# Kingston Parish February

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TWENTY IS PLENTY



20 mph INJURES 30 KILLS

.We are now well into the New Year and new decade. Winter has been with us for a while but so far it has been a mild one. Things are now changing with the first colder weather with ice on car windscreens first thing in the morning resulting in the ritual of having to scrape it clear before leaving home.

For your enjoyment the History Society is holding an evening at the end of February when you can learn more about the 100 years of aviation in Plymouth from 1911 to 2011.

Do not forget the January Flicks in the sticks has been delayed until 1<sup>st</sup> February due to the Reading Room being in use for the Pantomime. The following months will return to the normal times of the last Saturday in the month.

We are sad to hear of the death of June Jarvis on 5<sup>th</sup> January and give our condolences to Brian and Michael and their families. The funeral will be on Monday January 27<sup>th</sup> in the church of St. James the Less here in Kingston at 12 noon.

David

# Flying to the end of the runway?

100 years of Plymouth's aviation 1911 - 2011



History of Aviation in Plymouth and Plymouth's Airports A Talk By Clive Charlton, Bere Ferrers Local Historian



#### Thursday 27th February Kingston Reading Room

Wine and Refreshments 7pm Presentation 7:30pm Non-members £5. Free to those in full time education.

Kingston Local History Society

#### PARISH CHURCH FLOWER ROTA



#### 2019

Jan 18th-25th Jeanne Curtis Feb 1st-8th Jennie Stanley Feb 15th-22nd Margaret Birch

Lent - no flowers until Easter

Apr 11th EASTER all helpers please Saturday a.m.

April 18th Carole Walters Apr 25th-May 2nd Shioya Walters

If you are unable to do the flowers on a given date, please change with someone and let Carole know – Tel 810566.

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#### **KINGSTON READING ROOM 200 CLUB**

The numbers drawn in the December 2019 draw are as follows:

59	Viv Freeman	£20
201	Rae Musk	£20
150	Geoff T Smith	£20
148	Anne Tremain	£10
212	Andrea Edgecumbe	£10

The draws take place at the morning market on the last Tuesday of each month.

Owen & Elaine Roberts 1 Overlangs owenroberts10@hotmail.com 01548 810968 07910 111471

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#### **Carols Round the Village**

The collection from our carol singing in aid of Action for Children raised £188 which I have sent to the charity. Many thanks to all who sang and helped, those who provided delicious refreshments on our way, Craig for our new carol books and to all who donated.

A splendid effort. Vanessa Walker

Copy for March Newsletter by Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February please

**Editor** 

#### **TUESDAY MARKET TEA/COFFEE ROTA**



#### 2019

January 28<sup>th</sup> Sue/Cath
February 4<sup>th</sup> Jen/Joan
February 11<sup>th</sup> Karen/Lesley
February 18<sup>th</sup> Kit

February 25<sup>th</sup> Cynthia / Irene
March 3<sup>rd</sup> Anne/Elaine
March 10<sup>th</sup> Jeanette
March 17<sup>th</sup> Pauline/Sally
March 24<sup>th</sup> Margaret
March 31<sup>st</sup> Judy/Deidre
April 7<sup>th</sup> John

April 21<sup>st</sup>
April 22<sup>st</sup>
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May 5<sup>th</sup>

Judy/Deidre
John
April 31<sup>st</sup>
Jacky
Rae/Gina
Jen/Joan
Karen/Lesley

May 12<sup>th</sup> Kit

May 19<sup>th</sup> Cynthia / Irene May 26<sup>th</sup> Anne/Elaine

Tuesday Morning Market every Tuesday 10 am -12 noon In the Reading Room.

Come for a cuppa, meet up with new and old friends.
Stalls - Corner Shop on a Table. Fresh Cakes. Jewellery.

Books, Natural and Organic Soaps, Meat and

Haberdashery.

Have you got anything to sell? Only 10% of your sales go to the R/R.

