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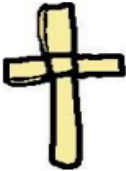
Join us this
Eastertide as we
celebrate Jesus'
humble majesty
on Palm Sunday,
his new covenant
on Maundy
Thursday,
his suffering and
death on Good
Friday, and the
wonder of his
resurrection on
Easter Sunday!





Furrough Cross United Reformed Church Babbacombe Road

Easter Activities



10.30 Sunday 2nd April
Palm Sunday with Palm crosses
Please Note there is no communion today

5.30pm Thursday 6th April
Maunday Thursday supper service
Sign up in church or ring 01803
310156 and leave a message



10am -2pm Friday 7th April
Coffee morning With Hot Cross buns

10.30 am Sunday 9th April
Easter Sunday Praise with
Communion



**For more information
contact Heather on 01803 310156**

Our grateful thanks to Gill Earwood and Margaret Casselden for all they do to provide such beautiful floral arrangements through the seasons of church life.



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CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Sunday Services and Junior Church: Sundays at 10.30 am. Communion on 1st Sunday of each month.

Midweek Worship: Wednesdays at 2.30 pm.

Messy Church: 2nd Friday of each month (not August) 4 to 6 pm.

Friday Coffee: Every Friday 10.00 - 12.00. Followed by a soup lunch on the 1st Friday of each month

First Friday Film: 1st Friday of each month 2.30pm

Bereavement and Friendship Group: 4th Thursday of each month, 10.30 am - 12.30 pm, in conjunction with the local Community Builders.

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EDITORIAL

Roy Cadoux

I've just had a couple of days in the Amsterdam area, and while there I visited the Ten Boom Museum in Haarlem. I'd heard of Corrie Ten Boom, but didn't really know much about the fascinating story of the family, and of Corrie's later life. More on page x.



Heather and I both enjoyed volunteering at the 'pop-up' Winter Night Shelter at the ROC Centre in Chelston, that was open for 6 weeks (plus a few extra days at the end as the weather then turned particularly cold and wet). Run by New Footings Ministries in conjunction with ToWNS, it provided a bed with evening meal and breakfast to up to 12 men and women who would otherwise have been on the streets of the Bay. Guests were referred to the shelter by the Council, and the majority of them stayed there for all or most of the time.

It was gratifying to hear that a number of them were found permanent accommodation as a result of being at the shelter. At the end there were some heartfelt expressions of gratitude for the efforts of the many volunteers who had made the running of the shelter possible. We felt it was a privilege to be able to help and to gain a small insight into the lives of people who have little or nothing of the things that most of us take for granted.

We have also enjoyed hosting our Warm Space, in conjunction with the Friday Coffee Mornings. Average numbers over each morning increased to around 20 people, many of whom have become regulars, but almost every week there were typically one or two new people. It would be great to have a few more 'church' people come to the coffee mornings which will continue through the summer. Those who have sampled our Costa Latte or Hot Chocolate keep coming back for more!

The next magazine will be June/July, with a deadline for items of 15th May. Please let me have your news, thoughts, views, anything!

Roy Cadoux

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FROM THE MINISTER

Rev Heather Cadoux

Dear Friends,

As I write this letter to you I am preparing to share the Good News of Easter at Messy Church (Messy Church celebrated Easter a month early as the April session will be after Easter). Messy Church is for all ages and is a part of the work of Furrough Cross URC. I encourage you to come along and see what happens, chat with the adults there and join in some of the craft activities, the celebration time and stay for the 2-course meal. Messy Church meets on the 2nd Friday of each month 4-6pm, and you will receive a very warm welcome!



Easter is one of the three main festivals of the church - the one where we celebrate the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. There are times when it gives me goose bumps as I realise how much God loves me. Though it's not just me that Jesus was prepared to die for, it was for every single person who had or would ever live, just so that each one of us could have a personal relationship with the living God. Isn't it incredible that the one who threw stars into space and created our world wants to have a personal relationship with us?

Six weeks after Easter comes another main festival of the church, Pentecost. Often seen as the church's birthday, it's when we remember the time when the Holy Spirit came to the disciples, emboldening them to fulfil all that Jesus had called them to. The Holy Spirit comes to live in us when we say yes I will follow Jesus.

