jesus showed by life, death and resurrection that God's love for us reaches beyond this life into eternity. That is the Good News we see in the gospels and which we proclaim in so many of the hymns we sing and in our worship and, when we walk with Christ, in our lives.

But we know that being Easter People does not mean we never experience darkness, sadness and fear, as Jesus did on Good Friday. It does mean that when we do, when the world continues to have its dark places of war and suffering, that we can know that light and life and peace will come. The world itself will be redeemed by the power of God's love.

As Easter People we not only have hope, but a part to play in building a better world following in Christ's footsteps. Building a world of honesty and integrity, of acceptance and love, of forgiveness and renewal.

As we walk with Christ we are called to be a part of building the Kingdom of God. God is love and the seed of the kingdom of love was planted by Jesus with his burial in a tomb on Good Friday and sprang to life with his resurrection on the third day.

As I begin my sabbatical I pray for us all that we may walk faithfully with Christ, experiencing and sharing his blessings with others as we continue our journey with him.

Grace and peace,



### Prayers for May

#### 1<sup>st</sup> May

Creator God, you made us in your image, part of your wonderfully diverse creation, fragile and yet fantastic in your eyes. Be present with us today, and in all we think and say and do. Meet us and remake us, shape our hearts and minds that the pattern of our lives may better reflect your life. Amen.

#### 8<sup>th</sup> May

God, our shepherd, you gather us into your kingdom, and into your loving arms. You seek us out when we are lost. You rescue us when we are in trouble. You welcome us when we return home. Make us – your church, your people – into a sanctuary for all who are fearful, a place of healing for those who are broken, and a welcoming home for all who seek it. Amen.

## 15<sup>th</sup> May

God of our past, present and future, help us to see you at work in your creation – as flowers lift their heads to the sun, or trees shake their leaves. Help us to see you at work in our daily lives, in our routines and choices, in our growing and changing. Help us to see you at work in all things. In Jesus' name. Amen.

## 22<sup>nd</sup> May

God of new life, thank you for the hope and healing you bring about in our life, our world. Thank you for guiding and using us to bring your light to others. One day there will be no more darkness, no more pain or disappointment. All people and nations will be healed and renewed. We thank you, Lord, for your promise that all will be well. Amen.

## 29<sup>th</sup> May

Loving God, thank you for the opportunity to celebrate the life of our Queen. Thank you for her courage, her dignity, her sincerity, her dedication, her resilience, her faith, and for all the ways she has put service before self. We ask your blessing on her at this special time, and always. Amen.

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## Christian Aid Big Brekkie transforming lives over breakfast

We will be serving breakfast rolls, toast, juice, tea and coffee etc. between

**9.30 – 11.30 on Saturday 18th June**

We look forward to seeing you for food, fun, fellowship and fundraising.

Christian Aid week this year is between 15-21 May. Envelopes will be available at church on the Sundays either side of Christian Aid week for you to make your gift, but if you would find it easier you can donate on line through this e-envelope link:

<https://envelope.christianaid.org.uk/envelope/janet-marshall?channel=copy>

Have you seen the gift certificate on the Christian Aid notice board in the foyer thanking us for our Christmas gift of 2 cows?

With many thanks for your generosity.

*Janet and Paula*

Our Christian Aid reps are Janet Marshall and Paula Littlewood  
Janet can be contacted on 01271 373013 or at [jcbmar18@btinternet.com](mailto:jcbmar18@btinternet.com)

## Arrangements for Rev. Don's Sabbatical

Don will be having a three month sabbatical during May, June and July. This means that he will be taking a break from **all** of his ministerial duties during this period. This will give him a well-deserved rest and time to relax, study, pray and think. It is very much part of the life of a minister to have this period for reflection every ten years. We wish Don God's blessing at this special time in his ministry and look forward to his return in August.

During this time please do not contact Don. If you have him as part of an email contact list, please would you remove him from your list so that he does not receive emails during these three months.