See you there

Tina Tel. 07796975291

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#### **MOBILE LIBRARY**

The mobile library visits the village every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at the Fire station from 11 am to 11.40 am

#### 2020

February 18<sup>th</sup> March 17<sup>th</sup>
April 14<sup>th</sup> May 12<sup>th</sup>

April 14<sup>th</sup> May 12<sup>th</sup> June 9<sup>th</sup>
July 7<sup>th</sup> August 4<sup>th</sup> September 1<sup>st</sup>
September 29<sup>th</sup> October 27<sup>th</sup> November 24<sup>th</sup>

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#### **THANK YOU**

Viv would like to say a big thank you to all who made my birthday so great. Thank you for all the cards and presents, to Hogwash, John Conner and Emily Paige for the music and Craig and staff in the pub for putting up with us. A great night

Thank you Viv

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#### **THANKS**

Matt and I would like to thank everyone for their best wishes, cards and presents on the safe arrival of our son. We feel privileged to live in such a caring community.

Beth

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

(Also see Parish WEB site for further details Morning Market every Tuesday 10 a.m. till noon Mother & Toddler Group every Wednesday 10-11.45am (Bigbury Memorial Hall)

2020

Feb 1st Flicks in the Sticks "Judy" 7pm Feb.20th 7 - 8pm

Sing for Joy St James the Less History Soc. "100 years of aviation in Plymouth" R/R Feb 27th 7.30pm

Flicks in the Sticks "The Good Liar" Feb 29th 7pm March 14th 7.30pm Barn Dance Reading Room March 19<sup>th</sup> 7 - 8pm Sing for Joy St James the Less

March 21st 7.30pm Richard Digance In concert, Kingston Reading Room

March 28th 7pm Flicks in the Sticks "Official Secrets" April 21st 7 - 8pm Sing for Joy St James the Less April 25th Flicks in the Sticks "1917" 7pm May 19th 7 - 8pm Sing for Joy St James the Less

## **KEEPING FIT WITH TINA**

**Ladies Only** 

Come and have some fun while doing some Keep Fit for all abilities.

Wednesday nights 7pm.

Secret weigh in.

Reading Room.

£2 per session.

Tina 07796975291



Saturday 14th March 2020 at 7.30pm

Kingston Reading Room

Music and calling by Folk 2

£10 in advance £12 on the door includes food by Craigo Tickets available from: Don Kelly 810358 & Judy Wurr 810065 Profits to The Friends of St. James the Less

Beer and Wine available for a donation

#### **Kingston Sing for Joy**

Community singalong, purely for fun and the health/well-being benefits of singing. experience necessary and all standards welcome.

In the Church of St James the Less

7 pm to 8 pm on:-

Tuesday 20 February Thursday 19 March Tuesday 21 April Tuesday 19 May

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: SATURDAY 14 MARCH 2020 AT 7.30 PM

#### **BARN DANCE**

IN KINGSTON READING ROOM

MUSIC AND "CALLING" BY LOCAL GROUP FOLK 2

TICKETS ON SALE IN JANUARY

**FUNDRAISING FOR THE FRIENDS** OF ST JAMES THE LESS

#### Advance notice

A welcome return to Kingston by the inimitable RICHARD DIGANCE

In concert, Kingston Reading Room Saturday 21 March 2020 7.30 (Doors open 7.00) Support from Silvington and Emily-Paige Worthington Tickets £10 advance, £12 door from John 01548 810806

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#### FLICKS IN THE STICKS

#### Saturday 1st February 2020. 'Judy' Cert 12A, 1 hour 58 mins.

Starring Renee Zellweger and Rufus Sewell. Legendary performer Judy Garland (Renee Zellweger) arrives in London in the winter of 1968 to perform a series of sold-out concerts...

Judy Garland: The legend behind the rainbow

#### Saturday 29th February 2020. 'The Good Liar' Cert 15, 1 hour 49 mins

Starring Helen Mirren and Ian McKellen. Consummate con man Roy Courtnay has set his sights on his latest mark, the recently widowed Betty McLeish, worth millions. But this time, what should have been a

simple swindle escalates into a cat-and-mouse game with the ultimate stakes.

Read between the lies

#### Saturday 28th March 2020. 'Official Secrets' Cert 15, 1 hour 52 mins

Starring Keira Knightley, Ralph Fiennes and Matt Smith. true story of a British whistleblower who leaked information to the press about an illegal NSA spy operation designed to push the UN Security

Council into sanctioning the 2003 invasion of Iraq.

#### **Nothing is More Dangerous** Than the Truth Saturday 25th April 2020.

<u>'1917' Cert 15, 1 hour 58 mins</u>

Starring Andrew Scott, Benedict Cumberbatch and Richard Madden. Schofield and Blake. two young British soldiers during the First World War, are given a seemingly impossible mission. With time against them, they must deliver a message, deep in enemy territory, that will stop their

own men, and Blake's own

brother, walking straight into a

Time is the enemy.

deadly trap.