There are two ways in which the Holy Spirit ministers to us: one is within us where the fruits of the Spirit - Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Gentleness, Faithfulness and Self-control - are given to us and grown in our lives. It's a life long journey of growing that fruit in our lives. The second way in which the Holy Spirit works is by giving us Gifts for a specific purpose for the building up of the church: some are related to

spiritual matters including preaching, teaching, healing, prayer etc., and others are more practical including hospitality, administration and helping others. I tend to see them as Fruits to grow in us and Gifts given to us to help grow the Kingdom of God.

When we surrender ourselves into God's hands he will and indeed does use what little we have to achieve great things for him. My prayer is that as we look at those familiar texts of Easter and Pentecost we will see them with fresh eyes and allow God to work in us, so that his kingdom may grow in the places we find ourselves day by day.

Love to you all

Heather



TWEETS, ROBBIE THE ROBIN HERE!

There are two new robins in the back garden. They sit on the top of a pole going up and down and around and around. But they are not real. Apparently they were a Christmas present from him indoors to her indoors. I think it is the wind that makes them move and I've noticed that when they are moving they seem to discourage the larger birds from coming into the garden.



This is good news for us smaller birds as we get all the treats that have been hung up, fat balls and containers full of seed, just what we need in the cold weather before the plants and insects start providing food for us and our new broods. My friend Gerald the Great Tit tells me he has been gorging himself on the sedum seedheads in the front garden as well as helping himself from the seed bird feeder. It's really helpful when gardeners leave the seed heads for us. Those of us who stay here all year

enjoy them in the cold weather when we can't find much else and they are a great boost to our friends who fly off to warmer climes when they return.

It's that time of year when thoughts turn to having another family, you may think that us birds like our nests to be high up, well out of the way of four legged predators (if you know who I mean), but no, us robins like to be close to the ground in a low growing shrub or the roots of a tree that's well protected. Of course, there are times when we find an empty plant pot and take our chances there. We like the manse garden as there is a plentiful supply of moss, one of our favourite nest-building materials.

My dear wife is the one who sits on the nest and makes sure our new-borns are kept safe till it's time to start exploring the world. That means I'm on food patrol ensuring that mum and babies get all the food they need. So I'd better be off to check the area and make sure I know all the best places to find food for what will probably be a very hungry brood.



Chirrs, Robbie

CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN TORQUAY



Prayer Breakfasts – on the first Saturday of each month (not January), 8.00 am at Central Church. Food, fellowship, news and prayer. But NOT on 6th May due to the Coronation.

Do talk to Roy if you would like a lift to the 1st April breakfast, or to the Palm Sunday service.

There will be a **Good Friday Walk of Witness** on 7th April, starting at 12.00 outside Torquay Town Hall and processing to the seafront for a short service.

SUMMER FAIR

The date of the summer fair will be either the 1st or 8th July in the Church Hall. A supplier has promised us the use of a piece of equipment so we are leaving the date flexible to be able to make use of it if we can. The plan so far is to have the following stalls: Bric-a-brac, Crafts, Jewellery, Cakes and produce, Tombola, Raffle, Jigsaws and Refreshments.

We will need people to donate items for each of the stalls:

Bric-a-brac Unbroken items that you no longer have a use for, that others may well see as treasure. **Please note we are NOT able to accept electrical equipment.**

Crafts Do you knit, crochet, make cards, decorate pots or glass items etc? If so, is there something you could produce for the Summer Fair? It needs to be something that you think someone else would like to buy either as a treat for themselves or as a gift for someone else. There is no need to make lots, just one or two would do.

Jewellery including pins, brooches, earrings, necklaces and so on.

Cakes and Produce Any homemade food items.

Tombola We will need bottles of all sorts, chocolates/sweets or other supermarket items and small unwanted gifts.

Raffle We are planning on having some larger prizes and have already secured an agreement with one company to supply us with a prize costing between £30 and £40. Do you work in a company that is happy to supply a prize, or know of companies or shops that might do this that you could approach for us? If you can please let the minister and church secretary know, and we can supply you with a letter if needed.

