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NOVEMBER 2008

SUNDAY 2nd 10:00am Worship & Holy Communion - Rev Rog
Church Members' meeting
6:00pm Salvation Army Meeting:
SUNDAY 9th **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**
9:30am Worship - Rev Rog
11:00am Civic Service in Bedford Square
6:00pm Salvation Army Meeting:

Remembrance



SUNDAY 16th 10:00am Worship led by Mr Peter Sweeting (Plymouth)
6:00pm Salvation Army Meeting:
SUNDAY 23rd 10:00am Worship - Rev Rog
6:00pm Salvation Army Meeting:
SUNDAY 30th **ADVENT SUNDAY**
10:00am Worship - Mr Jim Gay (Horrabridge)
Followed by Advent Sunday lunch in the Lower Deck.
6:00pm Salvation Army Meeting:



With hopeful
hearts we
await your
coming,
Lord

A HARVEST FOR OPERATION SUNSHINE / BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY : Sept 28th 2008



It was good to see so many "new" faces at our annual Harvest celebration. Thank you for coming, for the gifts you brought for Operation Sunshine and we hope to see you again!!

Lunch was served in the Lower Deck Hall and thanks go to the kitchen ladies for all their hard work.

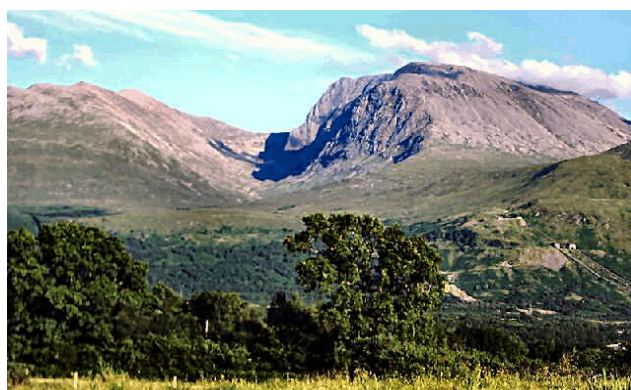
Also thanks to Judy for packing up all the "gifts" and taking them to Hurdwick Farm ready for shipping off to Africa!

The next container is for Zimbabwe and will be loaded on November 8th - so there is still time to get some last minute items into the Blue Box in Church!!

Mrs Eileen Hooper successfully completed her challenge to Ben Nevis in September raising money for Christian Solidarity Worldwide.

Eileen writes: "I received such great support from members of your Church. Would you please express my appreciation of the prayerful and financial support I received. To date my sponsorship stands at £1,717 - 48p (including gift aid) which I find astounding and made it all worth while."

WELL DONE EILEEN!!



GOOSE FAIR 2008



What lovely weather we had this year for Goose Fair which brought out the crowds and a steady stream flowed through the URC building. Thank you to EVERYONE who gave and helped in any way - especially the "few" who stayed to help clear and clean up at the end!!

After expenses, the total raised for Church Funds was £1,046.12p

CARDS FOR GOOD CAUSES are now installed in the MEETING ROOM and open for business Mondays - Saturdays from 10:00am - 4:00pm until Tuesday December 16th - or when they sell out!!!



CARDS FOR GOOD CAUSES

....caring at Christmas with Charity Cards



DON'T FORGET THAT YOUR SHOE BOX FOR LINK ROMANIA SHOULD BE READY NOW AND BROUGHT TO CHURCH BY

SUNDAY NOV 2nd

OTHERWISE THEY WILL NOT GET SENT OFF IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS!!

GROWING HEALTHY CHURCHES is a process being implemented by the South Western Synod of the United Reformed Church. This is to replace and build on the old system of the "Pastoral Consultation"

The aim is to enable local churches to respond to God's call to ministry and mission in their local communities.

At the heart of the process is the **Church Health Check-up** .. The check-up involves the **whole church** in self examination to establish the areas of its life which are healthy and need celebrating, and those areas which might need some kind of encouragement and support. The process is enabled by a team of skilled facilitators, specially trained and appointed by the synod.

The elders and minister of a church are prepared for the process by the members of the Synod Facilitating Team. The church is then encouraged to take part and members and friends will be invited to sign up for the Church Health Check-up.



TAVISTOCK URC 's CHECK UP !



The Team will meet with the **Elders** on **Saturday December 6th** and then will attend the morning service on **Sunday January 11th** in order to meet the congregation on an informal basis.