See You at the Movies!

Kingston Community Cinema Committee

#### FLICKS IN THE STICKS

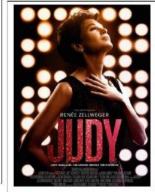
#### KINGSTON COMMUNITY CINEMA PRESENTS:

SATURDAY 1st February. Doors open 7.00 pm. Film starts 7.30pm Judy, Cert 12A, 110 mins

Starring Renee Zellweger, Rufus Sewell

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# Kingston Local History Society Resume of presentation by Chris Robinson on 29 November 2019 "Mayflower at Plymouth Barbican 1620 – Then and Now"

Chris explained that he has a business on the Barbican, focusing primarily on historical books and documents, and that he had, in fact, chosen to link his presentation to his published "Theoretical Tourists' Guide for the Mayflower Pilgrims, thereafter providing an accompanying history of Plymouth and key surrounding areas. Chris explained that other pilgrim ships had successfully crossed the Atlantic prior to the Mayflower journey. He explained that the link between the Mayflower Pilgrims and Plymouth (UK) was, in fact, tenuous in that the Mayflower landed in Plymouth in 1620, by accident rather than design and the pilgrims were there for a 'layover' for a few days only, so their arrival was best seen as matter of happenstance. The Mayflower and her sister ship, Speedwell, left East Anglia and were heading to Holland, where there was was already a significant pilgrim presence. For a reason unknown, they turned back to Plymouth where they were looked after for 5 or 6 nights. At that time, Plymouth was a very small town with a population of some 10,000 but, nevertheless, it was a big port primarily because of the Dartmoor tin, which Chris said 'put Plymouth on the map' Tin ore was easy to dig out and tin mining on Dartmoor had existed from at least 1156. Syrians at that time have been suggested to hold a minor source of tin reserves. As a consequence of Dartmoor tin, Plympton was a thriving stannary town, whilst Plymouth was described by Chris as "a fuzzy town". (At this stage, he made no mention of adventurers such as Sir Francis Drake, John Hawkins and Sir Walter Raleigh sailing from Plymouth, nor of Plymouth's strategic role in fighting off the Spanish Armada, during the reign of Queen Elizabeth Tudor (1558 - 1603, which predated the Mayflower journey). Chris explained that the river Plym at that time was wide and navigable but gradually became silted up by waste from the tin mines. The tanners (miners of iron) had significant status, including their own Parliament, which had jailed an MP, when he complained about the silting. Mountbatten was a trading place, which made use of Plymouth for onward transport of goods. There is evidence of Roman activity along the rivers Plym and Tamar, including coins and brooches. In the 12<sup>th</sup> century, Geoffrey of Monmouth proposed that Brutus came across to Plymouth with an army of Trojans and that Roman Coriolanus threw them off the cliff. As a reward he was awarded the tip of Cornwall. A record by King Athelstan the first English monarch to read books (scribed by hand) proposed that Trojans had visited Totnes and giants had been seen on the Hoe. Plymouth records include reference to payment to remove this 'Battle of the Giants' described as 40 metres high (Note: this presumably significantly predates metrication in the UK!)

In 1413, the Sutton areas were incorporated into Plymouth and traders thereafter dealt with Sutton only.

Chris then incorporated 17 Century maps and drawings, using the Mayflower as an overlay, to introduce his findings on the subsequent ongoing development of (the now city) Plymouth, in which MP Admiral McBride had a major role; and referred to the Abercrombie Plan for the renovation and improvement of Plymouth post WW2. Chris spoke about the Barbican area of the city (originally a fortress). The Barbican was where the Tolpuddle Martyrs landed between

1837 and 1839, on their return from exile to Australia back to Tolpuddle in Dorset. The Barbican was not significantly damaged by WW2 bombardments, but Plymouth City Council later chose to demolish a number of buildings from the Elizabethan and later eras, replacing them with 1960 flats, despite the efforts of the Barbican Trust. Chis segued this into an excellent array of pictures of key buildings. Chris acknowledged that his views and research findings had caused some difference of opinion but indicated that his published writings substantiated his own views.