Later on we will need people to be responsible for the stalls on the day, help with getting the hall ready on the Friday and setting out the stalls, and of course clearing up afterwards.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Sunday 2nd April 10.30am Palm Sunday - distribution of palm crosses – please note there is no communion today
- Sunday 2nd April 6.30pm CTT Palm Sunday united service at Central Church. Guest speaker Rev Paul Snell (a URC minister and Devon County Ecumenical Officer)
- Thursday 6th April 5.30pm Maundy Thursday: Supper and communion. Sign up in church or call 01803 310156 to book your place
- Friday 7th April 10am-12pm Good Friday hot cross buns and coffee, soup lunch from 12.00.
- Friday 7th April 2.30pm Good Friday Film Show – “The Shack”
- Sunday 9th April 10.30am Easter Praise with communion
- Friday 5th May 2.30pm First Friday Film – “The King and I” (1956)
- Saturday 27th May 10.00am Maintenance morning
- Saturday 1st or 8th July (TBC) Summer Fair
- Saturday 15th July 3.00pm Choir 86 concert in our church
- Saturday 19th Aug 10.00am Maintenance morning
- Saturday 25th November 10.00am Maintenance morning



BLESSINGS*Herbert Doney*

When you're sad and not your best
 And your world is in a mess,
 Think of others worse than you who
 Can't afford a pair of shoes!
 Just count your blessings, and you
 will find
 The world is good, and you are fine.

FORGIVING*Herbert Doney*

Someone said, I forgive you, I believe
 it to be true,
 For I've just told somebody that I
 forgave them too.
 And if we keep forgiving, just think
 how things will be:
 A peaceful world to live in
 And it's because of you and me!

FAMILY NEWS

Steve Casselden has reached the end of his term as Church Secretary and as a serving elder. We are so grateful for all that Steve (ably backed up by Margaret) has done for the church, both over the last three years, having taken over when Maggie died so unexpectedly, and in his previous incarnation as Secretary. He has done so much behind the scenes to help keep the church running smoothly, and now we wish him a well-earned rest.

Peter Harris is about to get an artificial knee – we pray that all goes smoothly and he makes a rapid recovery.

Alan King is moving to Stubbington, Hampshire, and after nearly 50 years since he first worked at the Preston Post Office, he will be continuing with a part-time job at Stubbington PO. We send him our best wishes for the move and his new home, and thank him for all he did during his time at Furrrough Cross.

Welcome back to **Malcolm and Veronica** who have returned from an extended trip to New Zealand.

We are sorry to hear that **Christine** has broken her femur, and send her our love and prayers.



Upright piano for sale- compact, overstrung, regularly tuned and in good condition. It's a John Broadwood (British make) manufactured in the 1920s. Buyer must be able to collect from Watcombe Park. It's worth between £700 and £800, but I would be prepared to accept £350 to £400. Contact Steven Cox on 01803 312351 or 07967 681229.

THE PATIENCE OF A SAINT?

Once there was an infant school teacher who was helping one of her students put on his boots. He asked for help, and she could see why. Even with her pulling and him pushing, the little boots still didn't want to go on. By the time they eventually got the second boot on, she had worked up quite a sweat.

She almost cried when the little boy said, "Miss, they're on the wrong feet." She looked, and sure enough, they were. It wasn't any easier pulling the boots off than it was putting them on. But she managed to keep her cool as together they worked to get the boots back on, this time on the right feet.

He then announced, "These aren't my boots."

She bit her tongue rather than scream at him, "Why didn't you say so?"

Once again, she struggled to pull the boots off his little feet. No sooner were the boots off when he said, "They're my brother's boots. My mum made me wear them."

Now she didn't know if she should laugh or cry, but she mustered up what grace and courage she had left to wrestle the boots back onto his feet again.

Helping him into his coat, she asked, "Now, where are your mittens?" He said, "Mum told me I mustn't lose them, so I put them in the toes of my boots."



OUR APPEAL FOR CHRISTIAN AID'S Turkey/Syria earthquake appeal raised £284.83. Our thanks to all who donated so generously, including visitors to our Coffee Morning/Warm Space.

CORRIE TEN BOOM

Roy Cadoux

The Ten Boom family ran a watch shop on the corner of an alleyway and the main shopping street of Haarlem. The daughter, Corrie, had become the first female watch repairer in The Netherlands. A devotedly Christian family, during the Nazi occupation starting in 1942 they provided safe refuge for Jews and other underground refugees. Their large social network through church and watchmaker circles made the family quite successful in smuggling refugees, until it was betrayed in February 1944.