At Christ Church we are very grateful to Shirley and the team of Church Friends – during Don's sabbatical please continue to contact them or an Elder as you would normally with pastoral needs or concerns. However, if there is an urgent need, a question or something you need to speak to a minister about, please do not hesitate to contact one of the following:

Rev. Jonathan Froggatt [jonathanfroggatt9@gmail.com](mailto:jonathanfroggatt9@gmail.com) Tel 01271 812574  
(Jonathan will have official pastoral oversight of the church)

Rev. Sue Macbeth [susanmacbeth06@aol.com](mailto:susanmacbeth06@aol.com) Tel 01271 345445

Rev. Marilyn Tricker [marilyn@mtricker.plus.com](mailto:marilyn@mtricker.plus.com) Tel 01271 830869

If you are unsure who to contact please contact me as Church Secretary  
[alisoncairns@hotmail.com](mailto:alisoncairns@hotmail.com) or 02171 343154.

Many thanks for your help.

*Alison*

## "Trypraying"

An invitation from churches across  
North Devon.

Look out for the **trypraying** banner on the  
busses between April 25 and May 23, as  
well as other banners and posters.

Pick up a trypraying booklet at church  
(a seven day invitation to prayer) – use it  
yourself and then 'lose it' – pass it on  
to someone else. (photo—page 20)

Maybe start a conversation about prayer?

Look at the website: [www.trypraying.org](http://www.trypraying.org)

or for more resources:  
[www.thereishope.co.uk](http://www.thereishope.co.uk)

trypraying

*Rev Marilyn*



**Christ Church, Bear St**

**Parents and Toddlers group**

Wednesdays 1.30 - 2.30pm

during term time

A small and welcoming group

We have activities,

toys, music and refreshments  
with outside space in the summer

Come and make new friends



Contact Joy Morley 01271 376171

for further details

## The Stonemasons' Return

The provisional date has now been confirmed as the 10<sup>th</sup> May. Provided there are no problems between now and then, this will hopefully be the date for the arrival of the scaffolding, with the repairs to the stone work starting the following week. Most of the work will be on the outside of the west wall but one of the windows requires work on the inside as well. Anyone using the church may be asked, for health and safety reasons, to move into the Alan Finch Room for their session. Apologies for any inconvenience but, if you saw the picture in last month's Messenger, you will know that this needs to be done. Two spaces in the church car park will be reserved for Orchard Stonemasons but will only be roped off, so can still be used by the church on Sundays. ***Please be aware that people using the premises may need to park elsewhere during the week.***

I hope there will be minimal inconvenience to groups meeting in the church and, weather permitting, hopefully it will be finished in about four weeks.

*Kathy*

### Events Committee

Jubilee Garden Party: We look forward to seeing you at the Jubilee Garden Party at the home of Bruce and Liz on Saturday 4th June from 2-5 pm. Please join us for tea and cake in their beautiful garden. Hopefully, a chance to socialise outside, but it will go ahead indoors if the weather is bad. We would like to ask for some volunteers to help in the kitchen, please ring me, Joy Morley, on 01271376171 and I will draw up a rota so we can all have time to socialise.

Summer Fair: Saturday July 9th 9-12 noon

We are planning to have stalls outside and in the foyer and refreshments in the church.

It will be smaller than previously so we hope to have a cake stall, books and jigsaws, crafts and plants - so please look out what you have been making during lockdown.

Sorry we cannot have bric-a-brac, clothes or larger items.

Please see Liz, Carole and Joy if you have any donations or are willing to run a stall or help in the Kitchen.

We will start collecting donated items in June, and of course cakes not till the day before. Carol is always pleased to receive jam jars, and Liz would love small plant pots if you have any spare—thank you.

### Future Events

Saturday 15th October Quiz and Supper

Saturday 26th November Winter Fair

Looking forward to some fun and friendship as we raise funds for Christ Church. Hope to see you there,

*Joy*



**Afternoon Tea  
FUNDRAISER**



Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May  
2.30 – 4.30pm



Christ Church, Bear Street  
Barnstaple



Come along & help us to fund raise for  
“Sound It Out” – a singing, social group  
which supports people living with  
memory loss or isolation.