**Codicil:** 50% of the Mayflower pilgrims died in their first winter in North America.

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#### **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

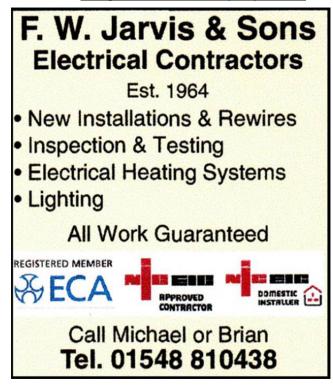
What is Courier Fraud? Criminals carry out courier fraud by cold calling the victim, purporting to be a police officer or bank official. The fraudsters will then claim there's an issue with the victim's bank account or request their assistance with an ongoing bank or police investigation. The ultimate aim of this call is to trick them into handing over money or their bank details.

Common techniques used by the fraudsters include telling the victim to withdraw large sums of cash, purchase an expensive item, or provide their bank cards/details. In all cases, a 'courier' will then come and pick up the cash or items, on behalf of the police or bank. They will often come to the victim's home address. Courier Fraud is committed by Organised Crime Groups and targets the elderly and vulnerable.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fy-RSQfwLDw or https://www.met.police.uk/littlemedia

(Avoiding Impersonation Fraud) The scale of courier fraud in the UK should not be underestimated, as nationally: •£10.5 million reported loss in just two years •Over 2,000 reports to Action Fraud in two years •Two thirds of victims were women over 75 •On average victims lost over £8,000 each Recently we have had two victims in the North Devon area, suffering a loss of around £10,000 each.

If you or someone you know has been a victim, please report on 101. If it is easier for you to email please send information to: 101@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk





# Thank You from Kingston Fire Station



Last year Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue

Service published a document which proposed the closure of eight Fire Stations along with the removal of appliances and changes to crewing arrangements at others. Under these proposals Kingston Fire Station was to close. There was understandably a lot of concern and reaction to this from all areas of the community as this would directly affect response and resources available in a fire and rescue emergency.

Public consultation was invited and the response was overwhelmingly in favour of rejecting the proposed cuts. Amended proposals were put before the Fire Authority and these were voted upon and approved on the 10<sup>th</sup> January. The result of these amendments means that, for now, six Stations, including Kingston, were reprieved. One Station is being relocated and only one Station closed. Appliance and crewing arrangements were also amended to reduce their impact.

We at Kingston Fire Station are volunteers who passionately believe that we make a difference in an emergency not just to Kingston but to the whole

locality. Our nominal fire ground also covers the Parishes of Bigbury and Ringmore as well as parts of Modbury and Aveton Gifford. We also provide support and backup for adjacent Stations and the wider operations of the DSFRS and this past year has seen us attend incidents as far afield as Paignton, Tavistock and Dartmoor. The number of incidents we attended in

2019 was the greatest amount since 2009 and already we have had more shouts this January than last!

We wish to thank all of you who have supported us during the consultation process with your written submissions, letters, e-mails, petitions, telephone calls, visits and good wishes. We are genuinely humbled to know that we have your support and that you value what we stand for and what we do.

Going forward we realise we are a small crew and cannot guarantee 24/7 coverage 365 days a year. Currently very few Stations can. We desperately

need new members to improve this situation and would welcome any interest in joining us. Call Paul 810953 or Michael 810735 for more information.

If you see us out and about between now and the end of March you will notice that we have a new RIV type appliance. This is on loan to us from Princetown and we have had to promise not to scratch it!





### Do you or someone you know struggle to pay energy bills?

Citizens Advice South Hams is helping local residents to make significant savings on their energy bills. Over the past year clients have typically made energy cost savings of £200-£500 a year. This is vital work, as shocking new statistics from National Energy Action reveal that one in five private rented households in the UK are in fuel poverty.

Nick White, from Citizens Advice South Hams says, "Our trained Energy Advisers can help people who are struggling to pay their energy bills or who are worried about heating their homes during the winter months.

"We have a home visiting service to advise on homes with - expensive heating systems, draught, damp and mould. Recently we helped a householder whose storage radiator was not wired properly. The landlord has fixed the problem and reimbursed the tenant by £700. In another case we helped a client who could not understand why he was paying over £2,000 a year in energy bills. We liaised with the energy company, identified an error and facilitated reimbursement totalling £985."

