



Parish of Christchurch



This edition of St George's News is for the eight o'clock service and the Parish Website only as our 9.30 congregation will be joining with the Priory Church to celebrate Rev Canon John Turpin's 50th anniversary of ordination on 21st May.

A COLLECT FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father. AMEN

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading	Acts 17; 22-31
Second Reading	1 Peter 3; 13-22
Gospel	John 14;15-21

ABOUT JOHN TURPIN (Much of which is taken from the ECHO from TEN YEARS AGO)

Born in Nuneaton, John grew up in Southbourne where he was a member of the congregation at All Saints' church, which sponsored his ordination.

He gained a degree in history and then studied theology at Cambridge before training for the church at Cuddesdon College, Oxford when Robert Runcie, later to be Archbishop of Canterbury, was principal.

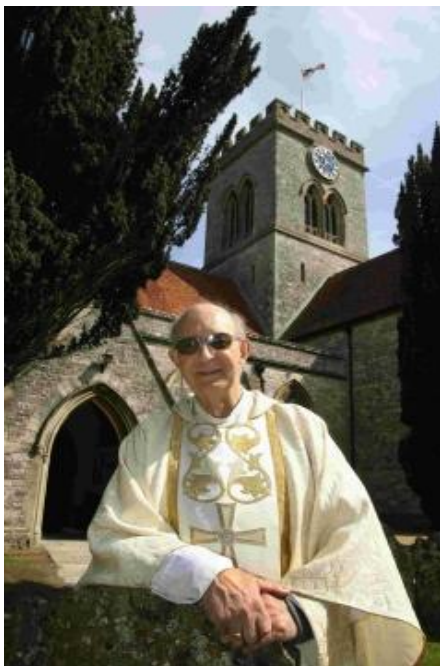
He became a deacon in 1966, was ordained in 1967 and his first ministry was at Tadley near Reading. In 1971 he moved to Thornhill, Southampton where he was vicar until 1985 when he moved to Ringwood where he stayed until he retired.

He is one of up to 20 canons at Winchester Cathedral, serves on the cathedral council and was also Surrogate at Christchurch Deanery, which meant he could licence weddings without having the banns read.

In addition to being vicar at the parish church of St Peter and St Paul in the town's Market Place, he was also priest in charge at St John the Baptist, Poulner and St Paul's, Bisterne.

As chairman of governors of Ringwood School and Ringwood Infant School, he played a major part in ensuring local children had a quality education.

He was also heavily involved in Poulner Players, was chairman of Avon Valley Concerts, which organises musical events in Avon Valley towns and villages, and was chaplain of Hampshire Scouts for 25 years.



"It's what I would call a traditional vicar's job in the community, where there's always something going on," he said.

Single man Mr Turpin is 66 (*in 2007*) but has no thoughts of retirement.

We are very fortunate to have him here in Christchurch where he is so generous with his time and talents. We wish him a hearty 'Congratulations!!' and we hope that he will be ministering to us for many years to come!

Sandy would like to thank everybody for the jam jars, she is making good use of them, and says, 'PLEASE KEEP THEM COMING!!'

My thanks go to Dorrie and Eric for producing last week's 'St George's News'. I know it proved difficult for them with un-cooperative printers etc.,

Do you fancy 'treading the boards'? Christchurch Gilbert and Sullivan Society are desperate for members of the chorus for the production of 'Ruddigore' to be staged at the Regent Centre in September. You don't have to be an experienced singer or an accomplished actor. We rehearse on Thursday evenings from 7.30 until 10pm. If you would like to take part but need a lift, ask Bob and it can be arranged. Occasionally they rehearse in our church if their regular venue is not available.

The May Coffee Morning raised a total of £29.50 and the £10 Thunderball prize was won by Ann Hudson. Pat and Gill would like to thank Ann Hudson and Janet Catton for hosting the Coffee Morning while they were attending a hospital appointment.

Next Thursday, 25th May the Church celebrates the life and work of The Venerable Bede, a name that was often quoted at me in my junior school days, but nothing really sank in. Bede was born in Northumbria around the year 670. When he was seven years old, his family gave him to the monastery of SS Peter and Paul at Wearmouth. He later moved to Jarrow, where he lived as a monk for the rest of his life. Although it seems he never travelled further than York, his monastery was a centre of learning and Bede studied extensively, using the resources available to him, he wrote the most complete history of Christian England up to the year 729, as well as commentaries on books of the Bible. He loved teaching and was fondly regarded by his students. He died peacefully in 735. Now when I hear the words, "According to Bede", I will have a little more idea of the man being quoted. (My thanks to "Exciting Holiness" for much of this article.)

The minutes of the latest PCC meeting are on the board at the back of the church if you would like to read them.

A SUNDAY SMILE:



“I really don’t think that T-shirt is necessary, now that you’re up here.”

It seems that we may possibly have an ants’ nest in the church over by the Votive Candle Stand. Lyn and David Mariner spotted the ants yesterday and kindly put some ant powder down. If you see any ants around, please let Bob Know. Thank You!

Any articles for inclusion in next week’s St George’s News must be in by Friday evening please to Bob Savage at: Breezy Corner, 1 Hampshire Close, Fairmile, Christchurch, BH23 2TH. Telephone 01202 255431 or 07902 469745 - Email: StGeorgesNews@christchurchpriory.org