After their arrests, only Corrie ten Boom, the youngest member of the family, survived to the end of the war. She was held in Ravensbrück, but was released as a result of a clerical error, and returned to the watch shop in Haarlem. She set up rehabilitation centres to help concentration camp survivors, and she made it her life's mission to tell the world her story. She died in 1983, on her 91st birthday.

The shop and house have been turned into a museum to remember the family's story. A large part of the house has been furnished to look like it did in the war. Visitors can see the "Hiding Place", a narrow space behind a false wall in Corrie's bedroom, where those being hidden were kept safe from the Nazis. Our guide gave a very interesting and inspiring talk about the family, the house, and Corrie's legacy to the world.

- Love is larger than the walls which shut it in.
- If the devil cannot make us bad, he will make us busy.
- Don't bother to give God instructions, just report for duty.
- God takes our sins – the past, present, and future, and dumps them in the sea and puts up a sign that says 'NO FISHING ALLOWED'.
- Happiness isn't something that depends on our surroundings... it's something we make inside ourselves.
- What wings are to a bird and sails to a ship, so is prayer to the soul.
- If you look at the world, you'll be distressed. If you look within, you'll be depressed. But if you look at Christ, you'll be at rest.

Corrie ten Boom

THE THREE GIFTS

An old woman had three sons. Two were very rich but the third was poor. Her 90th birthday was coming up and this depressed the poorer son as he knew he could never match his brothers' gifts in terms of expense or splendour.

However, he didn't give up and he tried to think of a gift she would really love. He knew his mum was deeply religious but as she was getting older her eyesight was failing and she couldn't read her Bible any more.

Eventually he came up with a solution. He bought a parrot. and spent every waking moment training this bird to quote Bible verses on command. This took intense training and meant many late nights. After a monumental effort he managed to train the parrot so that it could quote all of his mum's favourite verses.

On her birthday the woman invited her sons round so she could thank them personally for her gifts.

She turned to the first son and thanked him for the car complete with chauffeur, which allowed her to get to church as she could no longer drive.

She then thanked the second son for her new house which had stair lifts and all kind of modifications to help make her life easier.

Then she turned to the third son and said "Son, I have to say, you know me best. That chicken was delicious"!

TROUBLE AND STRIFE

Bob was in trouble. He forgot his wedding anniversary. His wife was really angry. She told him "Tomorrow morning, I expect to find a gift in the driveway that goes from 0 to 150 in less than 5 seconds AND IT HAD BETTER BE THERE!"

The next morning, he got up early and left for work. When his wife woke up, she looked out of the window and there, in the middle of the driveway, was a wrapped box gift. Confused, she put on her dressing gown, ran out and brought the box back. She opened it and found a brand new bathroom scales.

Bob has been missing since Friday.



MARCH MESSY CHURCH

Shirley Leaman

We enjoyed a great and happy time at our Easter Messy Church. First of all the children heard the story of Palm Sunday when Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. We all sang "Sing Hosanna" and watched a video about all the kind and wonderful things Jesus did - the stories He told, the people He made better and how much God loves each and every one of us.

Then there were so many wonderful activities to do - making a donkey carrying Jesus, Easter nests, Easter cakes, and Easter gardens. They were also able to decorate an egg to hang on a branch, make a large picture of the Easter story (*below*) and of course there was an Easter egg hunt! During our worship time we heard the rest of the Easter story - the last supper, the sadness of Good Friday and the joy of Easter morning.



After worship the children devoured jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings, followed by jelly and custard topped with a mini egg. The children left carrying all the lovely things they'd made and received more mini eggs and a colouring book telling the Easter story.

Huge thanks to all our cook and our lovely craft leaders - they are a.may.zing. Our next Messy Church is on Friday 14th April. Come and check us out, you would be so welcome.

On the loss of our beloved Mike, Aaron, Lauren and I would like to thank Heather and all the church for your love and support. Thank you.

Ann



Love lives on forever,
in each memory and thought
of the special ones
who mean so much
and the happiness they brought.

Love lives on forever,
it will never fade away,
for, in our hearts our loved ones
are with us every day.

FIRST FRIDAY FILM:

Please note there will be NO film show in June, July or August. We will resume on Friday 1st September at 2.30pm.