If you would like to talk to Citizens Advice South Hams energy efficiency team, call 01803-659733 or email energy.advice@southhamscab.org.uk

#### STANBOROUGH CHORUS

Musical Director - Christopher Fletcher

Saturday 28th March 7.30 p.m. St George's Church, Modbury

Joseph Haydn - Nelson Mass Benjamin Britten - St. Nicolas

Divertimento Orchestra

Torquay Girls' Grammar School Chamber Choir Conductor - Helen Haviland

> Soprano - Catherine Hamilton Tenor - Neil Jenkins Alto - Helen Haviland Bass - Julian Rippon

Tickets £15 in advance/£17 on the door (Under 18s free entry) will be available from:

Pickles of Modbury (01548 830412) Kingsbridge Information Centre May Crimp (01548 842361) Tom Gilkes (01548 560973) Jenny Kinder (01548 810750) and all Choir members





#### **Church News**



The Christingle Service on 15<sup>th</sup> December was a lovely event, well supported by all age groups, and raised £170 for The Children's Society. Many thanks to everyone involved. The Carol Service was well attended, the

church looked beautiful with fairy lights strung everywhere and the flowers were stunning. The choir was excellent and thanks to everyone and especially Jenny Kinder, Bob & Carol Beard. The collection for Shekinah Mission raised an amazing £348.00. There were home made mince pies, sausage rolls and mulled wine after the service and it was a truly lovely community event.

All 80 cook books have been sold raising nearly £300 for Church funds.

#### Dates for your diary:

Programme of events will be in the March newsletter.

Many thanks to everyone who has contributed to the Foodbank over the Christmas period and throughout the year of course! There have even been a number of separate carrier bags of food and presents for children left as well as lot of goodies in the box. It is all much appreciated and we are sure made Christmas a much happier occasion for many.

Local contacts for St. James the Less, Kingston Church Wardens:

Brian Alloway, 810692, bja6devon@gmail.com
Robert Beard, 810500, r.beard@scobbiscombe.co.uk
Both Churchwardens will be pleased to help you find the right person to talk to and help with any church-related arrangements. Please note full information is also on the Parish website as well as the Modbury Team website: www.modburyteam.org Kingston.



#### NEWS FROM



#### **Good News**

We are delighted to let you know that Kingston Fire Station has been saved. It's to continue functioning for now, with the usual regular reviews by the fire service – great news.

#### **Festive Telephone Box**

Hopefully you all agree with us that the telephone box looked fantastic over the Christmas and New Year period. Many thanks to Brian Mitchell and team for all the work which goes into making it such an eye-catching community feature and useful information hub.

#### Smokers and Tea Bag users take note!

Please be aware that cigarette butts are NOT boidegradeable. If you drop them down the drain, they will end up in the oceans damaging marine life, so please dispose of them responsibly.

Also, tea bags contain plastic, so are not ideal for composting unless ripped first. They can be disposed of in the black bin, where they will end up going to the rubbish recycling plant in Plymouth to power the docks.

#### **Recreation Ground Monitoring Dates**

Here is the rota for the forthcoming couple of months. Even though the weather has been very wet the playgrounds have been used and enjoyed by a lot of visitors and local children. Thank you to the team for keeping your usual keen eye on the grounds.

27<sup>th</sup> January 2020 John Connor 3<sup>rd</sup> February 202 Leah Worthington 10<sup>th</sup> Februay 2020 Sally Denham 24th February 2020 Flo Watts 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020 Kit Connor 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020 Rachel Hardy 16th March 2020 John Wurr 23<sup>rd</sup> Marchg 2020 Ali Lewis 30<sup>th</sup> March 2020 John Connor

Your Parish Councillors are here for you					
Eve White.	Chairman.	(810289)			
Mervyn Freeman.	Vice Chair.	(810070)			
Phil Anderson.		(810960)			
Flo Watts.		(810019)			
Alison Lewis.		(811234)			
Heather Summer Nu	(811294)				
Don Kelly.		(810358)			
Sue Green ~ Parish	Clerk.	(810270)			





- · Monthly social events (check website for more details)
- · Breath taking estuary and sea views
- Social Membership just £20 per year which gives you 15% bar
- · New to golfstarter packages available