**JAM OR CREAM FIRST???**



# Young Families



## Café Church

Our  
Palm Sunday  
story



## Parents & Toddlers



## Time to Cook



The tasty-looking, finished sweet treats



## Young Families News

What a joy it was to see the **Sunday Club** children back in church – albeit briefly - on Mothering Sunday. They were very excited about coming in! They had been working quite hard together for three weeks decorating the Mothering Sunday cards and book marks that Maureen and Isabella had prepared. Each of the children, holding tightly on to a basket full of coloured envelopes, walked into the church during the last hymn. They stood in front of the congregation in a line proudly waiting for the cards they were displaying to be collected by everyone there. The envelopes were soon gone! We hope everyone found and enjoyed the Fairtrade chocolate heart that had been popped into each envelope! We were able also to include a card (but sadly, no chocolate) in time for the Worship at Home Mothering Sunday post – one of the many postings that Don and Eddy have so faithfully been sending out every fortnight. We also had time on that day to talk with the children about Mothering Sunday. A chance question - 'Why do we have a special Sunday to remember our mothers - we see them every day!' - led to talking together about the origins of Mothering Sunday and its connection with the church. But we finished our time together with filling little Easter baskets with chocolates to give to our mums. Other Sundays have included the story of Mary Magdalene showing her thanks by anointing Jesus' feet with precious oil and also of course most recently Palm Sunday when the children again visited the church to distribute the palms. Hopefully we are going to be able to have our own version of communion on Easter Day (we have been in church on previous occasions), as well as our Happy Easter story and refreshments. No doubt with lots of chocolate!!

**Our April Café Church** fell on Palm Sunday. The highlight was a procession round the church during the worship time, having first heard the story of Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a donkey to the shouts of Hosanna – all thanks to Alison. The children spread their cloaks on the ground and then went off singing Hosanna to the accompaniment of our rousing band. Up the stairs they went, following the donkey, and round the balcony – a real treat - all the time waving their palms, some they had made earlier and some bamboo fronds from Eff's garden! As well as donkey ears head dresses and making paper palms, the many activities included making chocolate cornflake Easter nests, marvelously engineered at each table by Nicola - with very chocolatey faces afterwards to prove it! The tea was as delicious as ever, again served individually for Covid safety, and the evening ended with a mad game of Duck Duck Goose in the Alan Finch Room to use up that surplus energy. The afternoon had been as enjoyable as ever.

**Parents and Toddlers** has been happy to welcome two new families this past term. But we would still love to have more. So please, if you know of anyone who would like some fun and company for them and their baby or toddler - with a relaxed cup of tea! - on a Wednesday - details are on the poster on page 5.

It was our privilege to host a **Time to Cook** session a few weeks ago. There was a morning session for families and an afternoon session for the older children. Run by Claire and her mum, Rosemary, and assisted in the afternoon by Jo, the children cooked from scratch the most amazing recipes like carrot cake and pineapple cheesecake. Tables were laid out in the church and as each child arrived they were given a tray very colourfully laid out with all the necessary ingredients for each recipe. Claire then led the children through the different stages of the recipes helping them with the skills involved like safely

cutting and chopping and beating the ingredients – and even showing the older ones how to make sugar carrot decorations for their carrot cakes. The church was an ideal venue with its space and Claire and Rosemary were very appreciative of the kitchen and its facilities. The day was filled with the sound of very happy children’s chat and busyness, and there was a great atmosphere there. They all loved our premises and we loved them. We hope that this will be the first of many visits.

You can see and find out much more about Time to Cook on Facebook where Claire runs virtual cookery classes for all ages.

We are a very happy Young Families Work team but would very much appreciate more help if you have a little time to spare - either on Sunday for Sunday Club, or Wednesdays for Parents and Toddlers, or hopefully soon for Drop In sessions for our young families. Should this interest you, please talk to one of us after morning worship on a Sunday morning.

Thank you as always to everyone for your ongoing prayers and support and love. They are so much appreciated.

With our love and every blessing,

(photos—pages 8 & 20)

*The Young Families Work Team*

**Causeway**

The next Causeway Service for those with Learning Disabilities, their families and friends will be at Christ Church on May 1st at 3pm.

We plan to celebrate the Queen’s Jubilee on that occasion as we will not be having a Causeway Service on June 5th as many will be celebrating elsewhere that weekend.