DISTRICT QUIZ

NIGHT – Seven teams from our church, Central and Kingsteignton URC competed in our recent Quiz Evening. Many thanks to Seve and Margaret for making all the arrangements and

for hosting the event so well, and to all who came and/or provided food.

DID YOU KNOW OUR CHURCH IS A GRADE II LISTED BUILDING?

Official List Entry by Historic England

Built as a Free Episcopal Church. 1853 (Pevsner). Local grey limestone, brought to course; slate roof. PLAN: Aligned SW/NE; ritual east end at SW. 2-bay (ritual) east end; 4-bay nave; entrance on (ritual) north side with porch and formerly with bellcote in (ritual) westernmost bay.

EXTERIOR: (Ritual) north side with diagonal buttresses to nave. Bays divided by buttresses, each bay with a 2-light Decorated style traceried window. Projecting porch in westernmost bay with buttresses with set-offs; moulded 2-centred arched stone doorway with plank door with ornamental strap hinges; circular traceried window above. Porch formerly crowned by bellcote with trefoil-headed opening. 2-bay east end block with angle buttresses; 2-light traceried windows on N and S sides and 3-light traceried east window. South aisle similar to north side with lean-to block at east end and crank-headed chamfered doorway in western bay. 3-light window in (ritual) west end. Ritual (west) end with a 4-light traceried window.

INTERIOR: 3 and a half bay nave; 2-bay chancel; 3-bay S aisle arcade with double-chamfered arches on octagonal columns with capitals. Arch-braced roofs with chamfered stopped timbers carried on moulded corbels. Low timber chancel screen, Decorated style, with trefoil-headed niches. Original grainted nave benches; panelled choir stalls, extended on west side. Re-sited octagonal font on an octagonal stem with deep plinth; bowl (now painted) with blind Gothic carving. C20 timber pulpit. Simple coloured stained glass to E window; other windows have border patterns. Some C20 brass wall plaques.

SPECIAL FEATURES: Vestry contains sketch of Reverend John E Gladstone, first minister. Forms an attractive group with the schoolroom to the SW.

HISTORY: Built for parishioners who objected to the Tractarian character of Torquay Anglicanism (qv St Johns), its modest design contrasting with the High Church architecture of most of Torquay's C19 churches but nevertheless quite early as an early example of a non-conformist chapel in the Middle Pointed style. The first minister was a cousin of Gladstone (Pevsner)



For our February “love” themed afternoon, we talked about God loving each and every one of us and our activities reflected this.

The children were able to make heart shaped chocolate-containing neck-laces; iced and decorated heart shaped cakes, made lolly heart-shaped flowers and made a wheel asking the question “what is love”. There was much enjoyment too when they played an “Aim for Love” skittles game.

Heather led the worship based on 1 Corinthians 13, and the children sang the song “Jesus’ love is very wonderful” complete with actions. This was followed by a yummy two course meal; never has lasagne and Swiss roll with ice cream vanished with such alacrity! One of our boys had four helpings (you know who you are!).

The biggest joke on mankind is that computers have started asking humans to prove that they aren’t a robot!

UGLIEST BUILDING?

Kevin Foster MP



Torquay’s Central Church (Methodist/URC) has been unfairly labelled the “10th ugliest building” in the UK and a 'crime against architecture' by photography experts. The church was singled out for its concrete lattice spire - a modern take on the traditional church spire.

The landmark features in a list of the ugliest buildings across the UK collated by photography experts at ParrotPrint.com.

First, this strikes me as unduly negative criticism of a unique feature and one which rarely attracts complaints. Second, those compiling this list of ugly buildings must have never visited Paignton’s Crossways Shopping Centre for example!

There are some great events coming up at the Royal Lyceum Theatre in Abbey Road, home of the Christian group Unleashed Theatre Company.