Saturday January 17th will be a day for **ALL** church members and friends to come along from 10:00am - 4:00pm (with lunch!) to meet together and discuss different aspects of Church by going through various exercises led by the Team which will help us to look at what we are doing more objectively. Hopefully the days are long gone when churches said - "But we've always done it this way!!"

As a church we have done this exercise before and our "Church Days" have always been well attended and productive. It is important to regularly evaluate what we are doing as a Church. Members of the Team are not local to this area so fresh pairs of eyes and ears should be constructive and objective.

Further details will be announced at Church Members' meetings but in the meantime we ask that you make a note of the two January dates in your diary and make a special effort to attend the service and the day to meet the team and have your say!!

For more information log on to the South West Synod website at www.urcsouthwest.org.uk and follow the "Growing Healthy Churches" link.



TAVISTOCK AREA CHRISTIANS TOGETHER (TACT) NOVEMBER PRAYERS

King's Community Church, Pixon Lane will be the host church for the TACT Prayer Breakfast on Saturday Nov 15th from 8:30am and Evening Prayers on Thursday Nov 20th from 7:30pm.

If you are online and wish to receive the TACT newsletter please sign up by sending an email to TACTnews-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

ST ANDREW'S WHITCHURCH are pleased to announce the appointment of the Revd **HARVEY BARNES** as priest-in-charge. He will be licensed on **Monday 24th November**.



OPERATION SUNSHINE - two fund raising events for November.

GLAD RAGS will be held on FRIDAY 14th NOVEMBER at 7:30pm in the home of David & Margaret Philpott, 1 Bluebell Way, Tavistock.

The idea is for you to bring along any **good/nearly new** clothes you no longer wear, try on clothes that others have brought and take away any you like - free of charge!

Admission to the evening is £10 inc coffee and refreshments.

If you cannot get to the evening but have some clothing you wish to donate, please telephone the Philpott's on 610484 .



The **ANNUAL COFFEE MORNING**

will be held at the Parish Church Centre on FRIDAY NOVEMBER 21st from 10:00am - 12noon.

Entrance £1 includes coffee/ tea/cakes/biscuits

* Christmas Gifts * cakes * books * bric a brac
Not forgetting the **GRAND DRAW** with many prizes.

Every raffle book sold means another sack of warm clothing, a box of educational equipment or a box of wellington boots to protect feet from disease during the rainy season.

Raffle books are available from Maureen (612987) Ann (614343) or Revd Phyllis had some!!

KNITTING FOR OPERATION SUNSHINE

There are some very busy needles knitting blankets and jumpers. Some blanket knitters have requested a jumper pattern and there are some spare copies at the back of the Church.

There is also a need for **knitted baby hats** and there is a pattern sheet for those as well!

These are for tiny babies who are at risk of dying from pneumonia or hypothermia. It only takes 2 minutes for a newborn baby to lose a dangerous 2 degrees C in body temperature - most of which is lost through baby's head.

These hats are very quick to knit and are useful to use up any oddments of wool.

Please do not knit an all white hat!!

The easiest one is the **super stretchy hat** (pictured) as it is knitted on one size of needle (4mm) and uses your DK wool left over from your blanket squares or jumpers!!

The pattern is by Lynne Beckett of PreemiesUK.



Smallest size : Cast on 50sts.

Work in (K2, P2) rib for 28 rows.

Next row K2tog along row. (K1 at end if you don't have enough sts)

Next row P2tog along row. (P1 at end of row if you don't have enough sts)

Break wool leaving a long length and thread through sts and pull tight.

Fasten securely and oversew seam.

Medium size: as small hat but cast on 60sts and work 32 rows.

Large size : as small hat but cast on 70sts and work 36 rows.

[The pattern can be adjusted further if you want to knit bigger hats for the older children]





The Callington Community Gospel Choir

IN CONCERT AT TAVISTOCK U.R.C.
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 29th @ 7:30pm

All tickets: £ 5

Proceeds for the Roof Fund



First Sunday



in Advent

ADVENT SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 30th

10:00am Morning worship led by
Mr Jim Gay.

followed by an Advent Sunday Roast Beef
Lunch (or vegetarian option) in the Lower
Deck. Cost of lunch will be £5 per person
Invite a friend (or two) to come along and
share with us as we start the countdown
to Christmas.

Please write names on the list if you would like to come by **Sunday November 23rd**.