Do come and join us on May 1st, it should be a red, white and blue occasion!

*Gill G and the Causeway team*

**URC 50th Anniversary - an invitation from Lavington URC**



As part of the URC’s 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations we invite your congregation to an event at Lavington URC, Bideford on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2022 from 3pm – 6pm. This would include fellowship, a shared faith tea, possibly a quiz and conclude with a short epilogue. If your church has any ideas of how you would like to form part of this celebration please let us know.

I will be in touch nearer the date to ask for numbers likely to attend for refreshment purposes.

We look forward to celebrating this anniversary together.

With Christian blessings

*Alison Biggs*

*Lavington URC Church Secretary*

## Celebration of Lives

During the last two years sadly many local people have passed away and, due to restrictions on funerals, their lives may not have been adequately commemorated.



**South Molton Town Band and Barnstaple Male Voice Choir**  
**Guest Soloist: Megan Newberry- Solo Cornet, National Youth Band of Great Britain**

in a commemorative concert.

*An opportunity to remember and celebrate the lives of those who are no longer with us.*

**Grosvenor Church, Barnstaple EX32 8PB 7pm Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup>.**

Throughout the concert pictures of departed friends and loved ones will be projected alongside a variety of uplifting choral and brass music.

Free admission.

Refreshments.

Collection in aid of **North Devon Hospice**

Photographs and names of those who passed away can be sent to:  
[celebrationoflives2022@gmail.com](mailto:celebrationoflives2022@gmail.com) by the end of April

Further details: 07938 503 203

## **News from Amigos and Kira Farm**

*"Look to the Lord and His strength; seek His face always." 1 Chronicles 16:11*

We have encouraging news from Richard Kidega, our sponsored trainee on Kira Farm. He seems to be settling in well and learning new ways of growing his crops. As a result he is gaining the knowledge which will be so beneficial to his two extended families when he gets back home to his huge plot of more than 50 acres. His second letter...

### ***The First Rains Have Come*** (Late news - the rains as yet are intermittent)

*Dear Anthea and Tony and Friends at Christ Church,*

*I am very happy for this chance to write this letter to you. I greet all the people at your church and the youth there but also in your family. Thank you for writing back to me and also telling me about yourself and what you do. In Uganda, I would call you 'Jajja'. Have you heard of that in England?*

*This month at Kira I have been doing some agriculture activities. We are learning conservation farming through Farming God's Way whereby I have learnt it doesn't require a lot of technology and I hope to will learn more as I practice. I have so far planted maize and beans in furrows and maize in rows. I have also learnt about good spacing of crops which I have applied in my garden. Spacing enables me to weed easily and it makes the crops to grow freely without having to fight for nutrients but also mulching which prevents soil erosion while keeping the soil moist at all the time. In Kitgum, we never do such, so it is all new to me – but I am learning.*

*I have decided to take building and carpentry on the other side of training as my main courses, and so I have learnt how to make T-joints and taking measurements for tables, chairs, beds, this is all in carpentry.*

*I will stop by saying, may God bless you so much for everything you do in life. Blessings,*

*Richard*

**No longer two boreholes short...** Amigos' aim is to bring clean water to all their communities. Last month we heard that they were two boreholes short for this year's 10 new communities. The good news is that thanks to generous supporters they now have all the funding they need for the last two communities to be able to enjoy life-giving clean water.

(cont.)



'Beehive' fences help both elephants & livelihoods



Richard adding manure to his garden



## Hobnob Returns!



Pat Penny was the very first customer!



Reunion of old friends



The 'dream team'



When Tim (CEO) and his wife visited last month, everywhere they went people everywhere were telling them the difference clean water has made to their lives. To quote from his letter: 'It launches them into new possibilities as it promotes more time for other activities, gender equality, and healthier and stronger lives to start new endeavours'. A bore hole also promotes safety for women... *'since having a borehole women can now leave their home, get water, and return in less than one hour. The incidence of domestic violence has greatly reduced and more time is saved to perform other family duties.'*

### **Beekeeping can help communities flourish**

The second piece of good news follows on the little story I added at the end of last month's news update about the brilliant idea of using beehives as fences to stop the elephants destroying their crops.. The Kigaragara groups, right next to Murchison Falls National Park want to do this and it seems there is now the possibility of this... The communities in Gulu and Masindi have presented future plans including requesting assistance to run their own beekeeping projects to generate honey businesses, increase crop pollination and conserve their forests'.