PURPLE ANGELS DEMENTIA CHARITY PRESENT:

**FRIDAY
12TH MAY
7.30PM
TICKETS
£10**



**UNLEASHED COMMUNITY
DRAMA PRESENT:**

**SATURDAY 20TH MAY
7.30PM
TICKETS £8 IN ADVANCE OR
£10 ON THE DOOR**



UNLEASHED COMMUNITY DRAMA PRESENT



**THURSDAY 8TH -
SATURDAY 10TH JUNE
8PM
+ MATINEE SATURDAY
4PM
TICKETS £5**

**FRIDAY, 16TH
JUNE 7.30PM
TICKETS £10**



THE FAIRTRADE BANANA QUIZ ANSWERS

1. A banana is a **Herb and a fruit.**
2. Banana skins can be used to calm itchy mosquito bites. **True.**
3. Which country produces Fairtrade bananas? **Ghana** – but you can find Fairtrade coffee and flowers from Ethiopia, lots of South African Fairtrade wine and much Fairtrade vanilla is grown in Madagascar.
4. What can cause havoc for banana farmers? **Panama disease.** (It turns out that monkeys aren't that bothered by bananas - they'll eat them alongside other fruit but wouldn't pick them out as favourites. Much more devastating, Panama disease has wreaked havoc on banana plantations across Asia and has now reached Latin America. The disease is caused by a fungus which attacks the roots of banana plants.)
5. Where do they like banana ketchup? **The Philippines.**
6. Fairtrade is supporting over 36,480 farmers and workers to receive a fairer wage and decent working conditions. True or false? **True:** Buying Fairtrade bananas in the UK means growers are protected by the Fairtrade Minimum Price, earn an extra Fairtrade Premium to invest in their communities and have improved workplace conditions and protection.
7. Conditions on many banana plantations are dire with workers living in poverty. **True.** (Banana workers face low wages, precarious employment, restrictions on the right to organise themselves and the handling of unhealthy and environmentally hazardous chemicals without adequate protection, to name a few. Fairtrade Standards work to improve employment conditions and protect the rights of workers on Fairtrade certified plantations.)
8. 47% of bananas grown worldwide are..... **Cavendish.**
9. In the UK, how many bananas on average do we eat per year?
5 billion!
10. The word 'banana' derives from the Arabic word for... **Finger.**
11. For every banana sold, how much does the farmer typically receive?
5 - 9%.

12. Which of these is NOT a type of wild banana? **Gold-tiger bananas.** (There are around 1,000 different types of banana. They're round, bent, straight, green, yellow, pink, silvery, spotted and striped. But none of them are called Gold-tiger!)
13. How much are the additional benefits generated through Fairtrade Premium (per person per month) for workers on the Ghanaian banana plantations? **\$75.** (That extra money is generated by people like you choosing Fairtrade bananas every time you shop. And it makes a big difference. Results from this study show the critical role that Fairtrade Premium plays in supporting benefits including subsidised food, school supplies, health care, and transportation among others.)
14. What record did Andrew Lawrence set? **Fastest marathon time while dressed as a banana.**
15. Where did Colombian banana producer organisations choose to invest one-third of their Fairtrade Premium? **Educational support.**

TRAI DCRAFT

It was sad to hear that Traidcraft has recently gone into administration, after 40 years pioneering and championing the cause of trade justice. The company was at the forefront of promoting Fairtrade sales in the early days, mostly by mail order or through stalls at churches and other places manned by volunteers. These days there are now lots of Fairtrade items available in supermarkets and local shops, so do keep your eyes open for the logo.



THANK YOU

Doris

I would like to send my love and thanks to everyone who has prayed, sent cards and telephoned during my long period away from church due to my illness. I'm still awaiting results of scans on my lungs, but I'm hoping to be back at church very soon.

With my love and thanks, Doris.

HALL HIRE: Our hall is available for regular weekly or monthly sessions at £17 per hour. It is also available for birthday parties for children under the age of 10, for £50 per session. Further details from Ann Close 01803 324080.

DROP ME A LETTER – this month’s challenge!

Given here are 19 anagrams, each of which is a UK town or city, but each with one added letter. As an example, dropping the E from BUYER will give us an anagram of BURY. Can you find and remove the ‘rogue’ letters and thus uncover all the towns? Good luck!

HABIT	ROCKY	ARCHED	BRAYED	FELONY
LATINO	LOOPED	OVERDO	ROUTER	SEALED
CHARRED	LAUNDERS	HECTARES	GARDENIA	OPERANTS
OVERLAND	URBANELY	NASTIEST	THROBBING	

TO MY GRANDDAUGHTER

Becky Netherland ©2008

I've travelled paths you've yet to walk,
 Learned lessons old and new
 And now this wisdom of my life
 I'm blessed to share with you

Let kindness spread like sunshine
 Embrace those who are sad
 Respect their dignity, give them joy
 And leave them feeling glad

Forgive those who might hurt you
 And though you have your pride
 Listen closely to their viewpoint
 Try to see the other side

Walk softly when you're angry
 Try not to take offence
 invoke your sense of humour
 Laughter’s power is immense!