#### **READING ROOM SCHEDULE FEBRUARY 2020**

SUN	MON 27	TUE 28	WED 29	THU 30	FRI	SAT 1 Feb
26 10:00 - 12.00 Panto Rehea	12:00 - 18.00 June Jarvis	09:00 - 12:30 Morning Ma	9 09:30 - 12.30 Art Group	10:00 - 12.00 Private Yoga	31 18:00 - 21.30 Bowls Club	18:00 - 22.00 Flicks in th
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This schedule is up to the date that the newsletter was finalised Please note that you can now see the Reading Room Schedule in real time via the Parish WEB site Parish WEB Site www.kingstonparishcouncil.co.uk Click on "What's On & Parish Newsletter" Click on "HER

#### Hiring Charges Kingston Reading Room



- Sessions are 8:30am to 1:30pm, 1:30pm to 6:30pm, 6:30pm to 11:30pm. If more time is needed to set up or clear away, then it should be booked.
- Hall users that satisfy the objects of the Reading Room charity Trust deed are charged at £6 per session. They must be non-profit (and may be subject to financial review) and open to all residents of Kingston Parish and be advertised in Kingston as such.
- Private events are charged at £7.50 per hour or part hour, including set up and clean up times.
  - Sole occupancy of the Reading Room for a full day is charged at £275.
- Afternoon session children's parties are charged at a concessionary rate of £10 per session.
   The meeting room is charged at £5 per session.
  - Existing agreements will be honoured.
  - Bookings are recorded in the Reading Room bookings calendar which is available on the Parish Council website . Please check the calendar before requesting a booking.

All enquiries to: Judy Wurr, Bookings Secretary – 01548 810065 Kingstonreadingroom@gmail.com

#### SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES IN FEBRUARY

	Aveton Gifford 11.00 am	Bigbury 11.00 am	Kingston 9.30 am	Modbury 9.30 am	Ringmore 9.30 am
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sunday Worship	Communion*	Communion	Communion	Sunday Worship
9 <sup>th</sup>	Communion	Sunday Worship	Sunday Worship	Communion* (8 am)  All Age Service	Sunday Worship
16 <sup>th</sup>	Lay led Service	Sunday Worship	Communion (11 am)	Communion	Village Service
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Communion	Evening Prayer (4 pm)	Village Service	Sunday Worship	Communion

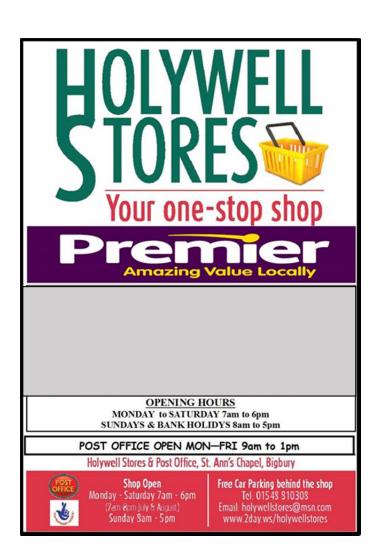
<sup>\*</sup> Service in traditional language.

#### **Humans- nothing that special?**

In 2005 London Zoo featured an exhibit of humans. The sign over the exhibit of human beings in a cage read 'Warning: Humans in their natural environment' Polly Wills, a spokesperson for the zoo, told the press: "seeing people in a different environment, among the other animals ... teaches members of the public that the human being is just another primate." The exhibit placed three male and five female Homo sapiens side by side with their primate relatives — though separated from them by an electric fence. Chemist Tom Mahoney, 26, decided to participate after his friend sent him an e-mail about the contest as a joke. Anything that draws attention to apes, he said, has his support. "A lot of people think humans are above other animals," he said. "When they see humans as animals, here, it kind of reminds us that we're not that special." Over January and February the Churches in the Modbury Mission Community will be thinking about the first three chapters of the first book of the Bible: Genesis. While thinking Christians down the ages have taken different approaches on how literally to read these chapters they are in agreement that it teaches that God created the universe and that humans have special dignity. That we are something special and not just another animal. I would argue that it is Judaeo-Christian tradition that has given the West its conviction that humans have dignity and each one of us has rights. We have dignity and rights not because we have earnt them but because we were created with them. Genesis goes on to teach us that human flourishing is found in relationship with the God who has made us. A bold claim but one that millions of Christians have found to be true, as one Christian in the first millennium wrote: "Our hearts are restless until they find rest in you."

Matt Rowland

Vicar: The Revd Matt Rowland (830260: every day except (normally) Saturday)
Readers: Joyce Howitt (01364 73370), Michael Tagent (810520)
Website: www.modburyteam.org



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