### **Our Prayers**

We give thanks for all that Amigos is achieving in Uganda on Kira Farm, in the Child Sponsorship programme and with Community Development in the Farming Communities. We give special thanks this month for the life-giving clean water that is now available in all their communities, the opportunities being given to generate honey businesses to help communities flourish, and for the food packs that were taken to the sponsored families when their supplies were running very low. We pray now for good rains to come to allow the crops to grow healthily and to produce a good harvest, for God's provision for the guardians of the sponsored children, especially for the provision of food, and at this Eastertide that all Amigos' participants will experience the tangible and transforming love of God. Our thoughts are especially with Richard.

**A special note...**We are very aware that that there are many of you who also, individually, support the programmes that Amigos runs. If you would like to share your stories, it would be really lovely to hear from you too. I know that our editors Liz and Bruce would love to hear from you: [seymourejs@gmail.com](mailto:seymourejs@gmail.com)

(photos – page 13)

*Anthea*

## A winning weekend in Cheltenham.

After a 2-year enforced break from contesting due to Covid and rescheduling and relocation of the West of England championships from Torquay to Cheltenham, Chris and I, set off with Bideford Town Band to perform early the next morning at Cheltenham race course. After a quick warm up in a freezing village hall at 7.40am on Saturday we drove to the racecourse and took to the stage about 9.30 to perform our rendition of the 4<sup>th</sup> section test-piece, Argos. We were fortunate that only one player had tested positive during the week and Chris was tasked with playing a hybrid part covering his own euphonium music and the vital parts of the first baritone part to cover the gap. It was my first outing on tenor horn having moved from tuned percussion when we restarted rehearsals last summer.

We played well with of course the usual little slips and trips that always occur with nerves and adrenaline, but our MD was thrilled with our performance and in tears as he told us it was the best we had ever played. Then came the long wait as the remaining bands – 11 in total – took to the stage. Just before noon the results were ready and we returned to the auditorium with bated breath. Rather than starting from 11th place the results began at 6<sup>th</sup> and when 6<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> had been announced we were feeling rather deflated thinking we must have come in the bottom five. Suddenly the winners were given as the band that played 3<sup>rd</sup> – Bideford Town Band. That was us!! We rose from our seats as one and whooped with delight and disbelief.

The winner's trophy and banner were presented to us along with a cheque for £200. Almost more importantly we received an invitation to the National finals in September this year and it is almost certain that we will be promoted to the 3<sup>rd</sup> section for 2023. What a day! We are still on cloud 9 and raring to get started on the new test piece when it is announced. We were so delighted that our hard work and commitment had brought us such a reward and that we had achieved it as a team both of musicians and friends. We did it for each other and our conductor and came away with the prize. It was a day we will never forget.

(photo – page 20)

*Janet and Chris Marshall*



**Hobnob is back! Fridays 10.00 – 11.30**

**Coffee/Tea, Cake, Chat**

**Come and bring a friend**

**See photos page 13**



## **JOAN OF ARC (THE MAID OF ORLEANS)**

Joan of Arc is considered a heroine of France for her role in the Lancastrian phase of the 100 Years War.

Joan was born in Domrémy, the daughter of a peasant farmer. Joan was a pious girl brought up during the Hundred Years War. Joan was fourteen when she first heard her 'voices'. These she identified as belonging to Michael, Catherine of Alexandria and Margaret of Antioch; the voices told her to save France.

Although an intelligent girl, she was illiterate and knew nothing of military strategy. At that time the situation seemed hopeless, and she met with no success in persuading the commander of the French forces, but her voices persisted. Her credibility increased when some predictions and prophecy of further defeat were fulfilled. Eventually she was sent to the Dauphin (later Charles VII), who was impressed with her recognising him, even in disguise. Legend has it that she gave some secret sign (never disclosed) which verified the supernatural nature of her message. Joan was then mentally examined by theologians at Poitiers for three weeks. They found nothing amiss so advised the Dauphin to make good use of her abilities. Her advice to the military resulted in many victories; she went into battle with the men, wearing white armour. At one time she was wounded in the breast but this only enhanced her reputation.