Express what you are feeling
 Your beliefs you should uphold

Don't shy away from what is right
 Be courageous and be bold

Keep hope right in your pocket
 it will guide you day by day
 Take it out when it is needed
 When it’s near, you'll find a way

Remember friends and family
 Of which you are a precious part
 Love deeply and love truly
 Give freely from your heart

The world is far from perfect
 There's conflict and there's strife
 But you still can make a difference
 By how you live your life

And so I’m very blessed to know
 The wonders you will do
 Because you are my
 granddaughter
 And I believe in you

MAGGIE & DAVID FIELD'S GRAND-DAUGHTER LOTTIE IN THE NEWS



[Maggie Fields was our Church Secretary before Steve]

Lottie with Sir Richard Ibbotson, Chair of Torbay and South Devon NHS Foundation Trust, Chief Executive Liz Davenport, Consultant Dr Nicola Freeman and Chief Nurse Deborah Kelly

Torquay's record-breaking young transplant patient Lottie Bryon-Edmond has been made an honorary director of Torbay and South Devon NHS Foundation Trust in recognition of her commitment to raising awareness of organ donation and recognising the life-saving and life-changing contributions of organ donors and their families.

Lottie, 11, received a liver transplant at just five weeks old, making her, at the time, the youngest person in the world to successfully receive a liver transplant.

Sir Richard Ibbotson, chair of Torbay and South Devon NHS Foundation Trust, said: "Last year, Lottie shared her story with our board of directors and reduced us all to silence - and some of us to tears - by her courage and her compassion for others. Her wish for a memorial to say thank you to organ donors and their families touched a chord with all of us.

"I am very proud that today we are making Lottie an honorary director - she epitomises the values that we hold dear and her vision chimes with our own for better health and care for all.

"In the NHS's 75th year, it feels particularly fitting that we recognise the contributions and potential of our young people as we build our brighter future together."

On the day that Lottie received her life-saving

NIKKI BELSO

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transplant, her older brother Daniel signed the organ donor register. Tragically, three years later, Daniel died as a result of an accident but through organ donation he was able to save and improve the lives of a number of others.

Lottie said: "It is my dream to have a permanent memorial to organ donors and their families. It is my way of saying a massive thank you to donors like my brother Daniel and the donor who gave me their liver. I wouldn't be here today if it wasn't for them."

Lottie's father, Chris, added: "We are really proud of Lottie and what she has achieved so far. We have made really good progress fundraising and we are grateful to Torbay and South Devon NHS Foundation Trust for helping us identify a place in the hospital for the memorial.

"We still have a long way to go to make Lottie's dream a reality and would love everyone to get involved."

Anyone can register a decision to become an organ donor after death, there is no age limit. You can find out more at www.organdonation.nhs.uk/

To donate to Lottie's £10,000 fundraiser to provide the memorial, visit www.gofundme.com/f/lotties-organ-donor-memorial-fund

**REMEMBERING
PEGGY FLETCHER 13
JUNE 1920 – 19
DECEMBER 2022**

Peggy's funeral in the church on 30th January was a lovely celebration of Peggy's remarkable life, led by Rev Heather, and it was attended by many family and friends including from the WI and the church. The service included a tribute on video from her grandson in Florida.



**REMEMBERING MIKE
1 FEBRUARY 1950 – 28 JANUARY
2023**

Although not a church member, Mike willingly did so much behind the scenes when 'odd jobs' needed doing. For example he did a lot of redecorating in the manse just before Heather and Roy moved in, he cleaned the church hall, and did lots of jobs for the Pre-School.

Rev Heather conducted Mike's committal at Torbay Crematorium on 23rd February, a lovely gathering to celebrate and give thanks for Mike's life.

All our love and prayers are with Ann and their family.

Mike and Ann on their wedding day!



**When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.**

Isaac Watts

“Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?”

1 Corinthians 15:55

**Our Lord has written
the promise of the
resurrection,
not in books alone,
but in every leaf
in spring-time.**

- MARTIN LUTHER

