

View from the Pew

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Dear Reader

OPEN CHURCH

This year, we once again combined our Coffee morning with the Bike and Hike event. In spite of at times the weather doing it's best to take the edge off the event, we were blessed with a huge group of people joining in; each taking the time to visit our lovely Church throughout the day.

People were genuinely delighted to have the opportunity to stop for a hot cuppa and to gain some extra energy from the array of marvellous cakes available. A big thanks, to all our stallholders who give their time unstintingly for the benefit of our Church; you will be delighted to know that these sterling efforts yielded £320 for Church funds.

MESSY CHURCH

Messy church really stepped up a gear this month with the colliding together of what could only be described as "Doctor Doolittle" meets "Ready Steady Cook".

During a truly fun-filled afternoon Jo captivated the children by weaving together the enjoyment they had had in creating things from God's creations, with sharing all about our wonderful world and how God provides for us all. As if this wasn't feast enough for the mind and soul, we all took part in very enthusiastic rendition of "He's got the whole World in his hands".

CREATIVE CHURCH

Christmas is coming – with the change in the weather you can't help but be reminded that the seasons are changing and that Christmas is now on the horizon.

This year plans are in place for a 3 day Charity Christmas Tree Festival; already the "CTF" team have been working hard to prepare for what promises to be a unique

and seasonal event. Please look out for a letter in the coming weeks, giving you more details and to show how you too can be part of this great event.

For those of you already up to your armpits in Delia's simple to follow 365 day preparation schedule for Christmas, it may be prudent to note the dates for your diary; **Friday 6 December, Saturday 7 December and Sunday 8th December.**

COMPETITIVE CHURCH

This year's **Harvest Supper falls on Saturday 5 October**; this has become a mainstay in our calendar of events and to accompany what will no doubt be a delicious meal we will once again have entertainment in the form of another mind stretching Quiz organised and run by the renowned quiz masters the Toyn family.

Why don't you sign up and join us for a great evening of food and entertainment and see whether you have what it takes to conquer the quiz might of the Toyn family teasers.

SPIRITUAL CHURCH

Over the next 3 weeks, it will be a very exciting spiritual time as Jo will be launching our Stewardship/Mission programme as a church; helping to give us all a greater insight into the importance of this campaign and helping us to reflect on how best we can live God's love.

So as summer draws to a close I wish you all a very happy autumn and look forward to seeing you all at our services and at the many events coming up. In the meantime, if you have any items that you would like included in view from the pew, please do not hesitate to contact either Janet or me.

Love
Janet O