In the July of that year the Dauphin was crowned at Rheims with Joan at his side with her standard. This completed her mission; her voices had warned her that she would not live very long. She found it difficult to withdraw at the moment of her success, even though she had become the object of suspicion, jealousy and misunderstanding.

An attack on Paris failed, followed by her relief of Compiègne; she led a sortie from the gates but was captured and imprisoned by the Duke of Burgundy. Charles made no attempt to save her and she was sold to the English. Her success in battle was attributed to witchcraft and spells. Joan was examined several times, but her lack of education and theological knowledge meant that the judges declared her visions were false and diabolical. The summary of her statement was also condemned by the University of Paris. If she refused to recant she would be handed over to the secular arm for punishment as a recalcitrant heretic. She was declared a lapsed heretic and burnt at the market place in Rouen on 30<sup>th</sup> May. Joan died with fortitude, looking at the cross and calling the name of Jesus. Her ashes were then thrown into the Seine.

About twenty years later Joan's family asked for the case to be re-opened, the verdict was quashed and she was pronounced innocent. In England there were many churches named after her. In Winchester Cathedral there is a statue of her opposite Cardinal Beaufort who took part in her condemnation.

## **BRITTANY BUTTER BISCUITS** (Makes approximately 10 biscuits)

### Ingredients

3 egg yolks

Half tbsp. milk

125g plain flour

85g caster sugar

100g butter at room temperature cut into small pieces

Small drop of vanilla essence



## Method

- Pre-heat the oven to 160°C fan, Gas 4
- Lightly butter or line a large baking tray
- Beat the egg and the milk; reserve half a tbsp. for glaze
- Sift the flour into a bowl and make a well in the centre
- Add the eggs, sugar, vanilla and butter, work together with your hands; this will form slightly sticky dough. If you have time, cool for a while in the fridge, wrapped in cling film
- When firmer, roll out dough to 1/3rd inch thick and cut out circles using 3 inch cutter
- Transfer to baking sheet, score to create a lattice pattern and brush with the egg mixture
- Bake for 10 – 12 minutes until golden, transfer to a wire rack to cool completely.



Music to Listen to: The March to the Scaffold - Hector Berlioz  
Joan of Arc - Leonard Cohen

*Jennifer*

## **An Easter Day story**

We had intended to drive to Church, but changed our minds at the last minute and walked instead. Just after we set off, a blind lady called to us for help. She was trying to find her way to St Paul's Church, but her guide dog was poorly and she was literally lost without her. We guided her to her service and continued to Christ Church.

After the wonderful service we set off for home and came across an elderly man walking his dog who asked if we could call his wife – he was Type 1 diabetic and felt too unwell to get home. There was no reply to our calls, so Bruce whizzed home to get the car while I sat him down and looked after the dog.

Hallelujah! I had our little Fairtrade chocolate eggs in my bag – the perfect rescue remedy. We were able to deliver him and his lovely little dog safely home and feeling better, much to the relief of his very worried wife. Now we know the reason for our change of plan!



*Liz and Bruce*



Easter cards on sale, made by Anne Roberts



## Jubilee Garden Party

(indoors if wet)



**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2—5pm**

in Bruce & Liz's Garden

Address and directions on the poster in the vestibule

*In aid of church funds*

*(Level access to the garden and some on-site parking for the less able)*

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Christ Church seeks to express the love of Christ  
for everyone.

### All at Christ Church Barnstaple are committed to the following Safeguarding Principles:

- \* the care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and all adults.
- \* the safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable.
- \* the establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.  
(Methodist Safeguarding Guidelines, online: [www.methodist.org.uk](http://www.methodist.org.uk))

*If you are visiting Christ Church today we extend a warm welcome.  
Please take a Messenger home with our good wishes.*

### Christ Church Minister

Rev Don Macalister

Currently on sabbatical (see page 5)

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